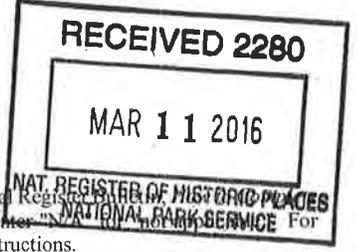


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" in the appropriate box. For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery
Other names/site number N/A
Name of related multiple property listing U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study, Macon County, AL, 1932-1973
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & Number: Slim Road off of County Road 10
City or town: Tuskegee State: AL County: Macon
Not For Publication: Vicinity: Zip Code: 36083

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:
 national statewide local
Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

Lee Anne Wofford March 7, 2016
Signature of certifying official/Title: Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Alabama Historical Commission
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of Commenting Official: Date
Title: State of Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

[Signature]
 Signature of the Keeper

4/24/14
 Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

- Private
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	1	Buildings
1	0	Sites
0	0	Structures
0	0	Objects
1	1	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Current Functions

FUNERARY: cemetery

FUNERARY: cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification

N/A

Materials:

Principal exterior materials of the property:

BRICK, CONCRETE, STONE, METAL

Narrative Description

Creek Stand AME Zion Cemetery is located on a dirt road, Slim Road, which is west of Macon County Road 10 in the southern section of the county. The cemetery lies approximately 15 yards west of the present Creek Stand AME Zion Church building.

The congregation established a church and a cemetery in this isolated rural location in 1895; originally the church stood in the middle of the cemetery. After removing the building c. 1980, congregation members built the present church building in front of the cemetery so as not to damage any graves during construction. The church building is a one-story rectangular shaped concrete block building with an asphalt shingle gable roof that rests on a concrete foundation. Built c. 1980 with a 1995 expansion at the rear, the church building is non-contributing due to its date of construction (NC, date of construction).

Historic trees surround the cemetery and a section of a dirt 19th century road passes between the present church and the cemetery. In its setting (rural and undeveloped), design (nothing formal but rows of graves with several grouped into families), and materials (unchanged since internment), the cemetery retains a strong sense of place, association, feeling and integrity to its period of significance.

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The cemetery is divided into two sections, with an open space representing the location of a c. 1900 church building that was replaced c. 1980 with the current concrete block gable-front church building. The cemetery grave markers reflect a range of materials and of styles. Some come from both standardized, mass-produced designs but also those that reflect the local vernacular in their construction and in their carving. Rectangular shaped concrete markers for Ned Pac[e] is hand-drawn in both the name and death day, "DIED May 11 1928" and for Martha Pace DIED AUG 14 1936" indicate that one local resident probably prepared both markers. But the hand-drawn letters for "IN MEMORY OF MR. ALBERT DANIELS/ BORN 6-20-1898/DIED 5-19-1961" shows that hand-lettering took place well into the 20th century.

The grave markers vary in materials and design. Materials used to make markers include metal (bronze and aluminum), limestone, sandstone, granite, concrete, and marble. The majority of graves have been covered by concrete slabs, installed from c. 1940 to c. 2000, that help to protect individual graves from erosion. Many family groupings exist, but none have been marked by any sort of barrier, be in stone, concrete, or metal fence. Genealogists have identified over 160 burials, with the majority dating prior to 1964; there are over 20 unmarked depressions, which community members believe date to the earliest years of the cemetery.

The concrete block church (c. 1980, 1995) is non-contributing (NC, date of construction) since its date of construction means that it lacks a significant association with the period of significance. The earlier Multiple Property Submission incorrectly stated that the church was remodeled c. 1950; that statement reflected oral traditions from the congregation. Later documentary research and interviews confirm that the concrete block church is c. 1980 with 1995 expansion to the rear.

Cemeteries associated with the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study are potentially eligible historic cemeteries if they contain the burials of subjects listed in Gray's *Tuskegee Syphilis Study*, 6-9, which this cemetery does, and if they retain their historic integrity to the time of the burial of the subjects. This cemetery meets that registration requirement. The cemetery is well maintained. Its historic materials are largely intact and the original design of the cemetery is also intact. With these qualities in place, the cemetery retains a strong sense of association, feeling, and setting to the historic community.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
 (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
 (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)
 Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
less than 50 years old or achieving
- G significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

ETHNIC HERITAGE: BLACK
 SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

C.1895-1973

Significant Dates

C.1895, C. 1955

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery, south of Tuskegee in Macon County, Alabama, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a historic cemetery significant under Criterion A theme of African American ethnic heritage of Macon County. Its late 19th century date of establishment, c. 1895, signifies the property is significantly associated with the creation and expansion of rural African-American institutions, such as churches and cemeteries, across Macon County during the era of "Jim Crow" segregation. The majority of its burials date prior to 1965, and historically reflect the growth and decline of the rural African American community of Creek Stand. Yet, the cemetery has remained in use throughout the twentieth century, becoming a marker of rural communities now forgotten across the landscape of the Alabama Black Belt.

Under the U. S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study MPS, the cemetery is also a locally significant "Roundup Center" property under the Criterion A themes of social history associated that multiple property submission. The property's period of significance under the Syphilis Study MPS begins with c. 1950, the date when "roundups" took place here at this property under the supervision of U.S. Public Health Service officials and Nurse Eunice Rivers. The period of significance extends to 1973, the year when Macon County victims testified to the U.S. Congress about the abuses of the Public Health Service's syphilis study in Macon County and the possible use of this property as a "Roundup Center" ended.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Criterion A Significance: Ethnic Heritage: Black

Creek Stand A.M.E. Church Cemetery began c. 1895, after the sale of the property by local farmer Dr. James E. Ellison to a group of church trustees in 1893 and 1894. The trustees were Stephen Pace, George Washington Pace, Sidney Mahone, Russell Dawkins and Taylor Robinson.¹ Community members consider Creek Stand to be one of the oldest African American rural communities in south Macon County, where slaves and former slaves were buried even before the cemetery was formally established.² Stephen Pace is one of those former slaves buried at the cemetery.³ Beedie Pace (1852-1902) is also representative of that era. Born into slavery, Pace's grave is the oldest known marked grave.

Several grave markers in the cemetery from the turn of the twentieth century to the 1960s document the impact of service in the U.S. military. During and after the Civil War, the U.S. army provided opportunities, although placed in segregated units, to serve the nation and gain respect among their fellow black citizens for their military service, a trend documented by the World War I through the Vietnam War veterans buried in the cemetery.⁴

¹ Macon County Deed Book, #4 (1894), pp. 169-171.

² See the website for The Ridge project, which is being carried out by Auburn University and the local communities of Macon County. www.digtheridge.com.

³ Matthew Busch, "Descendant of Macon County slaves to help commemorate history," Birmingham News, May 27, 2011.

⁴ See essays in Bruce A. Glasrud, ed., *Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on the African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917* (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2011).

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The preponderance of grave markers from the era of c. 1895 to c. 1965 also help to document the rise and decline of rural African American communities in Macon County, places such as Creek Stand. It is the oldest identified historic property associated with the community's African American history. It helps to identify the physical presence of individuals who toiled this land and sustained the community even as no other historic church, school, or community building survives today from the Jim Crow era. Many of the markers, as might be expected considering the relative poverty of the residents, are hand-made or hand-carved. Even markers for prominent farmers, such as Ned Pace (d. 1928), or ministers such as Rev. Dority (d. 1933), are hand-carved and hand-made of concrete. This pattern is not just part of the hard times of the late 1920s and 1930s. Hand-blocked, hand-made markers, such as that for Rev. J. S. Chambliss (d. 1950), were installed after World War II, and the tradition of hand-carved concrete markers continued to the time of the Civil Rights Movement, such as the small rectangular block for Albert Daniels (d. 1961).

The nominated acreage contains the historic cemetery and the associated church building. It contains all of the property owned by the Creek Stand AME Zion Church.

Criterion A Significance: Social History

The nominated property also derives its significance from its documented association with the "roundups" held by officials of the U.S. Public Health Service, including Nurse Eunice Rivers, in the early 1950s. An official PHS photographer took images of a roundup session at the church property in 1952 and those photos are now part of the collections of the National Archives. A 1955 memo lists Creek Stand AME Zion Church as a location for meetings with the physicians for that year. The memo stated "The Government doctor will be here next week. Be sure to meet him at the time and place listed below that is nearest your home."⁵ It is difficult to determine from existing records when roundup sessions began at Creek Stand and when they ended. Interviews with church members emphasized that Rivers visited local families and continued monitoring victims until they either died or when the study ended in the early 1970s.⁶

The process of "roundups" was a critical part of the PHS syphilis study. Sessions like those at Creek Stand AME Zion Church became popular training exercises for USPHS professionals, especially once the improved county roads of the post-World War II era made the trips easier and faster to complete. Where there were concentrations of subjects, Nurse Eunice Rivers would send them a notice to meet at a central location such as Creek Stand AME Zion to be tested.⁷ Historian Susan L. Smith believes that Rivers' involvement with the communities was what kept rural African Americans engaged in the medical project.⁸ The 1950s roundups were popular with young USPHS professionals. Historian James Jones explained that PHS physicians "were eager to conduct the roundups in Alabama. . . . Most were young doctors with little clinical experience. The trips to Tuskegee gave them a chance to sharpen their diagnostic skills by

⁵ Public Health Service to Dear Sir, October 18, 1955, CDC Papers, Tuskegee Syphilis Study Administrative Records, 1930-80, Box 16, Folder Alabama-Misc., National Archives, Southeast Region. Also cited in Reverby, *Tuskegee Truths*, 102.

⁶ Interview with Shari Williams, Willie Pace, Katrina Love, Hattie Lloyd Youson, Jerry Washington, and Alfonso Tolbert at Creek Stand AME Church, September 2011.

⁷ Reverby, *Tuskegee Truths*, 323, 324.

⁸ Susan L. Smith, "Neither Victim Nor Villain: Eunice Rivers and Public Health Work," *Journal of Women's History* 8(1996): 95-113.

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observing the complications of late syphilis. Thus, in addition to collecting blood samples and stimulating the subjects' interest, the roundups served as a training program for young officers.⁹

The church has long recognized its connection to the PHS study and in its community room, it has installed a small exhibit about the syphilis study and how it impacted the congregation, community, and nation. The cemetery also helps to tell that story, and is a significant physical place associated with one of the worst chapters in American medical history.

The nomination property meets Criteria Consideration A (Religious Properties) because it is being nominated for its significance as a cemetery associated with the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study and not for its significance as a church or religious property.

The nominated property meets Criteria Consideration D (a Cemetery) because it is not being nominated solely as a cemetery, but as a cemetery that is significantly associated with victims of the U.S. Public Health Syphilis Study. During the Study, the victims had their greatest value to physicians, not when they were alive, but when they were dead, and many of the victims were eventually interred in the cemetery.

The nominated property also meets Criteria Consideration G (significance within the past 50 years) because the prior Multiple Property Submission documented that the period of significance for the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study extended beyond the normal 50-year guideline.



⁹ Jones, *Bad Blood*, 186.

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Nurse Rivers and U.S. Public Health Service physicians at Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church, 1952. National Archives. Note the proximity of the "roundup center" to the adjacent cemetery.



Local residents and members of the congregation gathered at the "roundup" center for U.S. Public Health Service monitoring, 1952. National Archives

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9. Major Bibliographic References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):		Primary location of additional data:	
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)			State Historic Preservation Office
previously listed in the National Register			Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register			Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark			Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	X		University
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	X		Other
recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #		Name of repository: MTSU Center for Historic Preservation; Belmont University	
Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):			

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approx. 3 USGS Quadrangle Creek Stand
 acres

UTM References

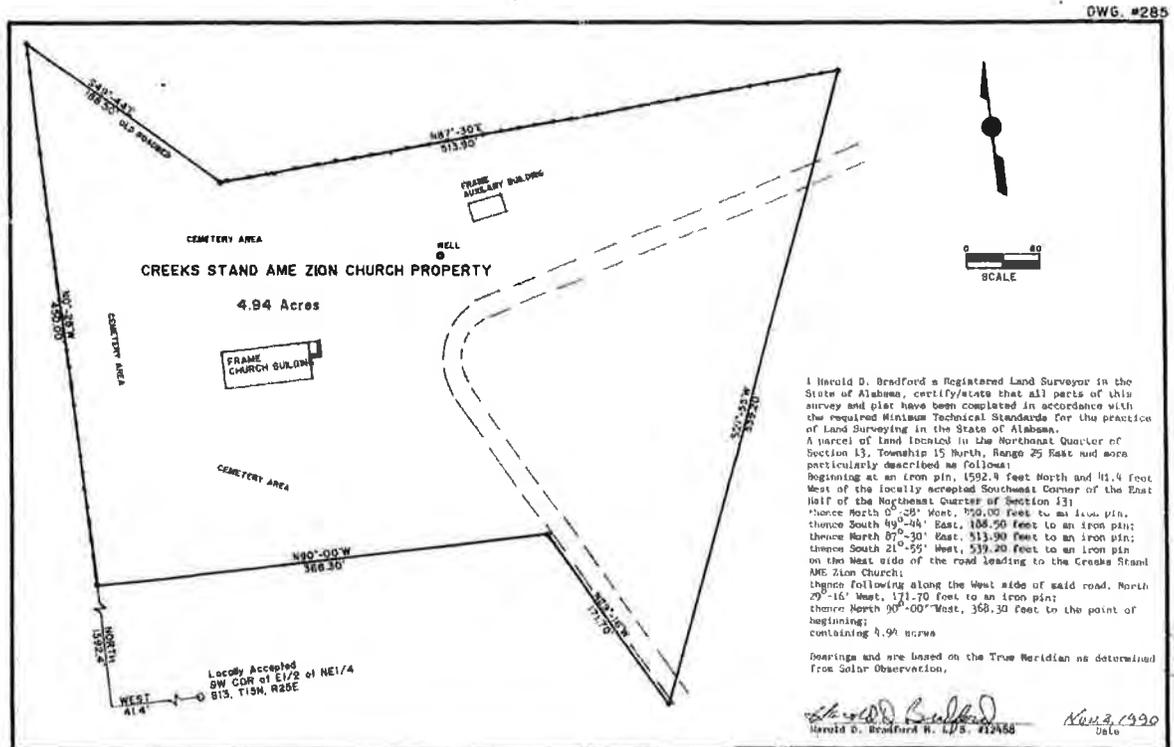
Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

1. Zone: 16N Easting: 642216 Northing: 3573546

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is at Slim Road of off County Road 10 in southern Macon County as indicated in the attached county tax maps.



Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property encompasses the land on which the historic Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion church cemetery stands. It includes all of the property historically associated with the historic cemetery.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to map.
- **Photographs** (refer to Alabama Historical Commission National Register *Photo Policy* for submittal of digital images and prints)
- **Additional items:** (additional supporting documentation including historic photographs, historic maps, etc. should be included on a Continuation Sheet following the photographic log and sketch maps)

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church

City or Vicinity: Tuskegee

County: Macon State: AL

Photographer: Carroll Van West

Date Photographed: September 2013

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Cemetery facing NE

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Cemetery facing S

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Cemetery, with church in background, facing E

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Cemetery, open space (former church site), facing W

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Historic road that passes through cemetery, facing N

5 of 24

Cemetery, facing W

6 of 24

Cemetery, facing N

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Cemetery, facing NW

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Cemetery, facing NW

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Cemetery, facing N

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Cemetery and west edge of property, facing N

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Cemetery, facing NW

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Cemetery, facing W

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Cemetery, Amy Pace grave, facing W
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Cemetery, Rev. Chambliss grave, facing W
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Cemetery, Daniels grave, facing W
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Cemetery, Rev. Dority grave, facing W
17 of 24

Cemetery, Ellison family graves, facing SW
18 of 24

Cemetery, Hubbard grave, facing W
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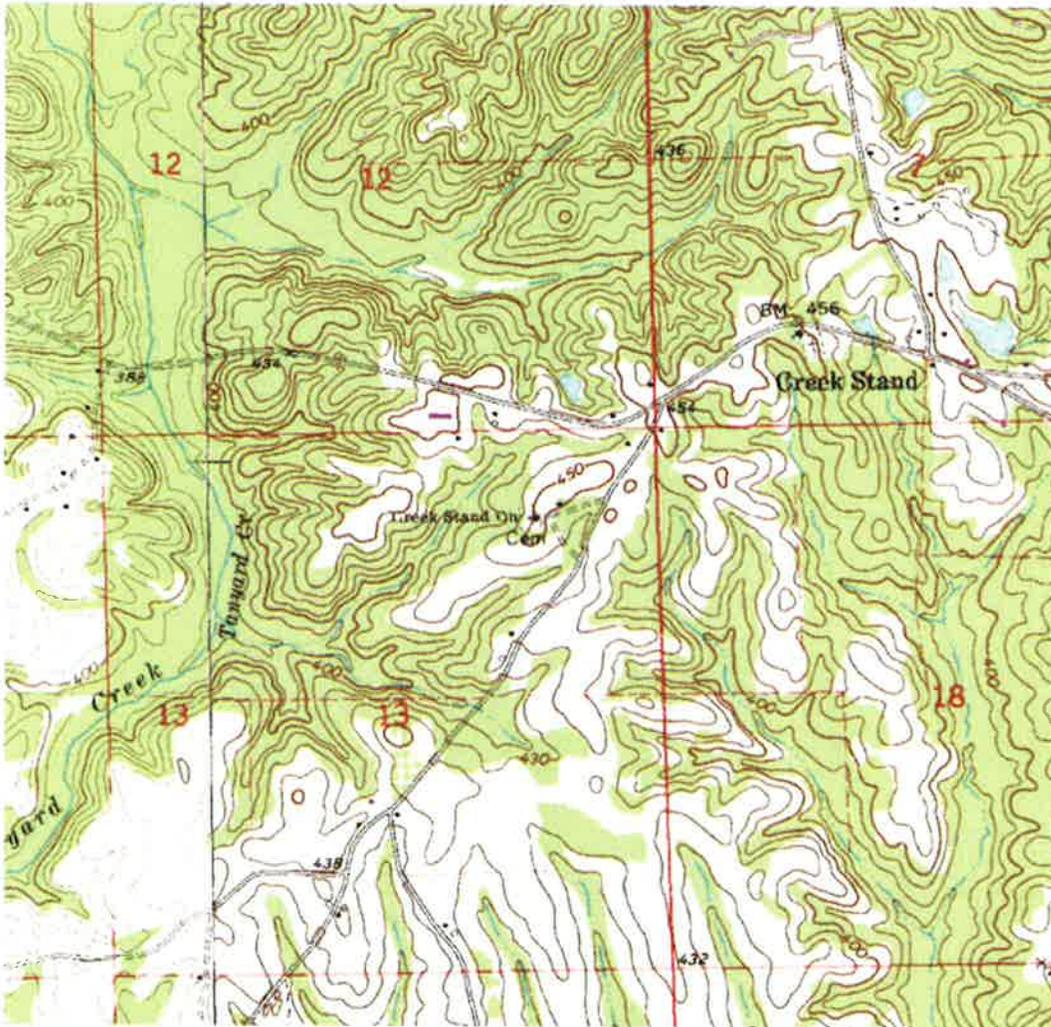
Cemetery, Martha Pace grave, facing W
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Cemetery, Ned Pace grave, facing W
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Cemetery, Snipes grave, facing W
22 of 24

Church, facing N
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Church to east border showing woods
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Creek Stand Cemetery, Alabama

Creek Stand Cemetery is a cemetery located in Macon County, AL at N32.29015° W85.48995° (NAD83) and at an elevation of 449 ft MSL.

Feature Type: Cemetery
Latitude: N32.29015° (NAD83 datum)
Longitude: W85.48995°
Elevation: 449 ft MSL
County: Macon County, Alabama
USGS Map Name: Creek Stand, AL Map MRC: 32085C4
Map Center: UTM Zone: 16N N: 3573546 E: 642216 Datum: NAD83 Zoom: 4m/pixel

<http://www.topoquest.com/place-detail.php?id=1805475>

Property Owner

(This information will not be submitted to the National Park Service, but will remain on file at the Alabama Historical Commission)

Name Creek Stand AME Zion Church (Shari Williams and Rev. Katrina Love, contact)

Street & Number 10735 County Road 10 Telephone wellberr@bellsouth.net and kloveunlimited2@msn.com

City or Town Union Springs State AL 36089













LILLIE P. LLOYD

ROSIE MAE SMITH
APR. 7, 1922
DEC. 5, 1980
A LOVING WIFE & MOTHER
REST IN PEACE

REV. LOGAN SMITH
OCT. 13, 1918
SEPT. 21, 1995
STRONG FATHER AND HUSBAND
REST IN PEACE

WILLIAM HUBBARD
APRIL 6, 1913
OCT. 4, 1973
AT REST

HAVE FAITH IN GOD
MAY 8, 1943
MAY 1, 1976

NATHANIEL FRANCE
MARCH 17, 1919
JUNE 3, 1978

FONZIE M. MAHONE
MAY 4, 1900
SEPT. 11, 1980
AT REST







PEARLIE LEE JULIA
B. DEC. 6, 1878
D. APR. 23, 1961

EDWARD SPARKS
BORN 18 5/1 18 5/1
DIED 19 4/1 19 4/1

JAMES PACE SR
US NAVY
WORLD WAR II
JUL 4 1925 JUL 12 1991

DOROTHY ELAINE SMITH
Born: Nov. 1, 1956
Died: Jan. 23, 1991

ROBERT
SNIPES
PVT
US ARMY
WORLD WAR II
1914
1983





MOTHER
ALBERTA HUBBARD
JAN. 14, 1895
NOV. 3, 1975
Beloved

JAN. 14, 1895
NOV. 3, 1975

ALBERTA HUBBARD
JAN. 14, 1895
NOV. 3, 1975





AMY PACE

Born Feb. 10, 1877

Died Nov. 23, 1956



REV.
J.S. CHAMBLISS
DIED
JAN. 9, 1950
AT





MEMORY OF
MR. ALBERT DANIELS
BORN: 6-20-1898
DIED 5-19-1961



Rev. A.

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CHARLE POPE
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ELAR HUBBARD
BORN FEB. 26, 1875
DIED SEP. 26, 1960
AT REST



WELFARE
DIED
1922

JUN 7 1886
JAN 4 1918



KATIE SNIPES
JUNE 7, 1886
JAN. 4, 1918



CREEKSTAND AME ZION #1
ORGANIZED 1895 - BURNED 1905
BUILT BY PETER ALLEN THOMPSON
W. C. THOMAS SUPERVISOR
TRUSTEES AND DONORS
MR. ALBERT HENRI
MR. GEORGE WENDLING SR
MR. EARL ALEXANDER
MR. LEO HENNINGER
MR. JOHN WASHINGTON
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