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## **SHELBY COUNTY'S JACKSON'S FOURMILE FARM ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Jackson's Fourmile Farm near Wilsonville to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. The AHC considers the notable historic properties in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition.

Jackson's Fourmile Farm is listed in the Alabama Register for its architectural and agricultural significance. "The farm is an excellent example of an intact farm complex that dates from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century," said Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Register Coordinator for the Alabama Historical Commission.

According to Mallory Jackson who submitted the nomination, John S. Jackson purchased hundreds of acres in this area beginning in the 1880s through the 1890s. On the farm he acquired, he built two timber mills, which shipped timber to Wilsonville via a small locomotive. The farm at one time had three residences, two grist mills, sorghum mill, corn crib, windmill, blacksmith shop, livestock barn, commissary building, and sheds.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Register program, which gives the public a simple way to bring recognition to historic properties.

The Alabama Register officially recognizes and honors buildings, sites, structures, objects, and historic districts that are at least 40 years old.

The Alabama Register designation is honorary and carries no restrictions on property and offers no financial incentives.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.***

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