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C.E. Hanna School (Old Calhoun County Training School) Listed to the Alabama Register

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed the C.E. Hanna School (Old Calhoun County Training School), located 715 Martin Luther King Drive in Hobson City, to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

The Alabama Register is an official listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts. These properties, which may be of national, state, or local significance, are deemed worthy of preservation by the Alabama Historical Commission.

Dating from c. 1945, the school is significant as the only high school for blacks in Calhoun County until 1972 when area schools were integrated. It was then converted to an elementary school and served all students both black and white in first through sixth grades until 2006 when a new elementary school was constructed. Although no longer being used as a school, a portion of the school complex houses the City Hall and other city services. A local group of volunteers called the Concerned Citizens of Hobson City submitted the nomination for the building and are spearheading the efforts to restore the building for community use.

Listing to the Alabama Register is an honorary designation and carries no restrictions or financial incentives.

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.

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