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TWO CRENSHAW COUNTY CEMETERIES ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Curtis Cemetery near Glenwood and the Solomon Family Cemetery near Fuller's Crossroads to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

"The cemetery register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama," said Lee Anne Wofford, cemetery program coordinator. "The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition."

There are now 13 cemeteries in Crenshaw County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 372 cemeteries statewide.

The Curtis Cemetery contains at least 19 burials, the oldest of which dates to 1836. John Douglas Curtis purchased the property in the 1830s and established this cemetery. Family names found here include Curtis, Dyer, Finlay, Williamson, and Wright.

The Solomon Family Cemetery is located in the Fuller's Crossroads community and contains at least 8 burials, though it may contain an undetermined number of unmarked burials. The oldest grave is that of Loutrisia Solomon who died in 1842. The most recent grave dates to 1910 and is for Henry Louis Solomon, a Civil War veteran.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Historic Cemetery Program that gives aid to the general public, government officials, civic groups, and others in identifying, documenting, registering, and conserving Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register officially recognizes and honors family and community cemeteries that were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners. State law protects all cemeteries from willful desecration and destruction.

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