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## **LANDMARK "ELLERSLIE" ADDED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

The National Park Service announces that "Ellerslie," one of Alabama's oldest houses in rural Elmore County, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 24, 2013.

"Ellerslie was constructed around 1818 as the home of Bolling Hall," says Susan Enzweiler, Alabama's National Register Coordinator. "Hall was a Georgia planter and Revolutionary War veteran who came west along the Federal Road to settle on some of the first Creek cession lands." Enzweiler adds that "according to family tradition, the Halls brought wood trim, sashes, glass and some hardware with them to Alabama for their new home. Ellerslie is reportedly the first house in south central Alabama to have had glass windows."

The house is also important for its architecture. Ellerslie is a story-and-a-half Tidewater-type cottage, with a gable roof and tall brick end chimneys. This house form first appeared in colonial Maryland and Virginia and was based on English folk architecture. Pioneers from the eastern seaboard brought the Tidewater cottage form to frontier Alabama. Only a handful of early examples now survive in the state.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of historic places worthy of preservation—[www.preserveala.org/nationalregister.aspx](http://www.preserveala.org/nationalregister.aspx). The Alabama Historical Commission administers the program in Alabama.

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