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FOOD FOR THOUGHT VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 12:00
NO VOTES FOR WOMEN! ALABAMA'S ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS
PRESENTED BY RYAN BLOCKER

Montgomery, AL (9/15/20) – On Thursday, September 17 at 12:00, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will host its monthly *Food for Thought* lunchtime lecture series virtually on the ADAH's Facebook page www.facebook.com/AlabamaArchives. Ryan Blocker will present ***No Votes for Women! Alabama's Anti-Suffragists***.

In the early twentieth century as the suffrage movement gained momentum in the South, anti-suffrage groups formed in response to block ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. During her virtual presentation, ADAH Museum Collections Coordinator Ryan Blocker will focus on the leaders of Alabama's anti-ratification movement and the ideals behind their opposition to granting women the right to vote.

Blocker is the museum collections coordinator at the ADAH and is the recent past president of the Alabama Museums Association. She has a passion for women's history and historic textiles spanning the last two decades. Blocker received a B.A. in history from Auburn University at Montgomery, and certification in collections care, focusing on textile conservation and preservation, from the International Preservation Studies Center in Illinois.

The remaining 2020 *Food for Thought* presentations will be presented by live stream on the ADAH's Facebook page. No Facebook account is required to view the presentation. A recording of the lecture will be available on the ADAH's YouTube channel shortly after the presentation at www.youtube.com/user/AlabamaArchives. **For additional information call (334) 353-4636.**

Food for Thought 2020 is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This year marks the centennial of women's suffrage. Several of our programs are focused on the important roles of women in Alabama history. **View the complete 2020 Food for Thought schedule at www.archives.alabama.gov.**

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

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