ALABAMA'S FAMOUS & HISTORIC TREE PROGRAM - 2003

Name	Brief History
1. <u>Battlefield Sycamore</u>	In 1893, Alabama Governor Thomas G. Jones toured the Virginia battlefields, bringing home several trees to be planted in Montgomery to commemorate soldiers of the Confederacy. This surviving sycamore is north of the front steps of the Alabama Capitol. *Montgomery County - 1981*
2. Gabriel Bishop Southern Red Oak	Planted in 1861 in celebration of the birth of James Gabriel Bishop, brother of Nicolene Bishop. Hale County – 1983
3. Boyington Live Oak	Falsely accused of murder and sentenced for hanging, Boyington warned from the gallows, "From my grave shall grow a tree of many branches and it will prove my innocence." Years later, the real murderer confessed and today a live oak grows from his grave. He was not allowed to be buried inside the cemetery but his body lies just outside the wall. *Mobile County - 1981*
4. <u>Duffie Live Oak</u>	Once known as "The Seven Sisters Oak" because of the tree's seven main limbs, it is now named for Mayor George A. Duffie, who lived in a home near the tree while mayor in 1878. It is considered the oldest living landmark in the City of Mobile. Mobile County - 1981
5. Georgia Cottage Live Oaks	An avenue of live oaks planted prior to 1840 leads from Springhill Avenue to the Georgia Cottage where novelist Augusta Evans Wilson lived when she wrote her two most famous novels, "Macaria" and "St. Elmo." She was the first woman in America to earn more than \$100,000 from her writings. <i>Mobile County - 1981</i>
6. <u>Jackson Live Oak</u>	General Andrew Jackson addressed his troops from the fork of this live oak in November 1814 before the capture of Pensacola in the War of 1812. Baldwin County – 1981
7. General Jackson Loblolly Pine	This tree is located in an area used by General Jackson for his headquarters during the military campaign against the Creek Indians. <i>Elmore County – 1981</i> .
8. <u>Helen Keller Water Oak</u>	This tree, located at Ivy Green, the Keller's Tuscumbia home, is reported to have been a favorite of Miss Keller. Her teacher, Anne Sullivan, and Miss Keller spent time exploring and climbing trees. <i>Colbert County – 1981</i>

9. Incense Cedar

The tree was part of the Alabama Baptist College when the campus was in Tuskegee and the trees are reported to have been shipped from California in 1850 when the tree was 100 years old. The college's former president went west during the gold rush and became quite wealthy. He believed the tree to be a redwood when he sent it by ship around the tip of South America and through the U.S. by train to Tuskegee. $Macon\ County-1981$

10. Eastern Red Cedar

Tanglewood, a historical home and plantation in Hale County, was given to the University of Alabama as a memorial to Miss Nicholene Bishop in 1949. It is used as a plant and wildlife sanctuary and a biological station. The red cedars were planted in 1860. Miss Bishop was the first woman appointed to a state office in Alabama – State Board of Examiners of Public School Teachers. She was a life-long teacher and waged an effective fight for better educational facilities in our state.

Hale County - 1981

11. Hippocrates Plane Tree

This tree is a cutting of a historic parent tree from Cos, a Greek Island near Turkey, obtained by the Canadian Medical Society in 1969. The parent tree was a mature tree when Hippocrates taught medical students under its shelter before his death in 377 BC.

Walker County - 1981

12. Godfrey Ginkgo

One of 100 seedlings planted in 1878 by Mrs. S. L. Godfrey, wife of the first mayor of Ft. Payne, as part of a beautification program.

DeKalb County - 1981

13. The Big Oak - Live Oak

This tree was a recognized meeting place when the town of Geneva was first settled. People gathered under this tree for meetings and information of the development of the area.

Geneva County - 1983

14. Magnolia Grove

This grove surrounds the home of Spanish-American War hero Richmond Pearson Hobson. It was built in 1840 by noted Alabamian, Isaac Croom.

Hale County - 1983.

15. <u>Yancey Tree – Swamp Red Oak</u>

Chief Duck passed this tree on his way to Washington D.C. to plead for the cause of the Cherokee Nation.

It appears to be named for a community near it.

Etowah County – 1983.

16. Bethany Shumard Oak

Bethany Baptist Church, the first Baptist church in Etowah County, then DeKalb County, was founded in

1835 next to this tree. *Etowah County – 1983*.

17. <u>Jemison Water Oak</u>

Robert Jemison, Jr., played a vital role in the economic and industrial development of Tuscaloosa County and the State of Alabama. This tree grows on the site of his main residence, Cherokee Plantation. The NW Region HQ of the Alabama Forestry Commission is located at this site.

Tuscaloosa County – 1989

18. Capital Willow Oak

This tree is on the site of the second State Capitol of Alabama.

Tuscaloosa County – 1989.

19. Kring Post Oak

Edward Kring was a master carpenter in the 1880's. Following the great fire of 1855 that destroyed almost the entire town of Gainesville, Kring built many homes and churches – six of which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sumter County – 1990.

20. Ellen Bryce Pistachio Tree

This tree was planted in a major landscaping effort directed by Dr. Peter Bryce – first superintendent for the Alabama Hospital for the Insane – and his wife Ellen. A pioneer in moral therapy for the mentally ill, Dr. and Mrs. Bryce believed in establishing a beautiful, soothing environment for the patients.

Tuscaloosa County – 1990.

21. <u>Freedom Tree Triumphs</u> - <u>Hackberry</u>

On August 25, 1956, a bomb placed on the porch of Rev. Robert Graetz, ardent supporter of African-American civil rights, rolled into the yard and exploded, shattering the windows of the parsonage and creating a large hole in the yard. Rev. Graetz was a white minister in an African-American church. The Lutheran congregation and his neighbors planted this tree in the crater.

Montgomery County - 1992

22. Kelly-Stone-Hill Magnolia

Named for three Pickens County native sons: John Herbert Kelly, Brigadier General in the Confederate Army; Colonel Lewis Stone, state senator, member of the House of Representatives and member of the Constitutional Convention; and Dr. Samuel Hill who set up medical practice in Carrollton in 1844. The tree stands on the homesite of the three men.

Pickens County – 1992

23. Mabry-Wilson-Whitten Grove

In 1911, students of St. Clair County High – one of the first five high schools established in Alabama – planted trees to honor three outstanding people who served the school and its students.

St. Clair County - 1992

24. <u>Byrd School Learning Tree</u> - <u>Live Oak</u>

This tree once shaded the home of Judge William Byrd, who championed the rights of students to a good education. Byrd School was established in 1916. This "Learning Tree" is a symbol of a harmonious, quality education in Selma.

Dallas County – 1993

25. Tree 249-3 – Longleaf Pine

This tree was a seedling in 1632. During its lifespan, it was part of a vast longleaf forest covering 60 million acres. In 1938, the area became part of the Talladega National Forest, and activities re-established the longleaf pine forest. The tree was designated part of a red-cockaded woodpecker habitat mapping project in 1977. $Bibb\ County-1993$

26. General Jackson Black Walnut

General Andrew Jackson and his troops camped nearby following their famous New Orleans campaign. Jackson later returned and was instrumental in the local development of a new town called York Bluff. Later, the area was combined into the founding of Sheffield. *Colbert County – 1997*.

27. <u>First Baptist Church of Phil</u> <u>Campbell Water Oak</u> The First Baptist Church of Phil Campbell was organized near this tree on August 14, 1904. Since that historic day, the church has continued to grow in service to God and to man. Under this oak, many have come to know Christ as their personal Savior. *Franklin County - 2002*.