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WALKER COUNTY'S UNION CHAPEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Union Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery in Cordova 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 12 cemeteries in Walker County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 329 cemeteries statewide.

Located adjacent to the Union Chapel United Methodist Church, this cemetery contains over 2000 burials. Although unmarked burials may be older, the oldest marked burial is that of Susan Felkins who died December 31, 1881. John Martin and Jane Felkins donated land for the church and the cemetery. Numerous soldiers from the Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korean War and Vietnam War are buried here along with many other citizens of Walker County.

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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