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I. Name of Property:

Historic Name: _____

Common Name: _____

Preferred name for Certificate: Historic Name or Common Name

2. Location:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: Alabama County: _____ Zip: _____

Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ USGS Quad Map: _____

3. Owner of Property:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Does the owner consent to nominating this property? Yes No

4. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation (if different from the owner):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

5. Geographical Data (acreage of nominated property): _____

6. Date of Construction: _____

Source of Date: _____

7. Date(s) of Alterations: _____

Source of Date: _____

8. Physical Description

Architect/Builder:	
Contractor:	
Original Owner / Dates of Occupancy:	
Subsequent Owners / Dates of Occupancy:	
Physical Condition: (excellent, good, fair, poor, ruinous)	
Remaining Historic Fabric: (high, medium, low)	
Historic Use of Property:	
Current Use of Property:	
Number of Stories:	
Exterior Historic Construction Material(s): (brick, concrete, log, metal, stone, stucco, wood-frame, other.)	
Current Exterior Covering: (asbestos, brick, concrete, log, metal, stone, stucco, vinyl, wood-frame, other.)	
Roof Configuration: (gable, flat, hip, mansard, pyramidal, shed.)	
Roof Finish Materials: (asphalt, built-up, composite, metal, slate, tar, tile, wood, other, or unknown).	
Foundation Material: (brick, concrete block, poured concrete, stone, wood, other or unknown).	
Window Type: (awning, casement, double hung, fixed, hopper, and jalousie) Materials: (metal, synthetic, and wood)	
Interior Materials: (finishes, walls, ceiling, floors, etc.)	
Interior Detail: (stairs, fireplaces, mantels, doors, molding, built-in furniture, etc.)	
Number and Type of all Outbuildings: (barn, garage, gazebo/summerhouse, shed, storm shelter.)	
General Character and surroundings: (rural, small town, commercial area, urban, etc.)	

9. History (please use additional sheets when necessary)

Please provide a history of the property. The history should include how the property developed over time, how the property was/is used, information about the people who lived/worked there, and any significant events or activities that happened there.

10. Bibliographical Reference

Please provide a list of sources you consulted to find historical information.

I 1. 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.

I2. Attach a map showing the location of the property.

You can use www.google.com/maps

I3. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. Submit current, good quality digital images on a CD/DVD. Interior and exterior photos are required. Good quality 4" x 6" photos will be accepted, but do NOT staple or tape photographs. All images will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

I4. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items I 1, I2, and I3 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission
Attn: Rebekah Reader
468 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

For additional questions contact
Rebekah Reader at 334-230-2699 or Rebekah.Reader@ahc.alabama.gov

New Sister Spring Baptist Church | Selma, AL

Property nominated by Theo M. Moore II
African American Heritage Coordinator
Alabama Historical Commission



New Sister Spring Baptist Church was established and built in 1893 under the pastoral leadership of Pastor A.Z. Huggins. In 1924, the original structure was rebuilt by the congregation under the leadership of Pastor J.L. Palmer. The brick building that currently stands today, was constructed in 1958 during the years A.C. Cosby served as pastor. However, it seems that the wood framework of the 1924 building sits underneath the layer of bricks. In January of 1994, the foyer was added to the front of the building. Lastly, the church has a cemetery located south of campus.

The church looks to be original to the latest construction year of 1958. The sanctuary has wood panel walls with original pews and chairs. The sanctuary has unique red stained-glass windows that causes the space to have a bright red glow. The church building has been vacant since the construction of the new church building, across the street, in the early 2000s. The older members of the congregation have vivid memories of the old church building and its role during the events of the Selma-to-Montgomery March of 1965.

New Sister Spring Baptist Church is located between highway 80 (primary marching route) and David Hall's Farm where marchers camped during their first stop. Although the first day of the march was only 7 miles long, many of the participants weren't used to walking that far. They stopped that night on the land of farmer David Hall, who risked harassment from white neighbors. An advance crew had set up tents for separate men's and women's camps, supplies and first aid, and a Selma church supplied the supper meal. Physicians and nurses among the marchers attended to ill and injured. Volunteer security guards patrolled the camp because the marchers didn't trust the National Guardsmen, who were white Alabamans.

According to New Sister Baptist Church elders, they recall the church contributing to the camp site by allowing visitors to park their vehicles on campus, providing a meeting place for the organizers of the march, and supplying the camp with water and food. Also, members have mentioned that the National Guardsmen were stationed on church grounds for security purposes.

Historical Image



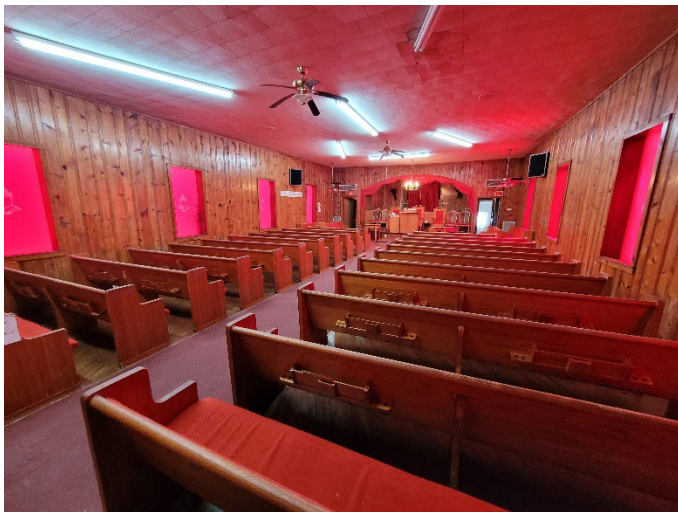
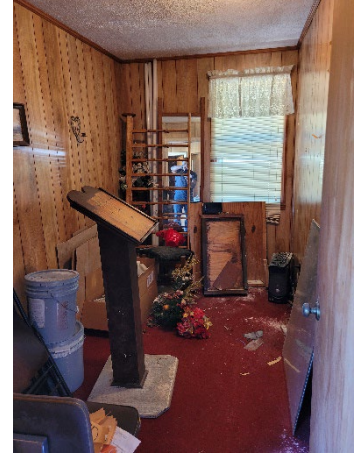
Exterior Images

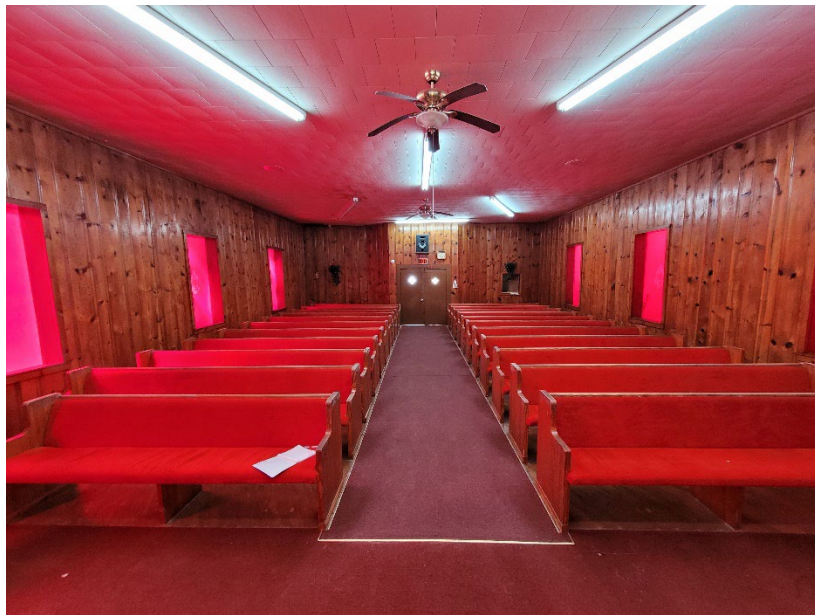
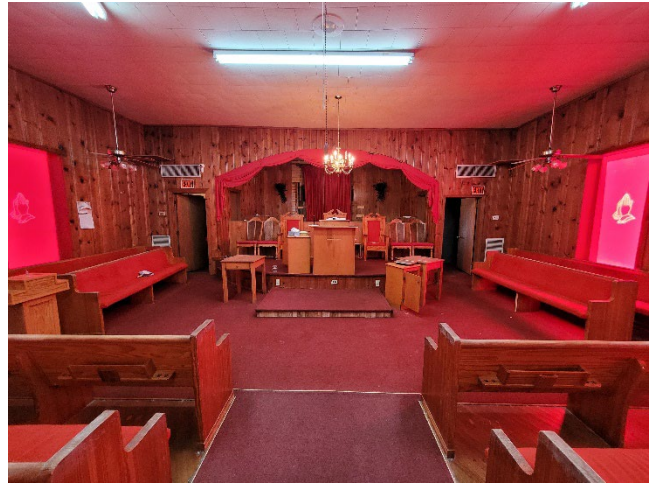


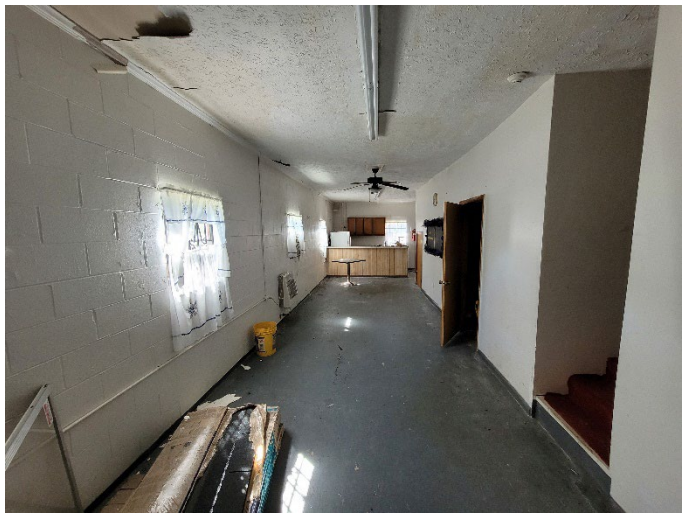
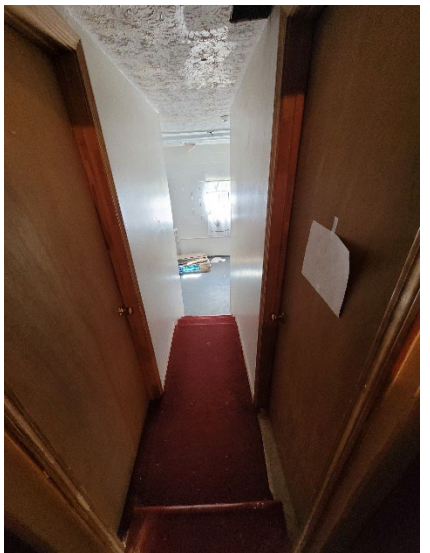




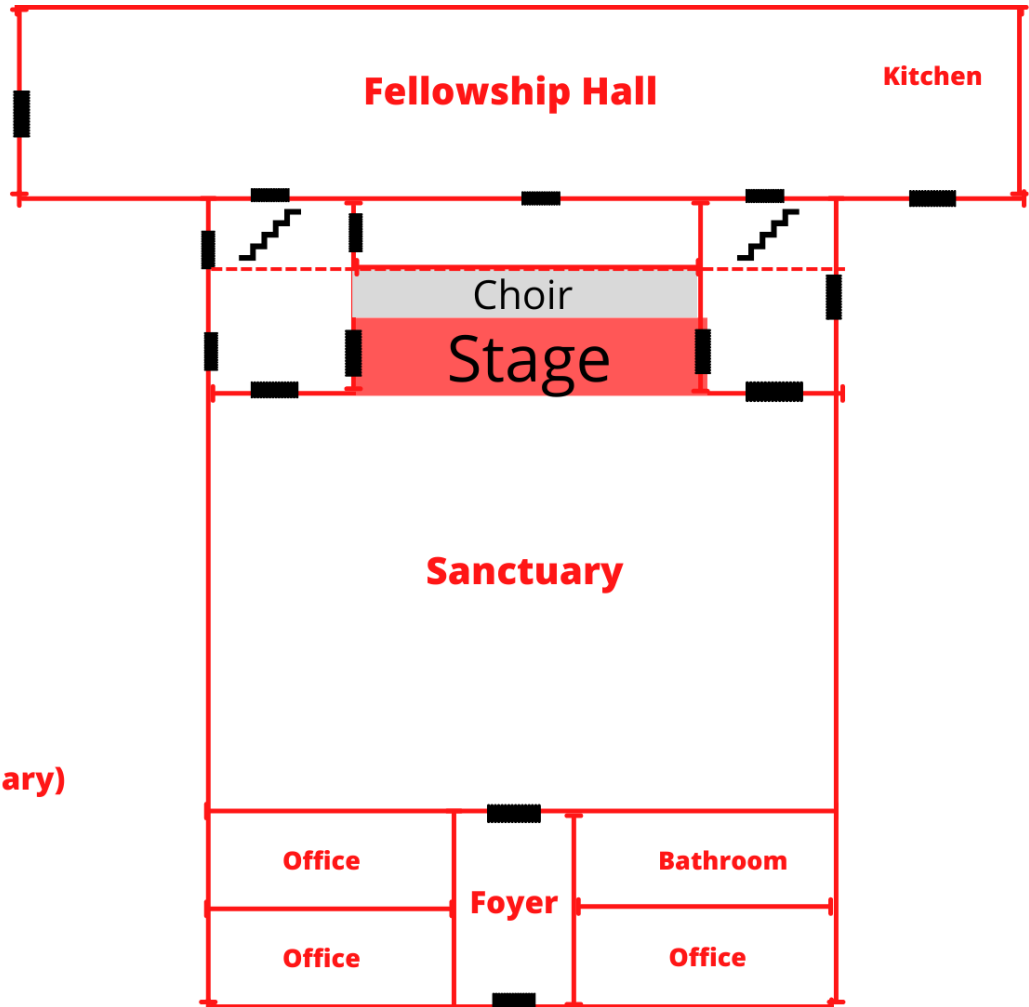
Interior Images







Floor Plan



Main level (Sanctuary)

New Sister Spring Baptist Church

Aerial Images



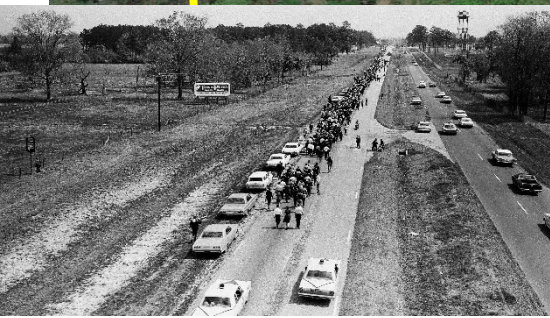
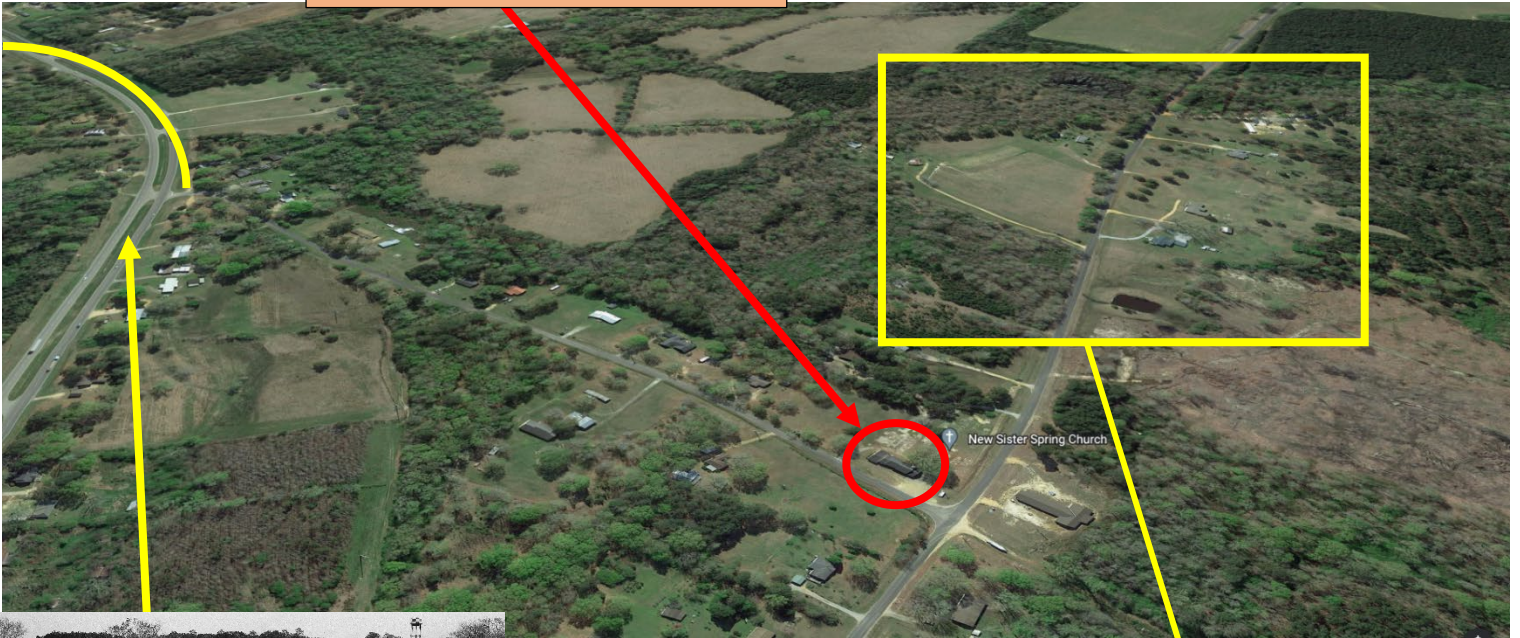
**New Sister Spring Baptist Church
Cemetery**



**New Sister Spring Baptist Church
(Old Building)**

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**Selma-to-Montgomery March 1965
(Highway 80)**



David Hall Farm (Campsite 1)



Alabama Historic Cemetery Register Application

Complete all sections; enter N/A if a section does not apply

SECTION I: NAME / LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Name: New Sister Spring Church Cemetery
 Common Name: New Sister Spring Church Cemetery
 Preferred Name for Cemetery Certificate: Historic Common
 Address: 446 Dallas County Road 67 City: Selma
 County: Dallas County Within city limits
 Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Quadrangle Sheet (USGS): _____
 GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 32.329025 Longitude: -86.949268
 Tax Map (if available): _____
 Historic Atlas of Alabama: Volume 2, Cemetery Locations by County Number (available from AHC): _____
 Deed Reference (If known, provide deed information (volume, page, signing date) as to the ownership of the land from which the cemetery was set aside.) _____

SECTION 2: CEMETERY FEATURES

<p>1. Dates of burials: Oldest: <u>1944 Oct. 15</u> Most recent: <u>2021 Oct. 31</u></p> <p>2. Number of graves: <u>287</u> Marked: <u>214</u> Unmarked: <u>73</u></p> <p>3. Threats to cemetery: <u>None</u></p> <p>4. Does a burial listing exist? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (location: _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p> <p>5. Cemetery Access: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public access <input type="checkbox"/> Private property</p> <p>6. Primary Access: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walk <input type="checkbox"/> Drive Distance from nearest road: _____</p> <p>7. Is the cemetery still active? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>8. Cemetery Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Primarily African American <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>9. Condition (all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Not maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Partially maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Neglected / Overgrown <input type="checkbox"/> Trash/Dumping Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>10. Size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 acre <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 10 acres <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 50 acres <input type="checkbox"/> More than 50 acres</p>
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For Official Use Only

AHC Cemetery Number: _____
 # in county: _____
 # in state: _____

Not for Publication

11. Setting:

- Rural
- Small town
- Urban
- Suburban

12. Perimeter:

- Fence (type: _____)
- Wall
- Vegetation
- Road(s)
- Vacant Land
- Buildings
- Other: _____

13. Evidence of Segregation or Grouping by:

- Race/Ethnicity
- Religion
- Family
- Military
- Occupation
- Fraternal organization
- None
- Other: African American Cemetery

14. Orientation of Graves:

- East-West
- North-South
- Toward central monument
- Toward a river
- Toward road
- Other: _____

15. Marker Types (check all that apply):

- above-ground tomb
- box tomb
- column
- comb grave
- coping / curbing / cradles
- foot stone
- headstone
- ledger stone
- obelisk
- rock cairn
- statuary
- tablet stone
- Other: _____

16. Veterans Gravestones:

- American Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Civil War (Union) N/A
- Civil War (Confederate);
- Spanish American War
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Operation Desert Storm
- Operation Enduring Freedom
- Operation Iraqi Freedom

17. Marker Designs (check all that apply):

- All-seeing Eye
- Anchor
- Angel
- Bible
- Cross
- Draped Urn
- Flower Motifs
- Hand reaching down
- Hand with finger point up
- Heart
- Lamb
- Masonic
- Menorah
- Sleeping Child
- Star/ Star of David
- Weeping Willow
- Other: N/A

18. Grave Articles:

- bedsteads
- bottles
- ceramic objects
- clocks
- dolls/toys
- flowers/plastic flowers
- flower pots/vases
- jars
- lamps
- light bulbs
- marbles
- medicine bottles
- pinwheels
- milk jugs/plastic bottles
- plates
- sea shells
- none
- Other: balloons

19. Landscape Features:

- casual and unplanned
- designed plantings
- designed drives and walks
- designed fencing and walls
- informal/ picturesque
- terracing / contouring
- Other: _____

20. Ornamental Plantings/Historic Vegetation:

21. Additional Information:

SECTION 3: HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The cemetery derives its importance from: (check all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important Person(s) buried on site | <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Carver | <input type="checkbox"/> Monument Manufacturer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Designer/Architect | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Significance | <input type="checkbox"/> Unique Burial Practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unique Grave Markers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Broad Pattern in History |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Church | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Family |

In a narrative statement, provide a brief history of the cemetery. Include any biographical/genealogical information about persons buried there or any relevant history on a church, community, etc. nearby. Attach additional sheets/documentation if necessary, but still provide at least a narrative paragraph summary below. Burial listings will be accepted as supplemental information, but not as a substitute for the historical narrative.

Bibliographical Sources:

New Sister Spring Baptist Church Cemetery



The New Sister Spring Baptist Church has no documentation nor a burial listing for the cemetery on church grounds. However, the church congregation was able to gather information based on the current physical attributes of the cemetery. According to the church congregation, there are 287 graves (214 graves are marked, and 73 graves are unmarked).

Images of some marked and unmarked graves



Most Recent

Oldest

SECTION 4: APPLICANT / OWNER INFORMATION

Owner of Property (if known)

Name: New Sister Spring Church
Address: 46 Dallas County Rd 67
City: Selma State: AL Zip: 36701
Telephone: 334-505-1498
Email: JGHallock@gmail.com

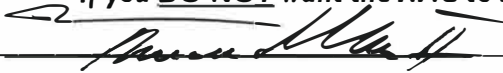
Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name: Theo M. Moore II
Address: 468 South Pally Street
City: Montgomery State: AL Zip: 36130
Telephone: 334-230-2691
Email: Theo.moore@ahc.alabama

NOTICE: Notification will be sent to the local governing body (city council or county commission) and county historical/genealogical societies.

If you DO NOT want the AHC to send this notification, please sign below:

Signature _____



SECTION 5: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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- 2) Attach a portion of a county map, USGS map, or other map that clearly shows the precise location of the cemetery.

Return this completed form and all attachments to:

Alabama Historical Commission
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Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900
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