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TWO JACKSON COUNTY CEMETERIES ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Old Paint Rock Cemetery and Williams Family 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 three cemeteries in Jackson County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 368 cemeteries statewide.

Old Paint Rock Cemetery predates the incorporation of the town of Paint Rock. The earliest burial found here dates to 1812. On July 14, 1894, Paint Rock became an incorporated town. Many of the people buried here were the founding fathers of Paint Rock. There are numerous Confederate soldiers buried here.

Williams Family Cemetery was established about 1855 and features 64 marked graves and an unknown number of unmarked graves. Veterans from the Civil War, World War II and the Korean War are buried here.

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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