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Dallas Mill Village Historic District in Huntsville listed in the National Register

The National Park Service listed Huntsville's Dallas Mill Village Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places on June 27. Dallas is one of four mill villages in Huntsville. Fire destroyed the mill complex in 1991. However the mill village, constructed between the 1890s and 1949, is essentially intact.

The North Alabama Improvement Company established Dallas Mills in 1890. Cincinnati Entrepreneurs Michael and James O'Shaughnessy founded the company. According to local lore, Huntsville residents never considered them carpetbaggers because "there wasn't a carpetbag made that could hold all of their deeds and securities."

Dallas Mill Village's design is based on the ideas of the late 19th century planner D.A. Tompkins. He advocated that mill villages should contain a diversity of housing styles and that workers' houses should be set apart from managers' dwellings. The Tompkins plan also called for amenities to be within walking distance of the workers' residences. One such amenity, unique among Huntsville's four mill villages, is the Goldsmith-Schiffman Athletic Field with its rock walls and turreted entrance.

The **National Register of Historic Places** is a program of the National Park Service and is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The Alabama Historical Commission administers the program in Alabama.

For more information about the National Register of Historic Places, visit:
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