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Plaque Unveiling Ceremony at Lincoln Cemetery

Lincoln Cemetery on W. Winding Hill Road in Upper Allen Township, PA, has been added to the Cumberland County Register of Historic Places, overseen by the Cumberland County Historical Society. The plaque unveiling ceremony will take place on July 24th at 11am.

Approximately 80 African Americans are buried at the Lincoln Colored Cemetery of Mechanicsburg, PA. Twelve of those buried there are USCT veterans. The earliest burial at the cemetery took place on April 15, 1862.

“Lincoln Cemetery brings to light lesser-known aspects of our County’s history, and the Cumberland County Historical Society is honored to have Lincoln Cemetery on our Cumberland County Register of Historic Places,” said Tristin Milazzo, Community Outreach Director at the Cumberland County Historical Society.

“Honoring a site like Lincoln Cemetery is a great way to memorialize the history of our Township,” said Megan McNamee, Environmental Planner of Upper Allen Township. “Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of our Township’s history. It is vital that as we move forward, we do not forget our past. Not only will the Cumberland County Register of Historical Places provide awareness in the community of our fascinating history, but it will become a building block for the promotion of local historic preservation.”

Ceremony speakers include the Vietnam Veterans of Mechanicsburg, Minutemen Color Guard - VFW Memorial Post 6704, the Cumberland County Historical Society, Upper Allen Township Commissioner Ken Martin, Mechanicsburg Mayor Jack Ritter, a Representative for State Rep. Sheryl Delozier, and Congressman Scott Perry.

About Cumberland County Historical Society

Founded in 1874, Cumberland County Historical Society’s mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and promote research and education about the history of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. CCHS strives to become a national model for demonstrating how history, storytelling, material culture and preservation promotes social well-being, service and citizen engagement with local resources.