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## **MONTGOMERY'S CHAPPELL HOUSE NAMED TO ALABAMA'S 2013 PLACES IN PERIL**

The Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation announce the 2013 "Places in Peril" list. Released each year during National Historic Preservation Month, the listing calls attention to some of Alabama's most significant endangered landmarks.

"These are places that make our communities distinctive and tell us who we are as a people," said Frank W. White, the Commission's executive director.

David Schneider, Senior Director of Preservation Services at the Alabama Trust states "Each year, people are energized to take action. And this helps places survive to serve as essential assets for community revitalization."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the "Places in Peril" program. Since 1994 these preservation advocacy groups have highlighted 216 imperiled historic sites throughout Alabama. Three quarters of the places on the list are still standing, with one quarter having a secure future.

### **Chappell House, Montgomery, Montgomery County**

The Chappell House, built around 1850, is an early preservation success story. Recognizing its historical significance, the Montgomery Housing Authority restored the city's only surviving brick Greek Revival-style cottage in the 1930s.

For nearly 70 years it served as business offices for the surrounding Riverside Heights housing project. With the housing project now gone, the vacant Chappell House is facing an uncertain future.

In 2007, the City of Montgomery unanimously approved a municipal master plan that included saving the old house. The building was to be incorporated into any new development, just as it was in the 1930s.

Local preservation groups have asked city officials to retain this important link to Montgomery's past.

Your local contact is Christy Anderson at 334.625.2041. For more information about the Places In Peril program, telephone Melanie Betz at 334.230.2645 or go to [www.preserveala.org/placesinperil.com](http://www.preserveala.org/placesinperil.com).

*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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## ALABAMA'S MOST ENDANGERED SITES FOR 2013

- Greensboro Hotel, Hale County
- Urquhart House, Huntsville vicinity, Madison County
- Painted Bluff, Marshall County
- Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Birmingham, Jefferson County
- Old Grace Episcopal Church, Sheffield, Colbert County
- Searcy House, Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County
- Troy Masonic Lodge, Pike County
- Chappell House, Montgomery, Montgomery County
- Carrollton Male and Female Academy, Pickens County
- Rosa A. Lott School, Citronelle, Mobile County

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