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FRANCES OSBORN ROBB TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON MARCH 2 AT 12:00
SHOT IN ALABAMA: A HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY, 1839 – 1941 AND A LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHERS

Montgomery, AL (2/21/17) – On **Thursday, March 2 at 12:00 pm**, Frances Osborn Robb will present a book talk on her new publication *Shot in Alabama: A History of Photography, 1839 – 1941 and a List of Photographers* at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery.

Shot in Alabama is a visual and textual narrative of Alabama's photographic history from 1839 to 1941. The book is presented chronologically—from the very first photograph ever taken in the state to the appearance of cameras as commonplace possessions in mid-twentieth-century households. Robb's March 2 presentation will highlight some of the iconic photographs featured in the book, including many that are in the collections of the ADAH.

Frances Osborn Robb has researched the history of photography in Alabama for more than twenty-five years. A native of Birmingham, she holds degrees from Birmingham-Southern College, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Yale University. She has taught at Texas Christian University, the University of North Texas, and the University of the South at Sewanee. Robb has curated and judged exhibitions, written for scholarly and popular publications, and examined more than 200,000 Alabama photographs. Her book, *Shot in Alabama: A History of Photography 1839-1941 and a List of Photographers* was published in January 2017 by the University of Alabama Press.

Copies of Robb's book will be available at the presentation. For more information, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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