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JAMES P. PATE TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON OCTOBER 8 AT 12:00 P.M.
THE ANNOTATED PICKETT’S HISTORY OF ALABAMA:
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Montgomery, AL (09/26/2019) – On Tuesday, October 8 at 12:00 p.m., author James P. Pate will present a book talk on The Annotated Pickett’s History of Alabama: And Incidentally of Georgia and Mississippi, from the Earliest Period at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is FREE.

First published in September 1851, Albert James Pickett’s History of Alabama is one of the most notable publications on the state’s history. This new edition, annotated by Pate, is the first to provide general readers and scholars with a hardbound, fully indexed version of the two-volume original. During this presentation, Pate will discuss the process of editing and annotating this tome of Alabama history over the last two decades. He will also explore some of Pickett’s earlier writings, which detail the early history of the Southeast, the state’s constitutional convention, and biographical sketches of early state leaders, including William Wyatt Bibb, Alabama’s first governor.

James P. Pate is professor emeritus of history at the University of West Alabama, where he served as department chair, dean, and vice president. He has worked at several universities, including Southeastern Oklahoma State, Northeastern State University, and the University of Mississippi-Tupelo.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. For more information about the book talk, call Alex Colvin, (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. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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