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The Wade Hall Traveling Postcard Exhibition & Presentation

Exhibition: December 1-22

Presentation: December 6, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama

The Alabama Historical Commission will host a presentation regarding the Wade Hall Traveling Postcard Exhibition on Wednesday, December 6 from 10:30am – 12:30pm in the Old Supreme Court Library located inside the Alabama State Capitol.

Ruth Elder, the main researcher and writer for the display, along with Jerry Johnson, designer of the physical and digital exhibits,

will be the guest speakers. They will discuss Dr. Hall's collection of over 25,000 vintage postcards, the creation of the exhibition, and share stories of the Alabama represented in these historic postcards.

Beginning in December, the Alabama State Capitol will host the Wade Hall Traveling Postcard Exhibition, which consists of two parts: the traveling exhibits and the digital exhibit. The first traveling exhibit focuses on "main" streets in Alabama towns and cities while the second concentrates on historical buildings including courthouses, post offices, schools, and churches. These exhibits highlight large cities such as Montgomery, Huntsville, Birmingham, Mobile, and Tuscaloosa but also small towns including Boaz, Carbon Hill, Centre, and Red Bay.



THE WADE HALL TRAVELING POSTCARD EXHIBITION & PRESENTATION

*with Ruth Elder and Jerry Johnson, Troy University
hosted by the Alabama Historical Commission*



"The Wade Hall Postcard Collection is one of the Troy University Archives greatest treasures and an extensive sampling of a fascinating form of Americana," said Dr. Christopher Shaffer, dean of library services. "The entire collection consists of 25,000 postcards, and we are remarkably grateful that through the generosity of the Alabama Humanities Foundation we will be able to share a portion of this collection via these traveling exhibits throughout the state on the eve of Alabama's 200th birthday."

Visit <https://trojan.troy.edu/library/wadehall/> to view the digital exhibit and for more information about the Wade Hall postcard collection and the traveling exhibits. The exhibits have been displayed separately in libraries and museums throughout the state since February 2017 and will continue their journey until December 2019.

Exhibit resources:

Original press release: <http://www.troy.edu/news/articles/2016/09/travelling-postcards-exhibits-to-showcase-alabamas-historic-street-buildings.html>

"Absolutely Alabama" segment that featured the Streets postcard exhibit:
<http://www.wbrc.com/clip/12952442/absolutely-alabama-postcards-from-the-road>.

Directions: On I-85 take Exit 1. Turn north on Union Street. Continue for 1/2 mile. The Capitol is on the left after Washington Avenue.

Fee: Free

For more information:

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For 150 years the Alabama State Capitol has overlooked downtown Montgomery from its hilltop setting. This National Historic Landmark is a working museum of state history and politics.

The Confederacy began in the senate chamber when delegates from southern states voted to establish a new nation in February 1861. A little more than a century later in the spring of 1965 the Selma to Montgomery March for voting rights culminated at the capitol steps. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made one of his greatest speeches to an estimated 25,000 people. This historic site is operated by the Alabama Historical Commission.

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About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and

cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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