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The Webster House, Auburn vic., added to the Alabama Register

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed the Webster House, Auburn vic., 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.

Significant in the area of architecture, the Webster house may be one of the oldest surviving residences in Auburn. The original house may have been a two-room log structure which is now the "English Room" and kitchen. The date is unknown, but it could be date from before 1820 to the late 1830s. Around 1840 or so, the house was expanded and remodeled into a fine Greek Revival structure. Subsequent remodelings have also been done to the house over the years.

Like other Greek Revival houses around the Auburn area, including Sunny Slope, the Webster house displays a long front porch projecting from the main hip roof. The porch roof is supported by four, evenly spaced, square columns. The double front door entrance, with sidelights and a transom, lead to a central hall. The interior displays wide-plank heart-pine floors, simple molding and early mantelpieces.

The Webster property is also significant as an early working farm which includes numerous early outbuildings. The Webster family has owned the property since 1921.

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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