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SHELBY COUNTY'S MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery 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 18 cemeteries in Shelby County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 353 cemeteries statewide.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and Cemetery were formally established on April 9, 1856. There are approximately 59 marked graves and 95 unmarked or unknown graves. The Calvary community was also home to a post office and general store. Family names found in the cemetery include Farrell, Harper, Kendrick, Minor, Mooney, Moore, and Stone. Also buried here are four Civil War CSA soldiers, as well as World War II and post-Korea veterans.

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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