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MACON COUNTY'S CREEK STAND AME ZION CHURCH CEMETERY LISTED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed Creek Stand AME Zion Church Cemetery near Union Springs 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 two cemeteries in Macon County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 285 cemeteries statewide.

A cemetery most likely existed here prior to 1895 when the Creek Stand AME Zion Church was organized and was likely a burial site for slaves held by white pioneers of the area. Mr. J.E. Ellison deeded land for the church in 1893 and 1894 to the trustees of the "African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America." Some family names found in this cemetery include: Ellison, Lloyd, Talbot, Hubbard, Pace, Slaughter, Mahone and Julks.

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.

*The mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission** is to protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places. It is the state's historic preservation agency and serves as the State Historic Preservation Office.*

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