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## **TWO BLOUNT COUNTY CEMETERIES ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the James Whitley Family Cemetery near Oneonta and the Lamb Cemetery near Susan Moore 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 seven cemeteries in Blount County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 374 cemeteries statewide.

The James Whitley Family Cemetery contains three burials, the oldest of which dates to 1878. Confederate veteran James Whitley is buried here along with his wife, Mary Ann Dodd Whitley.

The Lamb Cemetery contains four marked graves and at least 30 unmarked graves. The oldest marked burial dates to 1877. At least one Civil War soldier and many Whitley family members 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.

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