

February 13, 2014

Alabama Historical Commission
P.O. Box 300900
Montgomery, AL 36130-0900
Attn.: Jennifer Bailey

Subject: Addendum to FCC Form 620
13371/Wild Branch
NE Corner of Highway 113 and Cedar Tree Road, Brewton, AL
EBI Project #61130027/ FCC File Number: 0005684674
AHC 13-0609

Dear Ms. Bailey:

On January 9, 2014, per the request of your office, EBI submitted an Alabama Register Form for Halls Creek Baptist Church and Cemetery indicating the property is eligible for listing under criterion C. On February 13, 2014 EBI received a request from your office for digital copies of the photographs on a disc and a copy of the Alabama Register form.

The submission of this form satisfies the measures requested by your office for a "conditional no adverse effect" finding and concludes Section 106 consultation per the procedures outlined in the FCC's 2004 NPA.

We hope the additional information addresses your concerns and you will be able to complete your review of the State Register Form. On behalf of Verizon Wireless, I would appreciate your comments on the completed form in a letter directed to the address noted above. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Ms. Tara Cubie
Architectural Historian
(339) 234-2597
tcubie@ebiconsulting.com

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Attachments: SHPO Response, Alabama Register Form, CD with Photographs



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February 12, 2014

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Tara Cubie
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Re: AHC 13-0609
EBI No. 61130027
Wild Branch Tower Site
NE Corner of Highway 113 & Cedar Tree Road
City of Brewton
Escambia County, Alabama

Dear Ms. Cubie:

Upon review of the additional information forwarded by your office, we have determined that the photographs included for the mitigation are not clear enough. Please submit digital photographs on a disc and the completed Alabama Register Form to Jennifer Bailey at our office when they are ready.

We appreciate your efforts on this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Greg Rhinehart at (334) 230-2662 or by e-mail at Greg.Rhinehart@preserveala.org. Please have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any correspondence.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church and Cemetery +

and/or Common Name: Halls Creek Landmark Missionary Baptist Church +

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: Highway 113, Approximately 8 miles north of Flomaton, Alabama +

City: Brewton +

State: Alabama

County: Escambia

Zip: 36426 +

Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No

Township: 2N

Range: 8E

Section: 20

USGS Quad Map: Flomaton, AL 1961 +

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: Building(s) District Structure Site Object

Ownership: Public Private Both

Status: Occupied Unoccupied Work in progress

Public Acquisition: In process Being considered

Accessible: No Yes: restricted Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Halls Creek Baptist Church

Telephone: +

Street & Number: Rt 2 +

City: Brewton

State: AL Zip: 36426 +

Email:

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

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6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Construction date:	1947	Source:	Heritage of Escambia County, Alabama
Alteration date:	Unknown	Source:	
Architect/Builder:	Unknown	Contractor:	Unknown
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)	Good	Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	High
No. of stories:	1.5		
Historic use of property:	Church and Cemetery		
Current use of property:	Church and Cemetery		
Architectural style category:	Modern Movement	Architectural style sub-category:	Other
Basic typology:	Other	Basic shape:	rectangular with rear additions
Basic floor plan:	Unknown	Historic Construction material(s):	Cast-concrete block
Current exterior wall material(s)	cast-concrete block	Roof finish material(s):	asphalt shingle
Main roof configuration:	front gable	Foundation material:	Cast-concrete block
Porch type:	open, front-gabled entrance porch		
Window type and materials:	Double hung and fixed, synthetic		
Describe alterations:	Original windows replaced, two additions added to rear of the building (unknown date)		
Number and type of all outbuildings: (if significant, fill out separate survey form)	Cemetery (dates to same period as church)		
<p>Exterior Architectural Description:</p> <p>Front gabled, 1.5 story church with extended porch entrance. Built of square cast-concrete blocks. Central entrance, with 2 windows (1 on each side of door). East facade has four double hung windows, one fixed window and entrance door. West facade has 4 double hung windows. Two front gabled, paneled additions extend off rear of original church.</p> <p>The cemetery is located to the north of the Church. It consists of forty gravestones within a fenced area. Graves date from 1897 through 2000s. The graves are located in the eastern section of the fenced area. Early graves were relocated when church was founded in 1947.</p>			
<p>Description of Setting:</p> <p>The Cemetery is located on Hwy 113 in a rural, agricultural area, approximately 8 miles north of Flomaton, Alabama. Development in the area is limited to rural residential buildings and agriculture. It is located north of Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church. The area immediately surrounding the church and cemetery is primarily wooded land.</p>			

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7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory (archaeological component).

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary art | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

The Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1946. The church and cemetery were built in 1947. The church was organized under the arm of the Nokomis Missionary Baptist Church on September 26, 1946. Nokomis, Alabama is located approximately 20 miles southwest of Halls Creek Church. The church was established by a small group of residents in the rural area known as Halls Creek. Halls Creek was established as a timber area in the late 20th century. By the 1940s, the area had transitioned primarily to agriculture. In 1947, James Arrant (minor, guardian of Charlie and Gertrude Howard) donated the land for the church and cemetery. On January 16, 1947 construction of the church began. It was completed later that year. Brother Burl Morris was the founding pastor. There were nine original charter members. The church remains owned by the original congregation.

Integrity Statement

Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church was evaluated based on the seven aspects of integrity: location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The church retains most of original character defining features. Windows have been replaced. It remains in its original location on Highway 113 in Escambia County, Alabama.

Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion C for its potential significance as a property which embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or style of mid-20th ecclesiastical architecture, represents the work of a master architect, builder or craftsman, possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant or distinguishable entity whose components have individual distinction. The simple, front gabled rectangular church is a form that was commonly used for Baptist churches built during this period. The church is a modest style, and has not been identified as the work of a Master Architect or Craftsman. However, the church is constructed of square pre-cast stone concrete blocks. Pre-cast cement had been used as a building material beginning in the late 19th century. Escambia County, specifically the area around Brewton, has been a center of American lumber production since before the civil war. Due to the availability of lumber, many of the structures in the area were constructed of timber. During and following World War II, lumber was not readily available, and remained scarce for several years. Following the years of scarcity, timber again became a common building material. The use of concrete for construction is significant in that it places the church and cemetery in a unique period of U.S. history. Therefore, Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church and Cemetery appear to meet the criteria for significance under Criterion C: Architecture as a good example of mid-century ecclesiastical architecture for its use of pre-cast concrete blocks.

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8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

Heritage of Escambia County, Alabama Published 2002. pp.33-34. Located at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum, Jefferson Davis Community College.

Cronenberg, Allen. Forth to the Mighty Conflict: Alabama and World War II. University of Alabama Press, 2003.

Flynt, Wayne. Alabama in the Twentieth Century. University of Alabama Press, October 10, 2004.

Thomas, Tandy Lewis. The Forties In America [New Jersey: Salem Press, 2010].

Owen, Thomas McAdory. History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1921.

In addition to above resources: research was conducted at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum, Jefferson Davis Community College

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreeage of nominated property: Approximately 1 Acre.

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name: Tara Cubie, Architectural Historian, EBI Consulting

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City: York

State: PA

Zip: 17403

Telephone: 339-234-2597

Email:

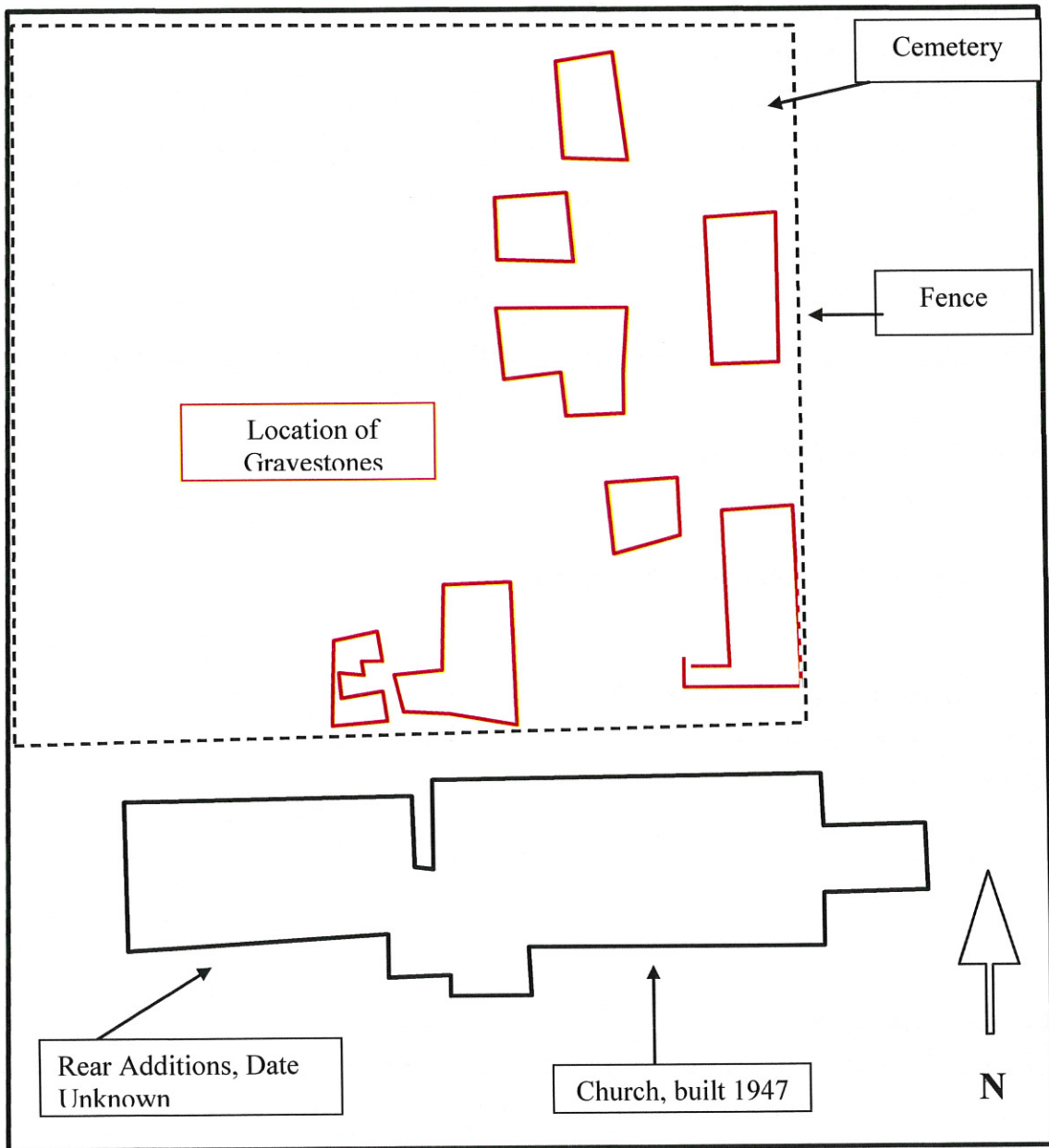
11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

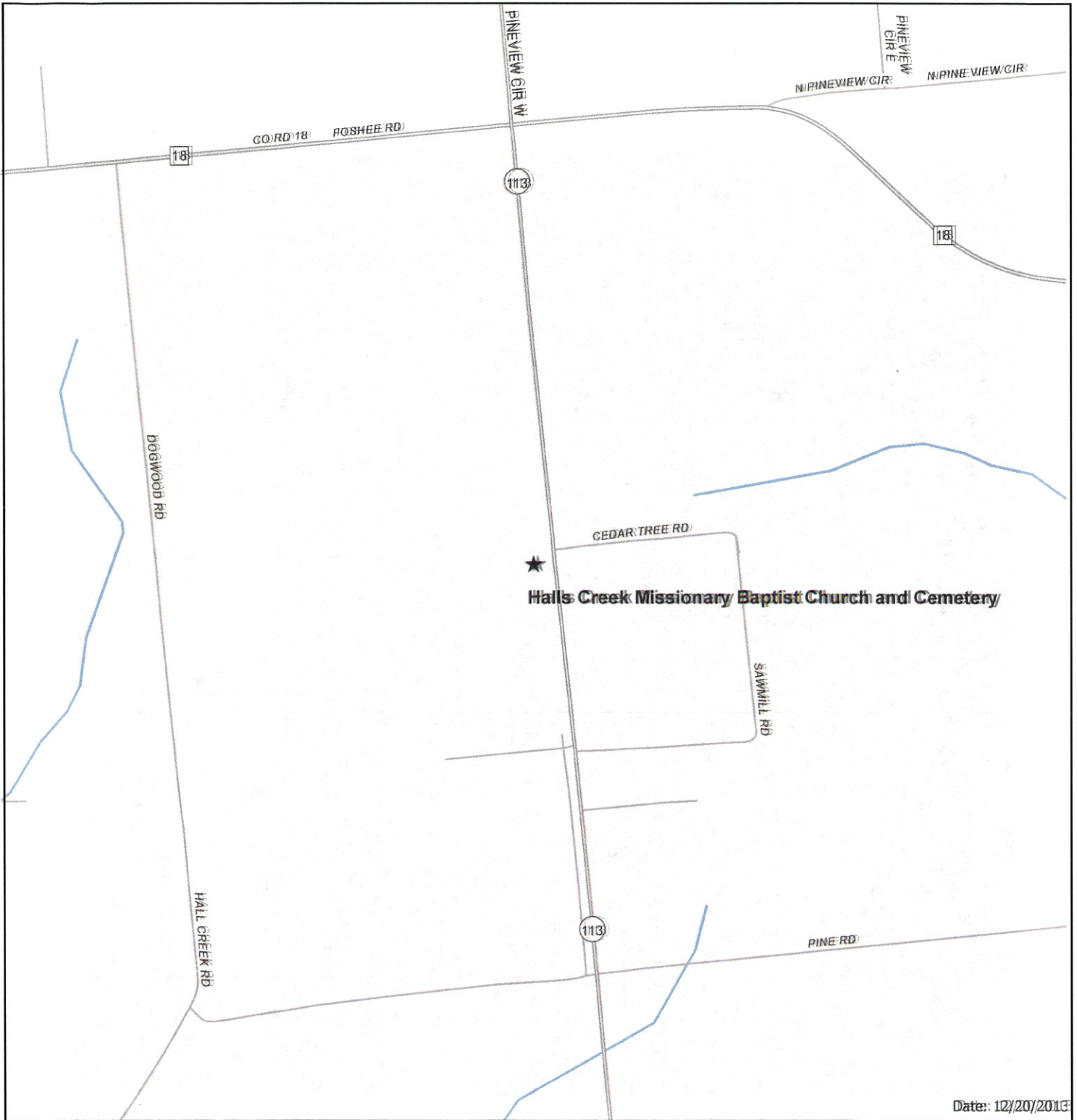
Alabama Historical Commission
Attn: Lee Anne
468 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900



Site Plan: Halls Creek Church and Cemetery (C.1947)

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Highway 113



Date: 12/20/2013

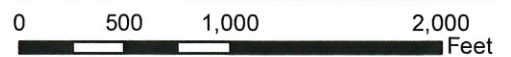
Source: Selected data from NWI, ESRI and EBI.

Legend

★ Church and Cemetery



Figure 1: Site Location Map



**13371 / WILD BRANCH
NE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 113 AND CEDAR TREE ROAD
BREWTON, AL 36426**





Photo Location Map

Arrow indicates the approximate location and direction in which the photograph was taken



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1. View looking west toward Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church



2. View looking south toward Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church entrance.

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3. View looking southwest toward north facade Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church.



4. View looking southwest toward north facade (including modern rear additions) of Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church and across Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Cemetery.

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5. View looking north toward Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church entrance.



6. View looking northwest toward south facade Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

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7. Detailed view of cast stone wall.

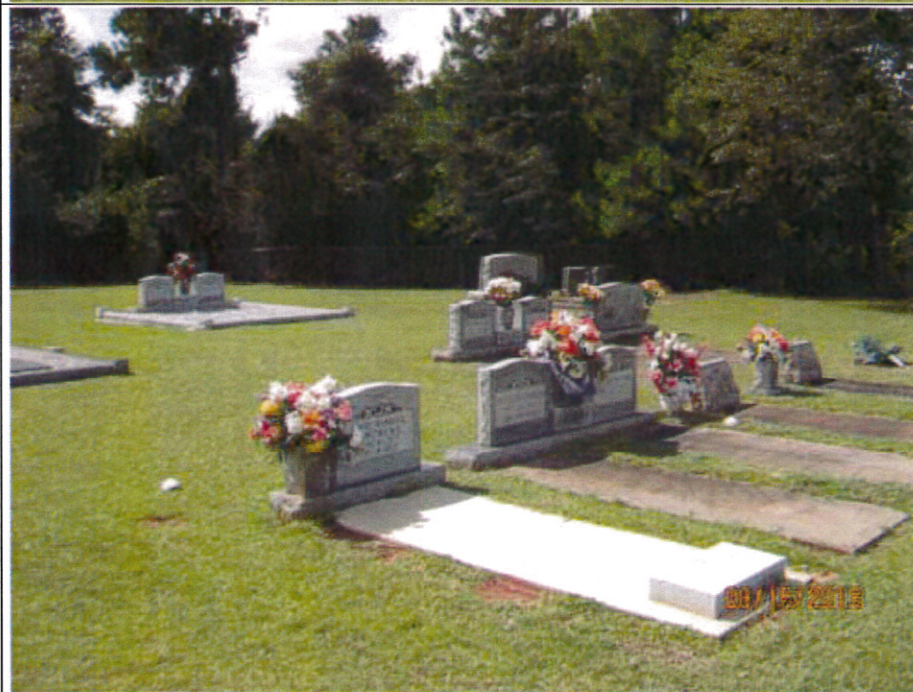


8. Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Church sign.

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9. View northwest toward Halls Creek Missionary Baptist Cemetery.



10. View northwest toward Cemetery.

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11. View southwest toward Cemetery and Church.
Note: 1897 grave relocated in 1947.

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