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### **Willis Estates (The Old Home House) Listed to the Alabama Register**

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed the Willis Estates (The Old Home House), located at 511 Shorter Avenue in Attalla, 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. 1923, the Willis Estates (The Old Home House) is significant as a well-preserved representative of a Craftsman/Arts & Crafts style house. It was constructed by Robert Willis, a local black carpenter who also built a number of other homes in this small rural town. The house maintains many of the original features including a wooden mantle, wooden interior doors, wooden floors and built in wooden cabinet. Ms. Marcia Mahone, Willis's granddaughter, submitted the nomination for the house and would like to preserve it to honor her grandfather's contribution to the history and development of the community.

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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