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MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S FAIR PROSPECT CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Fair Prospect Cemetery in south Montgomery County 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 20 cemeteries in Montgomery County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 329 cemeteries statewide.

Located on approximately six acres in the Naftel community, Fair Prospect Cemetery was established before 1838 and contains well over 200 marked burials and an unknown number of unmarked burials. Most of the burials in the cemetery are in family plots. Soldiers from the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean War are buried here.

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.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.***

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