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CEMETERY PRESERVATION WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN CHOCTAW COUNTY ON MARCH 10

**Cemetery Preservation Workshop
Bethlehem Cemetery, Edna Road/County Road 42, Edna
Choctaw County**

The Alabama Historical Commission, Pelham United Methodist Church, and The Center for the Study of the Black Belt at the University of West Alabama are sponsoring a one-day cemetery preservation workshop on March 10 at 10:00 am at the historic Bethlehem Cemetery in Edna.

The workshop will feature presentations on how to document cemeteries and apply for historic designation. A professional stone mason will demonstrate how to properly clean and repair grave markers. Information about the Black Belt Heritage Area will be presented as well. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the natural surroundings. After lunch, participants will have the opportunity to clean and reset damaged grave markers. This is an opportunity to learn about preservation techniques, help preserve the cemetery for future generations, and raise awareness about the need for cemetery preservation and historic preservation in the Black Belt.

Directions to Bethlehem Cemetery: From Pennington, go north on County Road 33 for 7 miles. Turn right on County Road 42 (Edna Road). The cemetery will be on the left in about 2.5 miles.

Registration is not required, but the cost for the workshop is \$10.00 per person and free for University of West Alabama students and faculty. For more information, contact Mr. Lyle Meador at 205.459.2892 / MeadorL@uwa.edu.

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