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TUSCALOOSA COUNTY PROPERTY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER

The Stillman College Campus Historic District in Tuscaloosa was listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage on June 23, 2016.

The Stillman College Campus Historic District, listed for its association with African American heritage and education and for architecture, was originally the Tuscaloosa Institute.



Stillman College, a historically private college in 1876, was a training institute for Negro pastors under the care of Dr. Charles A. Stillman.

In 1875, Dr. Charles Stillman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, sent an overture to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) proposing a training school for black ministers, the first of its kind in Tuscaloosa.

Tuscaloosa Institute Organization was chartered as a legal corporation by the State of Alabama in 1895. However, the name was changed from the Tuscaloosa Institute to Stillman Institute that same year. The college remained at the Stillman House until 1897, when the current campus was established on the site of the Cochrane Plantation.

The majority of the Stillman College Campus Historic District buildings were constructed between 1948 and 1972, under the administrations of Samuel Hay, Knute Brody, and Harold Stinson, who was Stillman's first African American president in 1967.

The Stillman Institute became a four-year college and in 1953, under Hay's administration, changed its name to Stillman College. The campus saw a building boom during Knute's administration, with fourteen buildings constructed during his twelve-year tenure between 1955 and 1967. Knute's administration erected nine mid-century modern minimal traditional ranch houses for use by faculty, one of whom was Rev. John Rice, Dean of Students under Knute's administration and father of former United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is an official listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. These properties may be of national, state, and local significance. The designation is honorary and carries no restrictions or financial incentives. The Alabama Historical Commission created the Alabama Register to provide the public with a quick and easy way to document and recognize historic places, such as houses, schools, churches, and commercial buildings that are at least 40 years old.

A [list of properties in the Alabama Register](#) is available alphabetically by county

What is the process for getting your property listed? Start by completing the [Alabama Register Form](#) (refer to the [instructions](#)).

About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the historic preservation agency for the State of Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission of safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. The Commission is tasked with the acquisition and preservation of historic properties and educating the public about historic sites in Alabama. For a complete list of historic sites, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit <http://preserveala.org/>

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