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The Alabama Historical Commission held the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage Review Board meeting on Thursday, November 19.

The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is an official listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. These properties may be of national, state, and local significance. The designation is honorary and carries no restrictions or financial incentives. The Alabama Historical Commission created the Alabama Register to provide the public with a quick and easy way to document and recognize historic places, such as houses, schools, churches, and commercial buildings that are at least 40 years old.

The nominations presented at the November 2015 meeting included

W.B. Doby High School (Wetumpka Elementary School), Wetumpka, Elmore County

Located in Wetumpka, Elmore County, the W.B. Doby High School was built in 1963 as the “separate but equal” facility for local African-American children. The school closed in 1970 after Wetumpka schools officially integrated, but then reopened shortly thereafter as the Wetumpka Junior High School. When a new junior high school was constructed, Doby High School became Wetumpka Elementary School. The school is important for its association with local African-American education and consists of four original buildings from the 1960s and four new buildings from the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s.

Hopewell (Mount Willing) Baptist Church, Mount Willing, Lowndes County

Located in the Mount Willing community in Lowndes County, Hopewell Baptist Church is important for its religious history, its African American Heritage, its association with Reverend David Lee, and for its architecture. The congregation dates to 1832 and the present building was built in 1843. The church is typical of rural church architecture of the mid-19th century. The church is significantly associated with Reverend David Lee, a 19th century leader in the Alabama Baptist Association.

Mount Willing Christian Church, Mount Willing, Lowndes County

Located in the community of Mount Willing in Lowndes County, Mount Willing Christian Church is important for its association with the impact of Highland Home College on rural Black Belt Communities in the late 19th century and for its architectural style. Constructed between 1888 and 1889, the church is an intact significant expression of vernacular Victorian Gothic style





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located in a rural setting.

Macon County Training School and Community Historic District, Macon County

Located outside of Tuskegee in Macon County, the Macon County Training School and Community Historic District sits on 16 acres and is important for its association with the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study and for its association with local African-American education and community planning and development. Constructed in 1954, the current school building replaced the Thrasher County Training School, a five-teacher Rosenwald School that burned in 1951. In 1955, the school building served as a "roundup center" during the U.S. Public Health Services Syphilis Study. The school remained in operation until its closure in 2005.

A [list of properties in the Alabama Register](#) is available alphabetically by county

What is the process for getting your property listed? Start by completing [Alabama Register Form](#) (refer to the [instructions](#)).

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the historic preservation agency for the state of Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission of safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. The Commission is tasked with the acquisition and preservation of historic properties and education of the public about historic sites in Alabama. Visit <http://preserveala.org/> for a complete list of historic sites and for office hours.

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