

# CEMETERY/GRAVEYARD/BURIAL PLOT/GRAVE-SITE PRELIMINARY SITE EVALUATION

<b>Name</b> ( <i>Cemetery/Graveyard/Burial Plot/Grave-site</i> )	Sandidge	
Cemetery	10+	X
Grave-Yard / Burial Ground	2-9	
Plot	2-9	
Family Cemetery	10+	
Grave-Site	1	

**Location:** 0000 Steger Road, Parcel Number: 08-03-08-0-000-004.016, Parcel PIN: 557039  
(PLEASE INCLUDE SECTION, TOWNSHIP, AND RANGE)

<b>Maintenance Item</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Grounds</b>	Grass is cut, no rubbish or debris on the ground. Good landscaping	X		The cemetery grounds appeared to be maintained and cared due to the new construction occurring around the cemetery. In 1978, Dorothy Scott Johnson mentioned the cemetery was overgrown by natural vegetation.  <i>(Stone Martin employees left debris on the ground – September 2021)</i>
<b>Grave-Sites</b>	Sinking graves?	X		2 unmarked graves, which have sunken and are exposed.

<b>Monuments</b>	Intact, Not Broken or need of repair/replacement. In proper position.	6 box tombs are in unacceptable condition, 4 stones have been moved from their base.
<b>Other</b>	Monument Damage or threats to the graves.	All 6 box tombs are in an unpleasant condition. Each gravestone/grave/bomb tomb are in need of attention/repair/replacement. 3 box tombs and two grave markers cannot be identified.
<b>Overall Condition of Site</b>	<p><b>E:</b> Excellent site, very well maintained with monuments in great condition.  <b>G:</b> Good site, has minor damage.  <b>F:</b> Fair site, Require repairs and / or maintenance.  <b>A:</b> Uncared site, Requires extensive preservation efforts</p> <p><b>Remarks:</b></p> <p>The Sandidge cemetery has not been properly maintained until recently. Stone Martin Builders have purchased the land that surrounds the cemetery and plans to develop a community; Whitaker Landing. According to 2021 county records that the cemetery has been under the care of Madison County, Alabama.</p>	

**Priorities:** I recommend that the site to be fenced and designated as a cemetery. I strongly advise that the 6 tombs to be rebuilt or restored and headstones be repaired or replaced. If no effort to preserve the Sandidge Cemetery proceeds, then all might be lost in time.

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