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REEVES GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH & CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER

Located in St. Clair County, Reeves Grove Baptist Church was established in 1872 by the McCorkle family. It was listed to the Alabama Register for its association with religion and architecture.

The McCorkle's, a family of Baptist faith, came from South Carolina and settled in St. Clair County. Their large plantation included the present Reeves Grove Church lot and the cemetery.

At Elizabeth McCorkle's death in 1840, her daughter, Louisa McCorkle, who was married to Anderson Reeves inherited the plantation. In 1872, a small Baptist church was erected on the McCorkle-Reeves land. Lumber for the church was sawed at a mill north of Gadsden, brought down the Coosa River by raft to Greensport, and hauled to the church site by ox-cart.



The church served as a place for community social gatherings. The church also had a girl's broom brigade, which was a type of military-style women's drill team that marched with brooms instead of rifles. Drilling was a popular form of exercise at the time, when participation in sports was largely restricted to men.

The cemetery pre-dates the church by several years. The oldest marked burial is 1853, with the most recent being 2017. The cemetery has an "old" section and "new" section. The old section has about 200 marked graves and over 50 unmarked graves. The new cemetery has over 250 burials with the first burial dated to 1951. This section is still in use today.

About the Program: The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is a listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. These properties may be of national, state, and local significance. The designation is honorary and carries no restrictions or financial incentives. The Alabama Historical Commission created the Alabama Register to provide the public with a quick and easy way to document and recognize historic places, such as houses, schools, churches, and commercial buildings that are at least 40 years old.

A [list of properties in the Alabama Register](#) is available alphabetically by county.

What is the process for getting your property listed? Start by completing the [Alabama Register Form](#) (refer to the [instructions](#)).



About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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