

Alabama Report
Forest Fire Lookout Association
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1. Major project for the year has been to do research on lookouts. Have gone through all the remaining records in Montgomery, which was very helpful but too many of the records are missing from the Department of Archives and History collection. They have file boxes filled with too many empty folders. Am now doing the slow tedious job of going through newspaper back issues looking for any mention of them. Also attempting to get in touch with local history societies in an attempt to find pictures of former lookouts and any stories about them.

Attempting to assemble as complete a list of current and former lookouts as possible. Several lists can be found online. All of them are incomplete as they omit many lookouts. Research has turned up many more Alabama lookouts than I had thought there were. It has also raised many questions. Currently the biggest gap on my list is information on the lookouts erected before 1932.

Trying to visit the site of every current and former lookout in Alabama to find out the access situation and to find out what, if anything, is left. The stands that supported these lookouts are quite big and difficult to remove so they are usually still there when nothing else is left.

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