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PROVIDENCE CEMETERY IN GLENWOOD ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Providence Cemetery in Glenwood 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 14 cemeteries in Crenshaw County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 388 cemeteries statewide.

Providence Cemetery is closely tied with the establishment of the town of Glenwood. The cemetery dates back to at least the 1880s and contains approximately 275 burials. Although not formally associated with a church, the cemetery contains burials of people who were instrumental in the founding of the Methodist and Baptist churches in Glenwood. The cemetery is nicely maintained and a trust fund has been established for perpetual care.

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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