

# Written In Stone

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## Little Pine Level Cemetery

Any cemetery in the state of Alabama may be registered in the ACPA CEMETERY REGISTER regardless of age, size, or religious, ethnic and social background. Though, the ACPA CEMETERY REGISTER is not an official state register, the Alabama Historical Commission's Historic Cemetery Register is. The AHC does promote a program to register historical cemeteries. In order for a cemetery to be registered with the AHC, it must be 40 years or older with some sort of historical significance. Most cemeteries qualify to be registered with both the ACPA and the AHC. If anyone would like to register a cemetery, whether it's a family, church or community cemetery, there are forms available at the Evergreen Public Library.

With that in mind, as your Conecuh County Representative for the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance, I am working hard to locate, recognize and register all of the cemeteries in Conecuh County to the ACPA Cemetery Register, as well as nominate those that qualify to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. If you are computer literate, and want to visit either site, you can go to <http://www.alabama-cemetery-preservation.com> and click on Cemetery Registry. We also have links to the AHC from our page, where you can find out how to register a cemetery or other historical site in Alabama.

When I was out canvassing the cemeteries located on County Road 29 a few weeks ago, I came upon the Little Pine Level Cemetery. It's located approximately 15 miles out on CR29 on the left side of the road going toward Concord Church, in Section 12, Township 7 North, and Range 11 East. The cemetery is in a small clearing, neatly mowed and maintained by a descendant of those who are buried there. The Alabama Atlas of Cemeteries, compiled by the UA Cartography Lab, has it as #25 on its' map, with the first known interment of Rev. Alexander Johnson (died 1942), and other names interred there would be Aaron, Abner, Jackson, Johnson, Jones and Taylor. This cemetery is still being used today. Though this cemetery is over 40 years old, it may not qualify for the AHC Historic Cemetery Register, unless we can prove it having historical significance. With that requirement still to be met, I need assistance from the community and the families of those who are interred there. If you have information about the families there, please contact me at (251) 578-2670 or email me at [canebrakesociety@yahoo.com](mailto:canebrakesociety@yahoo.com)