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Elmore County Historical Society To Explore New-Found Cemetery

The Elmore County Historical Society will meet Sunday, Nov. 11, 2 p. m. at Citizens Bank in Wetumpka. The group will then go to an old Wetumpka cemetery located near the river, back of the women's prison. Mat Brooms, archaeologist from Ft. Toulouse will transport persons in a 4-wheel drive down to the cemetery site. It is important for those who wish to make this trip, to dress appropriately for hiking and rough terrain.

Sixteen, of the known twenty-six, graves have already been uncovered. It has been estimated that there are fifty or more graves in the cemetery. The deceased arrived here from North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. The earliest date uncovered is 1836. Most of the tombstones are large, elab-

orate, carved on all sides, and date from 1836 to 1848, with one as late as 1855.

The following is a list of the names on the uncovered tombstones: Dr. Reuben Fitzgerald, James Stringfellow, R. R. Stringfellow, Cincinnatus Chapman, Col. Archibald Griffin, James N. Yarbrough (born 2/12/1802 - died 1839 from N. C.), Mary Frances Penick (her relatives are buried in Wetumpka City Cemetery), Louisa Josephine Penick, John M. Byers, John Nix, Josiah H. Conrad, Augustus B. Cropp, Martha Caroline Cater, Silas M. Cater and Eliza Porcher Cater.

All members of the Society are invited on this tour as well as any other interested person, but remember to dress appropriately.