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## **Mobile County's Kirk House Added to Alabama Register**

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed the Kirk House in Axis to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

The Alabama Register is an official listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts. These properties, which may be of national, state, and local significance, are deemed worthy of preservation by the Alabama Historical Commission.

Located on Highway 43 in Axis, the Kirk House is listed in the Alabama Register for its architectural significance. Constructed in 1914 for Charles and Mary Kirk, the Craftsman style house was one of the first permanent homes in the growing community of Axis. The town of Axis was founded in 1905 by Mr. Kirk and Charles Anderson to support their successful timber enterprise. Designed by the Kirk's son, Donald, the Kirk House features a Ludowici tile roof, gum tree woodwork throughout the living and dining rooms, and built-ins throughout the house. Heirloom and native plant gardens surround the house, and the property is open for tours and events. The nomination was submitted by descendents of the Kirk family.

Listing to the Alabama Register is an honorary designation and carries no restrictions or financial incentives.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.*

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