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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Not For Publication: Vicinity: Zip Code: 36083
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Applicable National Register Criteria: X A B C D
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NPS Form 10-900 OMB No. 1024-0018 Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church Macon County, AL Name of Property County and State 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 of the Keeper 5. Classification **Ownership of Property Category of Property** Private Building(s) Public - Local District Public - State Site Public - Federal 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 Total

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

Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church	Macon County, AL	
Name of Property	County and State	
6. Function or Use		
Historic Functions	Current Functions	
FUNERARY: cemetery	FUNERARY: cemetery	
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7. Description		
Architectural Classification		
N/A		
Materials:		
Principal exterior materials of the property:	BRICK, CONCRETE, STONE, METAL	

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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	Areas of Significance
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria	
qualifying the property for National Register	ETHNIC HERITAGE: BLACK
listing.)	SOCIAL HISTORY
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	Period of Significance
characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction	C.1895-1973
or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant	Significant Dates
and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	C.1895, C. 1955
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	
ilistory.	Significant Person
Criteria Considerations	(Complete only if Criterion B is marked
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	above.)
Property is:	N/A
A Owned by a religious institution or used for	
X religious purposes.	Cultural Affiliation
B removed from its original location.	N/A
C a birthplace or grave.	
X D a cemetery.	Architect/Builder
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	N/A
F a commemorative property.	
less than 50 years old or achieving	
X G significance within the past 50 years.	

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<u>Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph</u> (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." 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. Historian Susan L. Smith believes that Rivers' involvement with the communities was what kept rural African Americans engaged in the medical project. 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

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.

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

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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.

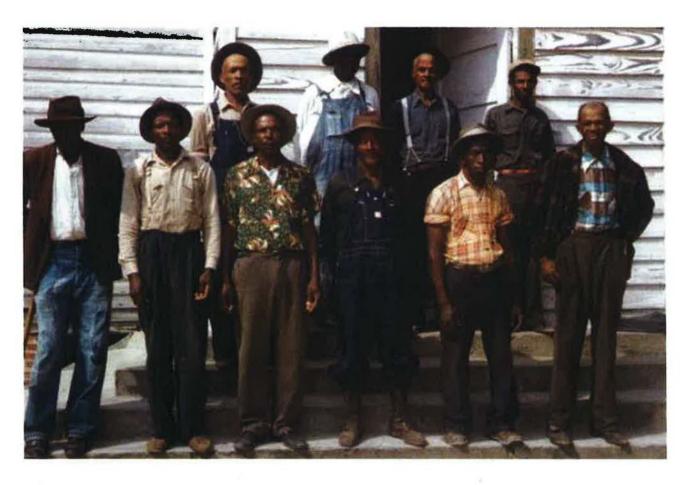
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Nurse Rivers and U.S. Public Health Service physicians at Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church, 1952. National Archives. Note the proximity of the "roundup center" to the adjacent cemetery.



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
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designated a National Historic Landmark		Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	X	University
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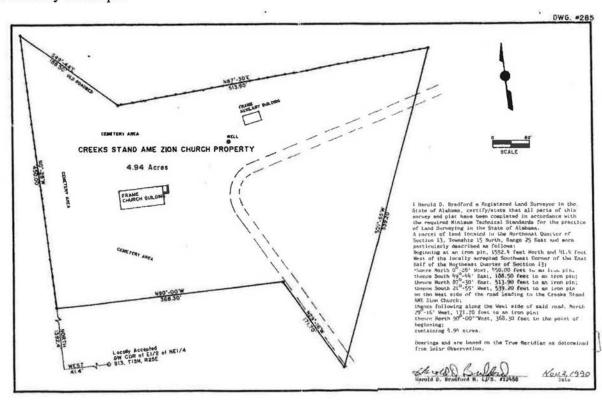
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. Geographical Data			
Acreage of Property	Approx. 3 acres	USGS Quadrangle	Creek Stand
UTM References Datum (indicated on US	GS map):		
NAD 1927 or	X NAD 1	983	
1. Zone: 16N	Easting: (642216 Nort	thing: 3573546

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	1 Ву			
Name _	Carroll Van West (reviewed by Jer	nifer Bailey, AHC Arc	nitectural Historian)	
Organization _	MTSU Center for Historic Preservation			
Street & Number _	Box 80	Date	March 2, 2015	
City or Town	Murfreesboro	Telephone	615-898-2947	
E-mail	carroll.west@mtsu.edu	State TN	Zip Code 37132	

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)
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 maps, etc. should be included on a Continuation Sheet following the photographic log and sketch
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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.).

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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

1 of 24

Cemetery facing S

2 of 24

Cemetery, with church in background, facing E

3 of 24

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

4 of 24

Historic road that passes through cemetery, facing N

5 of 24

Cemetery, facing W

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Cemetery, facing N

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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 14 of 24

Cemetery, Rev. Chambliss grave, facing W 15 of 24

Cemetery, Daniels grave, facing W 16 of 24

Cemetery, Rev. Dority grave, facing W 17 of 24

Cemetery, Ellison family graves, facing SW 18 of 24

Cemetery, Hubbard grave, facing W 19 of 24

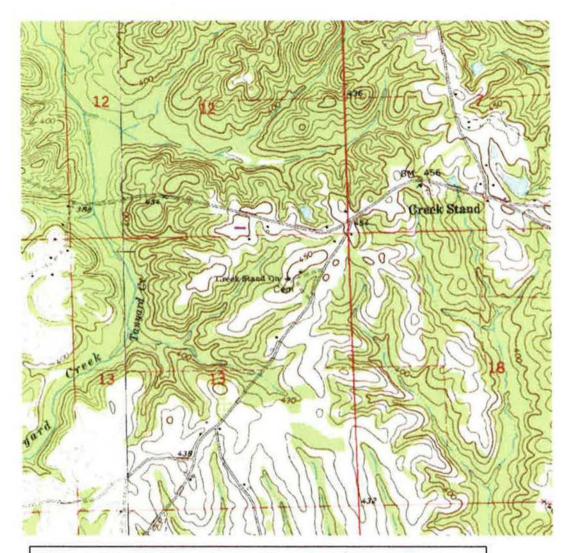
Cemetery, Martha Pace grave, facing W 20 of 24

Cemetery, Ned Pace grave, facing W 21 of 24

Cemetery, Snipes grave, facing W 22 of 24

Church, facing N 23 of 24

Church to east border showing woods 24 of 24



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:

Latitude:

Cemetery N32.29015° (NAD83 datum) W85.48995°

Longitude: Elevation:

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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:

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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 fi	ile 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

















































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Correspondence

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Ms. Carol Shull Keeper of the National Register U. S. Department of the Interior, NPS Cultural Resources National Register, History & Education Programs 1201 "I" Street NW (2280) Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the nomination and supporting documentation to be considered for listing the following Alabama resource in the National Register of Historic Places:

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Your consideration of the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

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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.

Cemeteries associated with the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study are potentially eligible historic cemeteries if they contain the burials of subjects isted 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 cometery 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	Areas of Significance
qualifying the property for National Register	ETHNIC HERITAGE: BLACK
listing.)	SOCIAL HISTORY
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	Period of Significance
characteristics	C.1895-1973
of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or	
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significant	Significant Dates
and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	C.1895, C. 1955
1 1	Significant Dates C.1895, C. 1955
history.	Significant Person
Criteria Considerations	(Complete only if Criterion B is marked
Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	above.)
Property is:	N/A
A Owned by a religious institution or used for	7
X religious purposes.	Cultural Affiliation
B removed from its original location.	N/A
C a birthplace or grave.	
X D a cemetery.	Architect/Builder
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	N/A
F a commemorative property.	
less than 50 years old or achieving X G significance within the past 50 years.	

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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 statewide 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. 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

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.

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).

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. These photographs show Nurse Eunice Rivers and unidentified Public Health Service physicians drawing blood from a group of older African American who had been part of the study for the last the entry years. A 1955 memo lists Creek Stand AME Zion Church as a location for meetings with the physicians in that year. The memo stated "The Government doctor will be here next week. Be sure to meet him at the one and place listed below that is nearest your home." It is difficult to determine from existing records when foundup 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. Historian Susan L. Smith believes that Rivers' involvement with the communities was what kept rural African Americans engaged in the medical project. 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.

All of the historic African American cemeteries in Macon County significantly associated with the U.S. Public Health Service's syphilis study are potentially eligible at the local level in Macon County. Due to the impact of the study's history and legacy on Alabama many of these cemeteries are of statewide significance to the social history of Alabama. Creek Stand AME Zion Church Cemetery rises to the level of statewide significance due to the 1952 official photographs that show Nurse Rivers and federal physicians addressing study victims at the cemetery: such graphic, direct evidence is rare, and is compelling of how the study was administered in the 1950s.



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.

⁹ Jones, Bad Blood, 186.

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

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
	X	University
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	X	Other
recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #		ne of repository: MTSU Center for Histoservation; Belmont University

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10. Geographical Data			
Acreage of Property	Approx. 3 acres	USGS Quadrangle	Creek Stand
UTM References Datum (indicated on US	SGS map):		
NAD 1927 or	X NAD 198	3	
1. Zone: 16N	Easting: 642	2216 N	orthing: 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				
Name	Carroll Van West				
Organization	MTSU Center for Historic Preservation				
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Street & Number _	Box 80	Date	March 2, 2015		
City or Town	Murfreesboro	Telephone	615-898-2947		
E-mail	carroll.west@mtsu.edu	State TN	Zip Code 37132		

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the complete term:

- Maps: A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 injuste series) indicating the property's location.
- Sketch map for historic districts and properties having arge 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)

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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 our 3 of 24

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

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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 13 of 24

Cemetery, Amy Pace grave, facing W 14 of 24

Cemetery, Rev. Chambliss grave, facing W 15 of 24

Cemetery, Daniels grave, facing W 16 of 24

Cemetery, Rev. Dority grave, facing W 17 of 24

Cemetery, Ellison family graves, facing SW 18 of 24

Cemetery, Hubbard grave, facing W 19 of 24

Cemetery, Martha Pace grave, facing W 20 of 24

Cemetery, Ned Pace grave, facing W 21 of 24

Cemetery, Snipes grave, facing W 22 of 24

Church, facing N 23 of 24

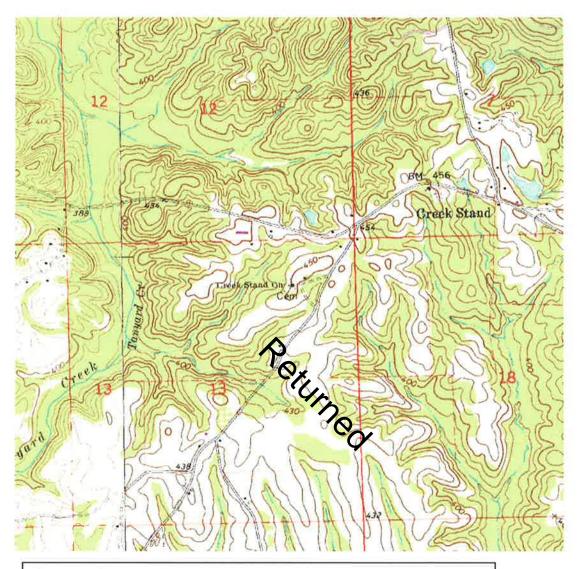
Church to east border showing woods 24 of 24

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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

Name of Prop	erty	County and State			
Property Ow	ner				
Name	Creek Stand AME Zion Church (Shari W	n Church (Shari Williams and Rev. Katrina Love, contact)			
Street & Number	10735 County Road 10	Talanhana	wellberr@bellsouth.net and kloveunlimited2@msn.com		
City or Town	II. G.,	State	AL 36089		

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery NAME:
MULTIPLE U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study, Macon County, Ala NAME: bama MPS
STATE & COUNTY: ALABAMA, Macon
DATE RECEIVED: 6/05/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/07/15 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/22/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/21/15 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000432
REÁSONS FOR REVIEW:
APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
COMMENT WAIVER: N
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:
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REVIEWER WORLDUNG DISCIPLINE 1787
TELEPHONE DATE 12115
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N
If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places

Comments Evaluation/Return Sheet

Property Name:

Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery

Property Location:

Macon County, Alabama

Reference Number:

15000432

Date of Return:

7/21/15

Reason for Return:

The nomination is being returned because the form does not classify the property correctly and it is unclear what is included within the nomination boundaries.

Section 5 - Classification and Section 10 - Geographical Data

The property should be classified by the most important resource – in this case the historic cemetery (site). It is unclear what is classified as a "contributing building" in the number of resources. Please clarify.

The nomination narrative describes the current church as c. 1980 and located in front of the cemetery. The date of this church differs from what is in the Multiple Property Cover Document in Section F, on page 20. Please correct and if necessary, amend the cover document. If the current church is actually older, (remodeled c. 1950?) then clarify if it was also used as a "Roundup Center" since it would fall within the period of significance or if it was only at the site of the historic church (now demolished) that was the "Roundup" location.

The verbal boundary description indicates "attached county tax maps" but these were not included in the nomination. Please clarify what is included within the 3 acres, if it includes only the historic cemetery or if the nonhistoric church is also included.

Section 8

A brief paragraph is needed explaining why this property meets the special requirements indicated in Criteria Considerations A, D, and G. Please refer to the National Register Bulletin *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, pgs. 25 - 43 for more information.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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March 7, 2016

Ms. Stephanie Toothman Keeper of the National Register US Department of the Interior, NPS Cultural Resources National Register, History & Education Programs 1201 "I" Street NW (2280) Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Toothman:

Enclosed please find a revised nomination as requested by Lisa Deline for the:

Creek Stand A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama Reference No.: 15000432

The original nomination for this historic district was sent to the National Park Service on May 27, 2015. It was returned to and received by our office on August 25, 2015 with a request for clarifications. We believe the nomination is now in order. Your consideration of this revised nomination is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAW/nw

Enclosures