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Thousands buried in unmarked graves at historic Alabama mental hospital honored in ceremony

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Thousands of people buried in unmarked graves on the grounds of Alabama's largest mental health hospital are being honored.

About 250 people attended a Sunday ceremony to unveil historical markers for the four cemeteries of unmarked graves at Bryce Hospital. The center was founded in Tuscaloosa in 1859 as the Alabama Insane Hospital.

There are also plans for a memorial garden to commemorate the thousands of unmarked graves at the hospital.

Nancy Hicks is the great-granddaughter of Sara Elizabeth Foster, whose burial site is one of those lost. Foster died about seven years after being committed to the hospital in 1910 at the age of 45.

Hicks, of New Hope, says the ceremony brings some closure.

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