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13 DEKALB CO. CEMETERIES ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added 13 cemeteries in Dekalb County to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

These cemeteries include:

- Willstown Mission Cemetery
- Jenny Green Cemetery
- George Cemetery
- Driskill-McNaron Cemetery
- Lyons-Hammack Cemetery
- Smith Chapel Cemetery
- Smith Cemetery
- Jack Cemetery
- Green Cemetery
- Franklin Cemetery
- Collins Cemetery
- Rocky Mount Cemetery
- Morgan Gap Cemetery

“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 19 cemeteries in Dekalb County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 445 cemeteries statewide.

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.

For more information about Alabama’s Historic Cemetery Programs, visit:
<http://preserveala.org/cemeteryprograms.aspx>

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