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Confederate History and Heritage Month

The Proclamation by Gov. Bob Riley regarding April being designated as Confederate History and Heritage Month is included this week, in part, as we discuss some of the Confederate burials in our cemeteries across the county. Many people have asked if we have a listing of our soldier burials, and several of our researchers have done one for their own families, however, there is none available as of this date. That might change as we gather more information and discover more cemeteries hidden away in our 'piney woods'. If you have known burials of Confederate soldiers, please send them to me at canebrakesociety@yahoo.com or give me a call at 251.578.2670.

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By the Governor of the State of Alabama
A Proclamation
March 22, 2010

WHEREAS, April is the month in which the War Between the States began; and

WHEREAS, the history of the North-South conflict is a significant part of American and Alabamian history; and

WHEREAS, high among those burdens borne upon the shoulders of any citizenry is the burden of armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, Alabamians have admirably answered the grim call to duty when beckoned, from the era of the musket to that of the missile; and

WHEREAS, the ominous clouds of dissension gave birth in the city of Montgomery to the Confederate States of America; and

WHEREAS, Alabamians again heeded the clarion with dignity, both at home and on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of the war, many of these same leaders and citizens worked tirelessly to reunite and rebuild this country and forge reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, our recognition of Confederate history also recognizes that slavery was one of the causes of the war, an issue in the war, was ended by the war and slavery is hereby condemned; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our state and nation is vital to understanding who we are and what we are; and

WHEREAS, we honor our past and from it draw the courage, strength and wisdom to reconcile ourselves and go forward into the future together as Alabamians and Americans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2010, as

Confederate History and Heritage Month

in the State of Alabama.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 22nd day of March 2010.

Andrew J. Ellis Cemetery in T7N, R10E near Murder Creek holds three known Confederates; Andrew J. Ellis, Company 'F' of the 23rd Alabama Infantry; S.L. Ellis, of the 62nd Alabama Infantry; and John Ellis. Antioch Primitive Baptist Cemetery holds at least three known Confederate soldiers: Elizah G. Haddox, of Company 'A', 37th Alabama; Thomas Bolton, of Company 11, 38th Alabama; and William Tomlinson, of Company 'D' of the 16th Alabama. At Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery, we have the following known Confederate soldiers buried: Rev. A.A. Easley; J.S. Gray; James Thomas Langham; J.L. Langham; J.J. Little; William McCrory; Isaac Mixon; and Joel E. Mixon. This is just a sample of the many known Confederate burials listed for our cemeteries in Conecuh. There are several good websites to visit if you're conducting military research on your family, such as www.civilwarroster.com/cw/cw-al.html or www.usgwarchives.net/al/statewide/military.htm as well as others. Visit your local library to discover more about your military ancestry.