

# Written In Stone

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## **Alabama Historic Cemetery Register**

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama. The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of special recognition.

Listing a property in the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register means that a cemetery has been deemed worthy of recognition as a historic cemetery; giving the person nominating the property the opportunity to purchase a historical marker for the cemetery using the state cemetery seal. A listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners.

The criteria for eligibility is fairly simple: the cemetery in question must be at least forty (40) years of age; a majority of the burials must be over forty (40) years of age; the cemetery must possess historic significance (such as family, community, church, etc) and/or contain unique burial architecture.

Persons interested in nominating a cemetery must complete a series of forms provided by the AHC; such as a fully completed Cemetery Register Application, Main Form, Map Form and a Historic Significance Form. It also helps to have good quality photographs of representative grave markers and overall views of the cemetery. High resolution digital images saved on a CD or 4 x 6 35 mm photographs are acceptable. Be sure and label the back of the photograph with the name of the cemetery and county in which the cemetery is located.

Currently, in Conecuh County, we have seven cemeteries on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. The cemeteries are Ward-Witherington; Witherington; Calloway Stallworth; Evergreen (Greasy Bottom); Evergreen Old Historical; Antioch-Rabb and the newest is the Kyser Family Cemetery.

For more information on how to register a cemetery, contact Lee Anne Wofford, Cemetery Program Coordinator at (334) 230-2659 or email [lawofford@preserveala.org](mailto:lawofford@preserveala.org) or contact Sherry S. Johnston, (251) 578-2670 for copies of the forms you need.