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MARSHALL COUNTY'S GUNTERSVILLE CITY CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Guntersville City 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."

There are now four cemeteries in Marshall County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 368 cemeteries statewide.

In 1881, Judge Louis Weiss Wyeth and his wife, Euphemia, donated land located on a hillside overlooking the town of Guntersville for a city cemetery. Ancient oak trees, cedars and magnolias are scattered throughout the cemetery which is comprised of six acres. Although the cemetery was formally established in 1881, there are approximately twenty graves dating from 1836 to 1881. The cemetery is maintained by the City of Guntersville.

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.

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