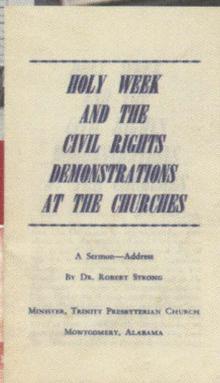
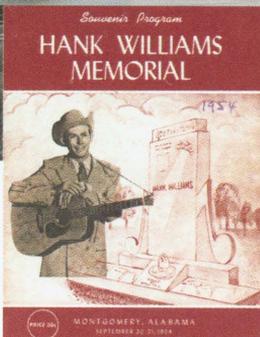
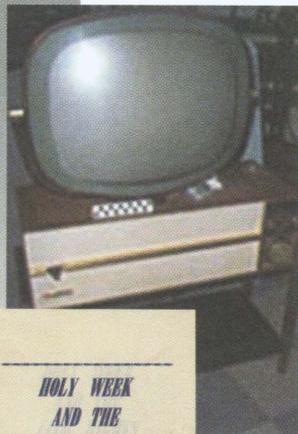
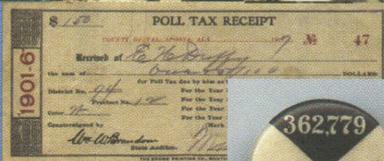


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We want your historical records and artifacts



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Alabama Voices Tell the Story

For more than 100 years the **Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH)** has collected, preserved, and exhibited records and artifacts that tell the story of the people of Alabama. During that time **ADAH** has amassed wonderful collections. Our particular strengths are governmental records, 19th Century life, Creek Indian artifacts, and military history. We are now seeking to expand and strengthen our museum and archives collections for 20th and 21st century Alabama life, the African American experience in Alabama, and Alabama folk traditions and artisan crafts. Many of these new collections will be used in the **Alabama Voices** gallery (under development) and other future museum galleries.

The **Alabama Department of Archives and History** is actively seeking representative materials to document:

- **Alabama Folk Traditions and Artisan Crafts**

- Items such as quilts, split oak baskets, traditional pottery, recordings of traditional music, musical instruments

- **The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama**

- Items such as mass meeting programs, segregation signs, voter registration tests, sample ballots, photos and film footage

- **The Space Program in Alabama**

- Materials relating to rocket development in Huntsville and to Alabama astronauts
- Items such as space suits worn by Alabama astronauts, rocket components built in Alabama, diaries of Alabama scientists involved in these programs

- **The Cold War in Alabama**

- Materials relating to Alabama's involvement in the Bay of Pigs incident, civil defense, and anti-communist movements
- Items such as "Duck & Cover" posters, pamphlets for bomb shelter companies, military base passes



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• 20th Century Industry and Business in Alabama

- Materials relating to textile mills, the timber industry, coal mines, iron and steel production, medical research, banking, information technology, and automobile manufacturing
- Items such as a miner's helmet and lunch pail, company scrip, time cards, union notices, medical instruments developed in Alabama



• The African American Experience in Alabama

- Materials relating to slave life, African American Civil War soldiers, life during Reconstruction, the "great migration" to Northern cities, the experience of "Jim Crow," and African American community, religious, and business life
- Items such as letters home from relatives who moved north, recruitment materials from northern companies, uniforms, photos, home movies, and organizational records

• 20th Century Sports and Entertainment in Alabama

- Memorabilia from/about Talladega and other stock car races and drivers; football coaches, players, and games; famous singers; other Alabama celebrities

• Everyday Life for the Common Citizen in Alabama

- Materials relating to the transition from rural to urban/suburban society, the advent of electricity, air conditioning, and the interstate highway system
- Materials relating to religious activities, traditional Alabama farm life, outdoor sports and recreation, and immigrant communities
- Items such as early electrical appliances, vacation photos and movies from the Alabama Gulf Coast, farm records, revival posters, church fans

For a complete list of thematic areas that represent gaps in the current collections of **ADAH**, please view the "Museum Defined Scope of Collections" document located on our web site at www.archives.state.al.us/scopeofcollections2.pdf.

Our Commitment

We are committed to collecting records and artifacts documenting the lives of Alabamians and preserving this material for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. Please consider adding your "voice" to the many others already preserved at ADAH.

If you have material you are willing to offer, please contact ADAH Registrar, P.O. Box 300100, Montgomery, AL 36130-0100 or call (334) 353-4726, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Direct e-mail inquiries to registrar@archives.alabama.gov.

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