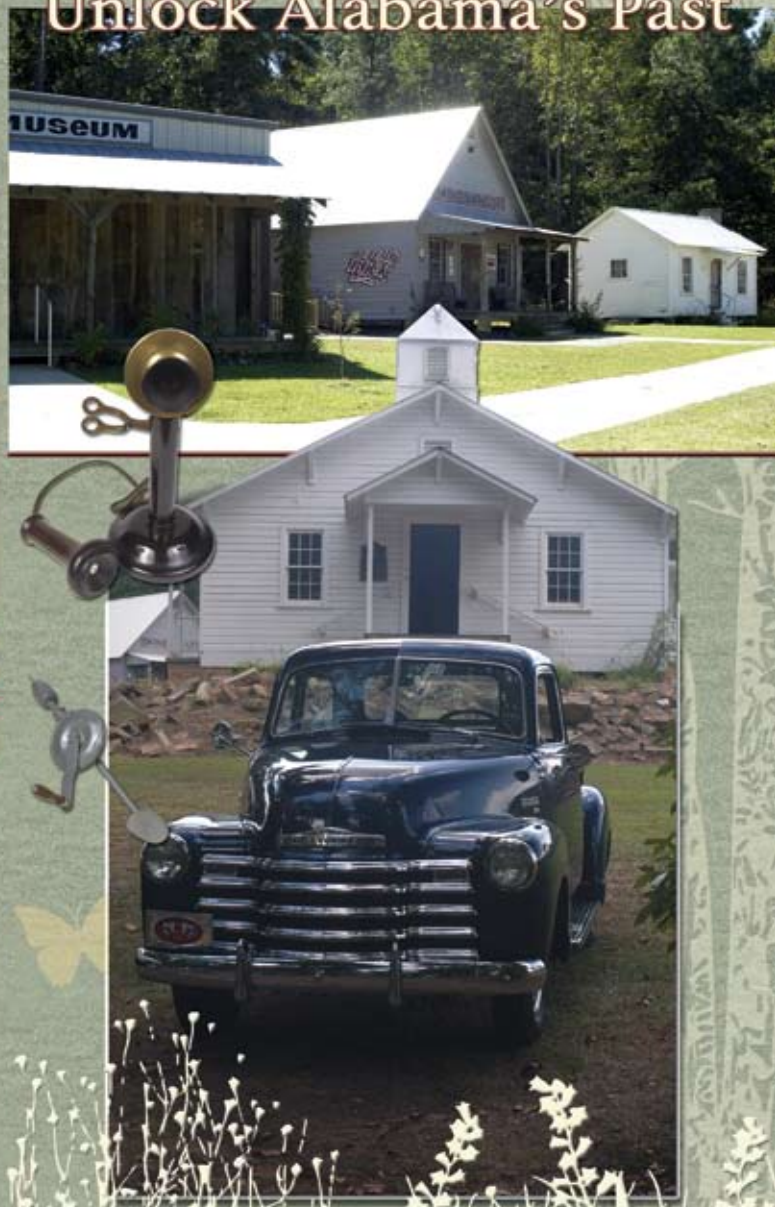


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Unlock Alabama's Past  
Easy access from AL Hwy 69  
Along City Park Drive

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Arab Historic Village is open:  
March through November  
Th & F 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sa 1-4 p.m.  
(Open by appointment  
anytime, year round)

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Hunt School

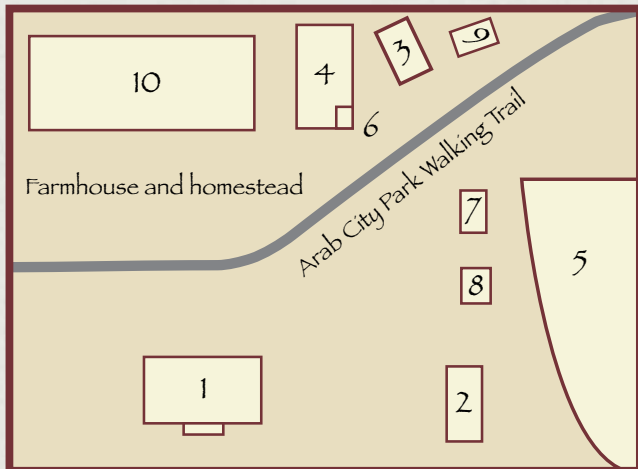
### ARAB'S HISTORIC VILLAGE

In cooperation with the City of Arab, The Arab Historical Society developed the Historic Village in the City Park as a tribute to the pioneering people who settled and built this area into the prosperous, community-spirited place it is today. Development of the Village was started in 1991 as a Centennial project of the Historical Society. At the present time, eight buildings have been completed and are furnished with items from 1880 through the 1940's.

The Society invites you to visit the Village. During some special events, visitors interact with volunteers performing some of the tasks required of persons of the 1880-1940's era such as quilting, making cornmeal in the gristmill and working with iron in the blacksmith shop. Singings and weddings are held in the Rice Church.

### THE HUNT SCHOOL - 1935-1952

This two-room school for grades 1-6 was named for Jesse and Sarah Hunt who donated the property where it was built in the Strawberry Community. In memory of his parents, Clesbie and Esther Poole Miller, Bobby Miller donated it in 1990 to the Arab Historical Society. They moved it in 1991 to the Historic Village and restored it as a 1992 Centennial project.



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|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Hunt School         | 5. Baseball Field  | 9. Ruth Home Demonstration Clubhouse |
| 2. Rice Church         | 6. Rest Rooms      | 10. Boyd Homestead                   |
| 3. Smith Country Store | 7. Grist Mill      |                                      |
| 4. Elvin Light Museum  | 8. Blacksmith Shop |                                      |

### THE RICE CHURCH - 1910-1950's

Liberty Primitive Baptist Church in the Rice School-House Community (better known as Rice Church), was built on land donated by Moses and Alpha E. Rice. It was deeded in 1981 by the remaining members (H.J. Nunnelley, Earl E. and Phoebe Strong) to the Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church who donated it in 1993 to the Arab Historical Society. It was moved to the Historic Village and by 1995 was restored to represent all early Arab-area churches..

### SMITH'S COUNTRY STORE - 1930 - 1940 VINTAGE

Constructed in 1997, it was named for Guy and Mary Smith who helped develop buildings in the Village. Stocked with items from all over the mountain, the store shows how people shopped long ago.

### THE ELVIN LIGHT MUSEUM - OPENED AUGUST 1998

Elvin Light's dream to develop a museum led to a lifetime of collecting local artifacts from the years he knew best. With donations and help from volunteers, his dream became a reality in 1998 in the form of the Elvin Light Museum. It offers many interesting insights into Arab's past.

The museum contains displays depicting various occupations and household areas with furnishings from original businesses or typical furnishings for the times. A large number of tools and other items are displayed throughout the building.



Smith Country Store & Ruth Home Demonstration Clubhouse



Boyd Homestead

### BOYD HOMESTEAD BUILT IN 1890

On August 3rd, 2002, Lola Boyd, a retired school teacher, donated to the Historical Society the house where she was born and lived all her 99 years. The house has been moved to the Historical Village and restored. Lola's parents, Mathew and Eletter Boyd built the house when they homesteaded 160 acres of land overlooking what is today Gunterville Road.

- The Village is ideal for school groups to visit. Teachers may arrange tours by calling the Arab Chamber of Commerce at 256-586-3138.
- The Rice Church may be booked for weddings, memorial services and other events.