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CLEBURNE COUNTY'S CRUMLEY'S CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Crumley's Chapel Church of God Cemetery 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."

This the first cemetery in Cleburne County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 368 cemeteries statewide.

Crumley's Chapel Church of God was organized in 1914. The church and cemetery was built on land donated by Benjamin S. and Sally Otwell Crumley. The first marked burial dates to June 30, 1919. The cemetery contains 350 marked graves and approximately 10 unmarked burials.

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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