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BUTLER COUNTY'S BARNES CEMETERY LISTED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed Barnes Cemetery in Georgiana 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 Historical Commission considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition.”

The earliest readable marker in the cemetery is that for Louisa Goodwin, who was buried in July 1879. The latest burial was of Lula Goodwin in November 1940. Barnes community seems to have been a popular “suburb” of Starlington in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Barnes Cemetery holds a significant part of what was left of a once booming area. There are a number of readable stone markers, but even they do not fill the parameter of what was obviously the large burial area in this cemetery.

Barnes Cemetery is the fourth cemetery in Butler County to be listed in the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 164 cemeteries statewide.

The Alabama Historical Commission's cemetery program assists individuals, local and state officials, and civic groups in identifying, documenting, registering, conserving, and protecting Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register recognizes and honors those cemeteries that have an important history and were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation.

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.

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