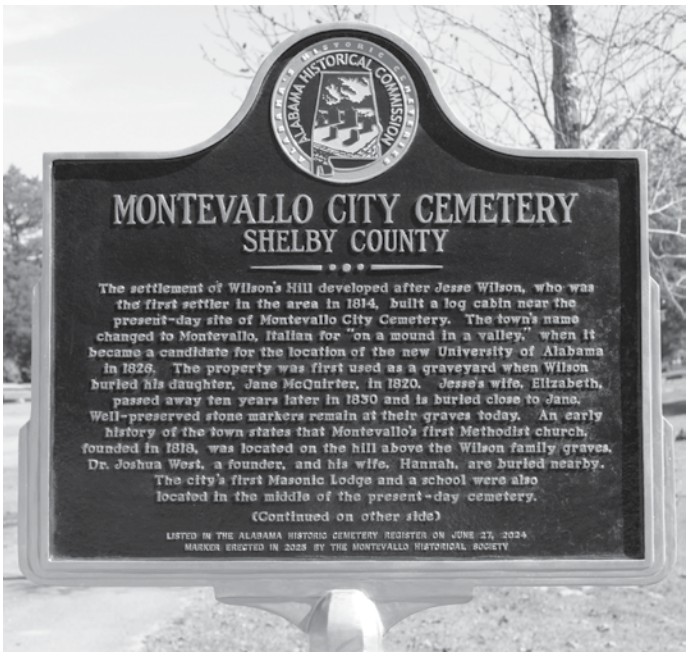
MONTEVALLO CITY CEMETERY NAMED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Montevallo Historical Society was notified in June of 2024 that its application to the Alabama Historical Commission for a listing in their Alabama Historic Cemetery Register had been approved.

The Society's cemetery committee decided that same year that the significant historical nature of Montevallo City Cemetery should certainly qualify it for formal historical recognition by the state commission. So they took on the labor intensive task of collecting pertinent information about the cemetery and providing it by way of completing a lengthy application and submitting it to the commission.

You can see on this page a copy of the certificate sent to the committee certifying approval for listing. The decision by the state commission also qualified the cemetery for the creation and installation of a state approved historical marker at the cemetery.



At that point, a text narrative for the marker had been drafted, approved by both the MHS board of directors and the Montevallo City Council, and blessed by Cemetery Register officials. While the marker was paid for with MHS funds, for consistency the Historical Commission coordinated the procurement of the marker and had it shipped to Montevallo.

A spot for the marker near the main entrance to the cemetery was then selected and approved by Montevallo Public Works director Kirk Hamby. Kirk's city crew installed the marker shortly after it was received in October of 2025.

Not long after its installation, a dedication ceremony for the marker took place at the historical society's 2025 fall meeting.

Montevallo Historical Society directors with the new historical marker at Montevallo City Cemetery. (L-R) James Salter, Susan Godwin, Judy Duda, Anne Thomas, Billy Lee, Marilynn Donoho, Clay Nordan, Sherry Vallides.

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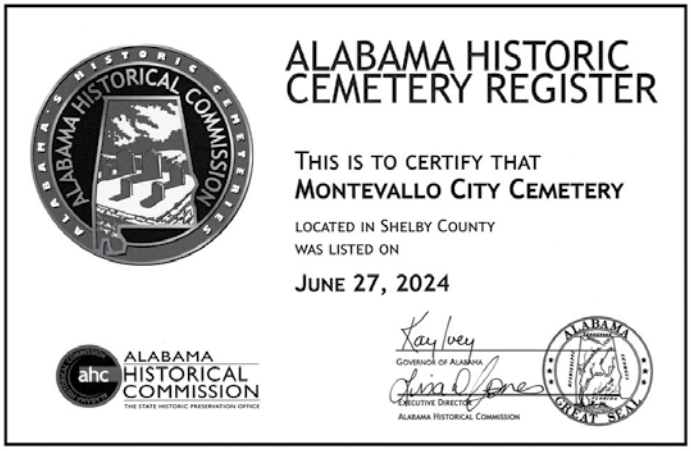
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