

## **The Boguechitto Institute in Dallas County listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage**

Only two buildings remain of the Boguechitto Institute, started on the site in 1912 by the Black Primitive Baptist Association. The school is significant as one of only three schools constructed in Alabama by the Black Primitive Baptist Association and the only school in the Boguechitto community. The original two story frame building and a brick building burned leaving the remaining concrete block classroom building and cafeteria building. The Central Union Primitive Baptist Association operated the school until the county started supporting it. It closed when the schools were consolidated. Elementary students were transferred to Salem Elementary School and junior and high school students were transferred to Keith High School. The school was used as a daycare for a short while after it closed. In recent years, the classroom building has been used for community meetings and events.

The **Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage** is an official listing of places worthy of preservation. The Alabama Historical Commission administers the program, which gives the public a simple way to bring recognition to historic properties. The Alabama Register officially recognizes and honors historic places that are at least 40 years old.

For more information about the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage, visit: [www.preserveala.org/alabamaregister.aspx](http://www.preserveala.org/alabamaregister.aspx).

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