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STRIPLIN GOLD MINE AND CARR PLACER ADDED TO THE ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed Striplin Gold Mine and Carr Placer in Cleburne County to the Alabama Register. “The Alabama Register honors places at least 40 years or older that still convey a sense of Alabama History,” said Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Register program coordinator.

Few know Alabama’s gold rush predates California’s 1849 rush. In the 1830s gold prospectors descended upon Alabama’s Piedmont region to mine and pan in local creeks. The Striplin and Carr sites contain multiple shafts at least 75 feet deep. At least two shafts still contain timbers. These mines are part of the Chulafinnee and Arbacoochee mining districts of Cleburne County.

Listing is an honorary designation bringing attention to and promoting the property, while encouraging its long-term preservation. The Alabama Register does not restrict the rights of private property owners in the use, development, or sale of the property. Anyone can nominate a property to the Alabama Register and property owner permission is not required.

Does the Alabama Register program interest you? Visit <http://preserveala.org/alabamaregister.aspx>. Contact Lee Anne Wofford at 334-230-2659 or LeeAnne.Wofford@preserveala.org for more information on the gold mines.

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