

ALABAMA COMB GRAVE CEMETERIES LISTED BY COUNTY:

Total number of comb cems known in AL: 69 (includes 6 ex-comb cems.)

Total number of counties known to have comb cems: 13

Map Co-ords

7.5 Quad

BLOUNT COUNTY (1)

Harmony Cem. N33 51.122 33 51 07.3 Creel
W086 56.707 86 56 42.4

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 4 combs (3 gable scribed).
4 laid stone boxes, one of which is topped with a stepped pyramid
1.8 miles from Shiloh Cem.

Dated combs: 1863, 1866, 1871, 1878.

CHEROKEE COUNTY (1)

Yellow Creek Cem. N34 11.386 34 11 23.2
W085 44.813 85 44 48.8

Examined 5/2021 by RCF & JCF: 10 combs, 7 made of very thick ss slabs;
3 sidescribed children's combs.

Dated combs: 1873, 1888, 1890

CULLMAN COUNTY (3)

Arkadelphia Cem. N33 54.403 33 54 24.2 Arkadelphia
W086 57.679 86 57 40.7

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 17 combs; mostly headless and many gable-scribed;
mixed left over right and right over left;
2.75 miles from Shiloh Cem.

Dated combs: 1862, 1863, 1864, 1874, 1875 (2), 1878 (4), 1879, 1880, 1902, 1907

Brushy Creek Cem N34 04.440 34 04 26.4
W086 58.781 86 58 46.9

Dated combs: mother (1906) & son (1899)

Shiloh Cem. N33 52.534 33 52 32.0 Arkadelphia
 W086 55.885 86 55 53.1

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 1 comb and 1 collapsed comb
1 shelter grave

1.8 miles from Harmony Cem.; 2.75 miles from Arkadelphia Cem.

ETOWAH COUNTY (2)

Leeth Cem. N34 08.456 34 08 27.4 Rodentown
 W086 03.018 86 03 01.1

Examined 2012 by RCF & JCF: 8 combs; 2 pyramid style box graves
2.5 miles from Scott Cem.

Scott Cem. N34 10.053 34 10 03.2 Rodentown
(aka Kyuka Cem.) W086 01.252 86 01 15.1

Examined 2012 by RCF & JCF: 5 combs remaining (generally in poor cond.) +
a number of former combs

2.5 miles from Leeth Cem.

FAYETTE COUNTY (6)

Boley Community Cem. N33 38.237 33 38 14.2 Berry
 W087 30.762 87 30 45.7

5 combs photodocumented by Mike Henderson & reconfirmed by RCF & JCF in
5/2019.

Dated combs: 1883 (2)

Gravlee-Nall Cem. N33 33.970 33 33 58.2 Newtonville
 W087 48.686 87 48 41.2

Examined 5/2021 by RCF & JCF: 9 combs, 6 of which are of modern vintage,
constructed of very neatly dressed grey limestone slabs, covering graves with dates
of death 1920, 1930 (2), 1978, 1980 & 1984. There are also 3 old combs, in poor
condition, made of ss. The limestone combs are said by a Gravlee family member to
have all been erected at the same time. There is also one solid (?) comb-shaped
grave constructed of broken pieces of ss slabs cemented together.

Dated combs: 1865, 1872, 1879, 1920, 1930 (2), 1978, 1980, 1984

Madison Cem. N 33 38.439 33 38 26.3 Berry
 W087 33.843 87 33 50.6

4 combs photodocumented by Mike Henderson, 2 of which are total wrecks. 2018. Some of the combs here are examples of the “interlocking” style of construction, featuring gable stones that are notched to hold the side slabs in place, very similar to that photographed at Old Liberty Hill Cem. (in adjacent Walker county) in 1982.

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 4 combs, 3 of which are of the “interlocking” style of construction, one intact (dated 1904), 1 broken up, and 1 collapsed. There is a 4th comb, not of the interlocking type. In addition, there are 3 ex-combs, 2 indicated by paired triangular gablestones, and 1 indicated by a pair of notched gablestones. NB: This graveyard is also a scraped earth cemetery.

Dated comb: 1904

Melton Cem. N33 34.688 33 34 41.3 New Lexington
 W087 44.312 87 44 18.7

2 combs photodocumented by Mike Henderson in 2015.

Old Shepherd Church Cem. N33 33.194 33 33 11.6 Newtonville
 W087 49.618 87 49 37.1

Examined 5/2021 by RCF & JCF: Has 2 ss combs, shown in images on <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~alfayett/OldShepherdCem.html>

Dated comb: 1863

Old Union Grove Cem. N33 36.594 33 36 35.6 Berry SE
 W087 30.748 87 30 44.9

1 comb photodocumented by Mike Henderson.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (1)

Posey Mill Cem. N34 18.872 34 18 52.3 Kinlock Spring
 W087 35.261 87 35 15.7

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 3 combs, one of which is dated 1892 & decorated with 8-pointed stars on both the head- & foot-stones, which are made of slabs of ripple-marked sandstone. 1 box grave.

Dated comb: 1892

JACKSON COUNTY (1)

Cargile Cem. N 34 53.414 34 53 24.8 Doran Cove, AL-TN
 W085 51.654 85 51 39.2

Examined by RCF in 2014: Located on east side of Hwy 117, just outside of Stevenson city limits going north. There are 3 crude limestone combs, very flattened, apparently from collapse. Sides are composed of multiple slabs, possibly originally single slabs now broken (uncertain). One child's comb dated b 1863 – d 1865. Northernmost combs reported in Alabama.

Dated comb: 1865

JEFFERSON COUNTY (1)

Cahawba Cem. N33 37.279 33 37 16.7 Leeds
 W086 36.279 86 36 16.7

At least 6 combs can be seen in photos by Ian Brown.
http://www.interment.net/data/us/al/jefferson/truss_bapt/

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 6 combs, mostly intact, including one extraordinarily large comb dated 1879.

Dated combs: 1856, 1876, 1879 & 1884.

MARION COUNTY (1)

Poplar Springs Cem. N33 57.732 33 57 43.9
 W87 43.368 87 43 22.1

At least 9 combs can be seen in photo on Find-a-Grave:
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=25608>

MORGAN COUNTY (1)

Roberts Family Cem. N34 27.890 34 27 53.4 Danville
 W087 03.176 87 03 10.6

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 9 combs. According to the cemetery webpage, the Roberts family immigrated to Alabama from White Co., TN. It may well be they brought their comb grave tradition with them.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=25835>

Dated combs: 1882, 1884, 1896

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY (30)

Baker Family Cem. N33 20.976 33 20 58.6 Lake Tuscaloosa South
W087 35.102 087 35 06.1

Cemetery is in front yard of a nice home near the shore of Lake Tuscaloosa. At least 1 comb shown in 2015 photo by Mike Henderson.

Bethel Cem. N33 17.084 33 17 05.0 Lake Tuscaloosa South
W087 31.625 087 31 37.5

Located in Northport, Tuscaloosa Co. At least 3 combs seen in Mike Henderson's 2015 images. Ian Brown reported 2 combs. Spectacular scraped earth cemetery.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Bethel+Cemetery,+Northport,+AL+35473/@33.2847297,-87.527087,67m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!3m1!1s0x8888a7712d31ae83:0x70a6210406d9738>

Big Creek Cem. N33 15.022 33 15 01.3 Lake Lurleen
W087 40.194 87 40 11.6

1 comb reported by Ian Brown and photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Big Hurricane Cem. N33 13.761 33 13 45.7 Coaling
W087 19.353 87 19 21.2

Near Brookwood, Tuscaloosa Co. 4 combs photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Boone Cem. N33 32.200 33 32 12.0 New Lexington
W087 39.182 87 39 10.9

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: At least 10 combs, possibly 11 (several completely collapsed and a bit difficult to identify). Mike Henderson counted 13 combs when he photographed this cemetery in 2015.

Dated combs: 1848, 1877, 1878, 1880, 1890, 1905

Boone property Cem. N33 21.162 33 21 09.7 Lake Tuscaloosa South
W087 34.599 87 34 35.9

Located in the yard of a large home being used (2015) as an office, near the shore of Lake Tuscaloosa. The owner of the home is the past owner of the Tuscaloosa News. 3 combs shown in 2015 photo by Mike Henderson.

Boys Colony Cem. N33 15.718 33 15 43.1 Lake Tuscaloosa South
W087 31.615 87 31 36.9

1 comb grave and other ex-combs photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Bryant Cem. N33 32.157 33 32 09.4 New Lexington
W087 38.551 87 38 33.1

3 combs reported by Ian Brown and photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Cam Crowell Family Cem. N33 31.544 33 31 32.6 Wiley
W087 27.034 87 27 02.0

1 comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Cowden Cem. N33 21.735 33 21 44.1 Lake Tuscaloosa South
W087 36.707 87 36 42.4

1 comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson. Fragments of 1 other possible ex-comb noted.

Espy Cem. N33 29.157 33 29 09.4 Gin Creek
W087 39.201 87 39 12.1

3 combs reported by Ian Brown.

Gilliam Cem. N33 29.780 33 29 46.8 Gin Creek
W087 40.700 87 40 42.0

1 ex-comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Granny Dunn Cem. N33 31.510 33 31 30.6 Wiley
W087 23.172 87 23 10.3

15 combs counted by Mike Henderson when he photographed this cemetery in 2015.

Hagler Cem. N33 22.932 33 22 55.9 Lake Tuscaloosa North
(aka Prewitte Cem.) W087 36.198 87 36 11.9

17 combs reported by Ian Brown.

Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church Cem. N33 33.289 33 33 17.3 Berry SE
W087 32.058 87 32 03.5

Find-a-Grave image at: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2165847&CScn=liberty+hill&CSctry=4&CSst=3&CScnty=88> & showing at least 5 combs and 3 ex-combs. Ian Brown reported 7 combs. Mike Henderson counted 8 combs & 5-7 ex-combs when photographing this here in 2015.

Macedonia Cem. N33 20.440 33 20 26.4 Lake Tuscaloosa South
W087 33.884 87 33 53.0

A well maintained scraped earth cemetery. Note: Visited in 1982; re-examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: was scraped earth at this time also. 9 combs in 1982, and still 9 in 2012. At least 6 ex-combs, as indicated by remaining triangular end stones.

Old Center Ch. Cem. N33 17.02 33 17 01.2 Lake Nicol
W087 29.408 87 29 24.5

One comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Old Northport Cem N33 14.122 33 14 07.3 Tuscaloosa
W087 35.072 87 35 04.3

5 combs photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Old Prewitte Cem. N33 23.206 33 23 12.4 Lake Tuscaloosa North
W087 35.928 87 35 55.7

24 combs reported by Ian Brown. 20 photodocumented by Mike Henderson in 2015. Said to be a slave cemetery, at least in part.

Old Salem Cem. N33 33.667 33 33 40 New Lexington
(Old New Lexington Cem) W087 39.200 87 39 12

Freeman combs: 1878 & 1882. Ian Brown reports 2 combs; 2 combs visible at Findagrave: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2369732>
2 combs photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Dated combs: 1878, 1882

Piney Woods Cem. N33 25.842 33 25 50.5 Lake Tuscaloosa North
W087 30.032 87 30 01.9

Located on west side of Hwy 69, eight miles south of Wiley, Tuscaloosa Co.
1 comb extant in 1982, plus several ex-combs. This was a scraped earth cemetery in 1982, with gravel and sand spread on it. Ian Brown reported 1 comb and Mike Henderson photodocumented this comb in 2015.

Rock Springs Ch. Cem. N33 33.354 33 33 21.2 Wiley
W087 25.999 87 25 59.9

Located just west of Hwy 69 on side road, approx. 0.2 miles SW of the community of Whitson, Tuscaloosa Co.: No extant combs, but ex-combs indicated by presence of notched end stones present in 1982. Mike Henderson estimated 4 ex-combs when he photographed this cemetery in 2015.

Sandtown Cem. N33 34.916 33 34 55.0 Wiley
W087 29.398 87 29 23.9

1 comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Simpson-Cain Cem. N33 24.296 33 24 17.8 Lake Tuscaloosa North
W087 33.996 87 33 59.7

1 comb and one collapsed comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Spencer Hill Cem. N33 28.513 33 28 30.8 Windham Springs
W087 23.218 87 23 13.1

1 comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Warrior Cem. N33 29.673 33 29 40.4 Burchfield Store
W087 18.761 87 18 45.7

7 combs plus pieces of other probable ex-combs counted by Mike Henderson when he photographed this cemetery in 2015.

Whitson Place Cem. N33 34.373 33 34 22.4 Wiley
W087 24.750 87 24 45.0

Located by Sulphur Springs road about one half mile off Hwy 69, NW of the community of Whitson, Tuscaloosa Co. Two combs (1858 and 1887) extant in 1982.

Dated combs: 1858, 1887

Wiley Cem. N33 31.900 33 31 54.0 Wiley
W087 27.811 87 27 48.7

Located on south side of Hwy 69 in community of Wiley, Tuscaloosa Co.
5 combs extant in 1982 (1880s-90s). 5 combs reported by Ian Brown.
5 combs and 1 probable ex-comb photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

Williamson Jones Cem. N33 30.018 33 30 01.1 Tutwiler School
W087 19.353 87 19 21.1

1 comb and 3 ex-combs seen in Mike Henderson's 2015 images. Find-a-Grave:
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=35260562&PIpi=28719921>

Yellow Creek Cem. N33 21.373 33 21 22.4 Lake Nicol
W087 28.429 87 28 25.7

5 combs reported by Ian Brown and photodocumented in 2015 by Mike Henderson.

WALKER COUNTY: (18)

Chickasaw Cem. N33 52.661 33 52 39.7 Nauvoo
W087 29.525 87 29 31.5

Located near Carbon Hill. 3 combs can be seen on web image posted by Greg Green: <http://gyrabbittofnorthwestgeorgia.blogspot.com/2012/11/tents-in-walker-county-alabama.html>

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 7 combs plus 1 probable ex-comb (only 1 side slab remains).

Dated combs: 1890, 1895, 1897 (2), 1903 (2); probable comb dated 1897.

Coal City Cem. N33 49.179 33 49 10.8 Jasper
W087 18.152 87 18 09.1

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 5 combs intact + 9 ex-combs + around 12 possible ex-combs (graves covered by flat sandstone slabs, likely former comb sideslabs).

Dated combs: 1875, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1884 (2), 1887, 1888, 1891, 1900

Fairview Cem. N33 36.117 33 36 07.0 Tutwiler School
W087 21.054 87 21 03.2

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: No standing combs. Around 10 ex-combs, as indicated by remaining triangular end stones. 2.55 miles from Old Liberty Hill Cem.

Fike Nelson Cem. N33 48.106 33 48 06.4 Townley
W087 26.289 87 26 17.3

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 4 combs (one in very bad condition); 4 slab graves and 2 low stacked stone box graves. 0.85 mile from Pleasant Hill Cem.

Dated combs: 1861, 1891, 1894

Friendship Cem. N33 41.035 33 41 02.1 Goodsprings
W087 09.053 87 09 03.2

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=22903&CScntry=4&CSst=3&CScty=89&CSsr=81&>

Combs seen in photos...about 12

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pi&PIcrd=22903&PIpi=72157107&PIMode=cemetery>

Gilchrist Cem. N 33 38.073 33 38 04.4 Parrish
W087 21.300 87 21 18.0

Located about one half mile SE of Old Liberty Hill Cem., Walker Co.: No extant combs in 1982, but former combs, including at least one with notched gable stones such as the "jig-saw puzzle" comb that still existed in Old Liberty Hill Cem. in 1982.

Goodsprings Cem. N33 40.258 33 40 15.5 Goodsprings
W087 14.168 87 14 10.1

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=23055&CScntry=4&CSst=3&CScty=89&CSsr=81&>

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 18 combs: 9 mostly intact + 9 collapsed + 3 probable ex-combs; 2 combs have cement frames & cement along the seams, probably in an attempt to stop the spreading process that leads to the collapse of earth-filled combs.

Dated combs: 1865, 1866, 1867, 1878 (88?), 1880, 1901, 1920

Hurd Shoal Cem. N33 32.135 33 32 08.1 Gilmore
W087 14.897 87 14 53.8

Also known as Heard Shoal Cem. Combs seen in on-line photos.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2295337&CScntry=4&CSst=3&CScty=89&CSsr=101&>

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2295337&CScntry=4&CSst=3&CScty=89&CSsr=101&>

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 33 combs: 32 mostly intact + 1 collapsed comb + 5 ex-combs + 4 probable ex-combs

Dated combs: 1875, 1877, 1879, 1881, 1884 (3), 1887, 1888 (3), 1893, 1894 (2), 1900 (2), 1902 (09?), 1908, 1909, 1915

New Hope Cem. N33 51.797 33 51 47.8 Townley
W087 25.098 87 25 05.9

13 combs can be seen in images by John Wagoner & Scott Fee. Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 18 combs + 3 ex-combs. Some impressive headstones.

Dated combs: 1856, 1858, 1858 (?), 1859, 1861, 1864, 1881, 1883 (2)

Old Liberty Hill Cem. N33 38.275 33 38 16.5 Parrish
W087 21.828 87 21 49.7

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 16 combs (including some collapsed combs) plus many (at least 9) former combs (now indicated by the remaining triangular end stones). 3 or 4 combs here feature side slabs engraved with geometric designs (one includes initials). 2.55 miles from Fairview Cem.

Dated combs: 1852, 1879 (2), 1880, 1881, 1883, 1888 (3), 1891, 1894, 1895, 1902, 1904, 1909, 1916

Note: In June 1982, this cemetery contained 38 combs graves, including one with gable stones and side slabs notched to fit together in an inter-locking manner. This “jig-saw puzzle” comb was an example of a distinctive style used in several cemeteries in this region; unfortunately, this comb was gone in 2012.

Old Union Cem. N33 59.832 33 59 49.9 Carbon Hill
(Union Ch. on quad) W087 34.862 87 34 51.7

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 1 comb and 1 ex-comb (indicated by triangular end stones). 1.7 miles from Spring Hill Cem.

Dated comb: 1899

Pleasant Hill Cem. N33 48.187 33 48 11.2 Townley
W087 25.377 87 25 22.6

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 1 comb, earth-filled (as is common in Alabama).
0.85 mile from Fike Nelson Cem.

Dated comb: 1900

Rice Chapel Ch. & Cem. N33 51.808 33 51 48.5 Sipsey
W087 03.305 87 03 18.3

Collapsed comb grave shown in image at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSsr=81&GScid=1724275&GRid=6950316&>

Sardis Cem. N33 47.937 33 47 56.2 Cordova
W087 08.834 87 08 50.0

Examined by RCF & JCF 2012. 12 combs; mixed left over right and right over left;
2 made from fancy iron fence sections!

Several rough laid stone boxes (cairn graves?)

Unusual small two-piece ceramic marker, patented 1879.

Dated combs: 1876, 1877, 1890, 1891, 1898

Scott Cem. N33 52.984 33 52 59.0 Nauvoo
W087 24.814 87 24 48.8

9 or more combs visible in Find-a-Grave image at: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&GSln=Cheatham&GSiman=1&GScid=26120&CRid=26120&pt=Scott%20Cemetery&>

Examined 5/2019 by RCF & JCF: 51 more-or-less complete combs, but many in
various states of collapse due to spreading of earth fill through time.

Dated combs: 1861, 1862, 1867, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1875 (2), 1880 (3), 1881 (6),
1882, 1884 (2), 1885 (2), 1887 (3), 1888 (2), 1889 (2), 1890, 1892, 1893, 1896,
1898 (3), 1901 (2), 1914, 1919

Spring Hill Cem. N33 58.655 33 58 39.3 Carbon Hill
W087 33.864 87 33 51.8

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 4 combs, all earth-filled, yet collapsing. Very
nicely carved head- and foot-stones featuring six-pointed stars.

3 shelter graves 1.7 miles from Old Union Cem.

Dated combs: 1887, 1888, 1895, 1898

Steadman Cem. N33 49.054 33 49 03.2 Townley
at King's Chapel W087 22.587 87 22 35.2

Examined 5/2021 by RCF & JCF: 4 combs, 3 sand-filled; one (1932) made of poured concrete slabs fitted together in the same manner as sandstone slabs.

Dated combs: 1872, 1882, 1883, 1932

Woods Cem. N33 39.923 33 39 55.4 Oakman
W087 23.033 87 23.02.0

Located just east of Hwy 69, approx.. 1 mi. south of Enoe, Walker Co. No extant combs in 1982; apparent triangular end stones indicate former presence of combs. In 1982 this was a scraped earth cemetery.

WINSTON COUNTY (3)

Old Bethel Cem. N34 00.241 34 00 14.5
W087 27.757 87 27 45.4

Contains a number of dismantled combs.

Old Union Cem. N34 00.972 34 00 58.3 Poplar Springs
W087 27.166 87 27 10.0

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 4 combs

One tall sandstone marker (not associated with a comb) for Mary Randolph, dec. 1879, decorated with stars, traditional "Remember friend as you pass by" epitaph, and numerous cryptic alphabetical symbols front and back and also on footstone. Very unusual marker. Location: Just a few miles south of Rocky Plains Cem.

Dated combs: 1855, 1880

Rocky Plains Cem. N34 03.861 34 03 51.7 Poplar Springs
W087 26.580 87 26 34.8

Examined by RCF & JCF in 2012: 1 comb and 3 shelter graves

Location: Just a few miles north of Old Union Cem.

Dated comb: 1892