

Places in Peril

Alabama's Most Endangered Sites for 2010

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Kelly-Stone-Hill House in Carrollton named as a *Place in Peril*

In observance of National Historic Preservation Month, the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) announce Alabama's most endangered places for 2010.

Since 1994, the AHC and the ATHP have joined forces to sponsor *Places in Peril*, a program designed to highlight some of Alabama's most significant endangered historic sites.

"Places in Peril is a valuable tool in directing public attention to the many historic places in Alabama that are under threat from neglect or demolition," said Frank White, executive director of the AHC.

David Schneider, executive director of the ATHP states, "This list reminds us that much remains to be done to help Alabamians recognize that our historic places are essential community assets. These places represent one of the greenest approaches to providing places in which to live and work."

Kelly-Stone-Hill House

201 Phoenix Avenue, Carrollton

The Kelly-Stone-Hill House is one of the few pre-Civil War structures remaining in Pickens County and one of the first dwellings to be built in the town of Carrollton. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the house is a good example of a vernacular Greek Revival cottage, a style once prevalent in the Deep South during the 19th century.

Probably built for Isham and Elizabeth (Herbert) Kelly during the late 1830s or 1840s, the house was the childhood home of John Herbert Kelly, a Confederate General who died at the Battle of Franklin in 1864. General Kelly's daughter, Eliza, and her husband, Lewis Stone, then became owners of the residence. A prominent local attorney, Lewis Stone was a graduate of Harvard Law School who later served in the Alabama Legislature during the 1850s. Stone also served in the state's constitutional conventions in 1861 and 1875. He was elected to his final term in 1888.

Eliza Kelly Stone lived in the house until her death in 1909. The Hill family then purchased it and has remained the owners for almost a century. Today, the house is threatened by deterioration, including major problems with the roof. Although funds are limited to make the repairs, the current owners are determined to preserve their local landmark.

2010 Places in Peril

- . **Auburn Train Depot**, Auburn, Lee County
- . **Bankhead House**, Sulligent, Lamar County
- . **Bankhead-Shackelford House**, Courtland, Lauderdale County
- . **Coosa County Farmer's and Civic Association Building**, Rockford, Coosa County
- . **Cricket Theatre**, Collinsville, DeKalb County
- . **Kelly-Stone-Hill House**, Carrollton, Pickens County
- . **Magee Farm**, Kushla, Mobile County
- . **Old Federal Road**, multiple counties
- . **Shorter Cemetery**, Eufaula, Barbour County
- . **Cotton Mills**, statewide
- . **Historic Wood Windows**, statewide

The Places in Peril list carries no formal protection, but it does build awareness in local communities about endangered sites, and can help generate support to preserve these places.

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