



P. O. Box 300900 ♦ Montgomery, AL 36130
(334) 242-3184 ♦ preserveala.org

May 20, 2009

Contact: Lee Anne Wofford, (334) 230-2659

TALLADEGA COUNTY'S MARBLE CITY CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Marble City Cemetery in Sylacauga 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 Talladega County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 285 cemeteries statewide.

Marble City Cemetery was a private burial ground of the Pearson family prior to being purchased by the City of Sylacauga on August 27, 1898. The earliest marked grave is that of George W. Pearson who died in 1876. There are approximately 2,520 graves in this cemetery.

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.*

###