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COOSA COUNTY'S NEW HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added New Home Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in the Hissop Community 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 five cemeteries in Coosa County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 313 cemeteries statewide.

New Home Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery contains approximately 70 graves. The earliest marked burials are of ex-slaves from the late 1800s. In early 1880, the first place of worship was established here under a brush arbor. In 1884, a church building was constructed and the church was originally known as Shiloh Baptist Church. By 1888, yet another new church building was constructed and the church became known as New Home.

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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