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CONECUH COUNTY'S JOHN GREEN CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the John Green 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 eight cemeteries in Conecuh County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 368 cemeteries statewide.

The John Green Cemetery was established in 1817. The cemetery is located on property once owned by John Green, Sr. Born in 1790 in South Carolina, John Green served in the War of 1812 and afterwards studied law. He moved his family to this area of Conecuh County in 1817. He was a large land and slave holder. Green also established the first school in Conecuh County. He died in 1882 and is buried here among many of his descendants.

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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