“CLOSE ENOUGH TO PERFECT”: THE ALABAMA STATE ELECTRONIC RECORDS PROJECT (ASERP)

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

• Founded in 1901.

• Independent state agency governed by Board of Trustees.

• Board is self-appointing.

• Trustees are confirmed by the Legislature.
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• Revive our Electronic Records Program.
• Partner with the Office of the Governor.
• Create workflow to manage, preserve, and provide public access to electronic records during Governor Robert Bentley’s two-term administration.
• Process electronic records from Governor Bob Riley’s two-term administration.
• Develop collaborative model for working with other state agencies.
ASERP TIMELINE

• January 1, 2017 – Project start date.
• February 16, 2017 – Project Archivist, Amanda Shelton started.
• March XX, 2017 – Began conducting survey meetings with Governor’s Office staff.
April 7, 2017—Alabama House of Representatives, Judiciary Committee released its impeachment investigation report.
GOV. BENTLEY’S RESIGNATION

Robert Bentley, Alabama Governor, Resigns Amid Scandal

By ALAN BLEEDER

Al.com

Robert Bentley appears in a booking photo after pleading guilty to nine counts of violating campaign finance laws on April 10, 2017. (AP Photo/Source: AP)

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GOV. BENTLEY’S ELECTRONIC RECORDS

• Delay in transfer of electronic records from the Governor’s Office due to ongoing ethics investigation.

• Received 50 PSTs for 42 staff members from the Office of Information Technology.

• Received electronic records from Office of Rural Development and Office of Broadband Development, sub-offices closed by Gov. Kay Ivey.
WHAT NOW?

• Gov. Bob Riley’s electronic records transferred in 2011 at the end of his two-term administration.

• Photos and office files total 1.87 TB.

• IQ server used for appointments and constituent correspondence.
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• Conducted trial in 2015.
• Limited in-house IT capability.
• Public access component.
• Current technical skills of archivists.
• Preparing Gov. Riley’s office files for ingest.
NEXT STEPS

• Continue processing Gov. Riley’s materials.
• Finalize electronic records transfer from Gov. Bentley’s administration.
NEXT STEPS

• Rethinking our records process.
• Address questions about security and privacy.
• Think about how to apply to other state agencies.