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JOHN S. SLEDGE TO PRESENT VIRTUAL BOOK TALK ON MAY 6 AT 12:00 PM
THE GULF OF MEXICO: A MARITIME HISTORY

Montgomery, AL (04/28/2021) – On **Thursday, May 6 at 12:00 pm CT**, author John S. Sledge will present a book talk on ***The Gulf of Mexico: A Maritime History***. The program will be held **virtually only** through the ADAH's Facebook page www.facebook.com/AlabamaArchives and YouTube channel www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives. No social media account or advance registration is required to livestream the presentations on Facebook and YouTube.

In this first comprehensive examination of the tenth largest body of water in the world, Sledge explores the people, ships, and cities that have enriched the Gulf's human history and culture for centuries. Lyrical in its pose and sweeping in scope, the book has earned high praise as essential, enlightening reading.

John S. Sledge is the senior architectural historian for the Mobile Historic Development Commission, a member of the National Book Critics Circle, and a past member of the Friends of the Archives board of directors. In addition to *The Gulf of Mexico*, he has authored several other books, including *These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War* (2017) and *The Mobile River* (2015).

Copies of *The Gulf of Mexico: A Maritime History* are available for purchase in the ADAH's online Museum Store, *Alabama Original* www.shopalabamaoriginal.com.

All public programming at the ADAH is currently being held virtually. For the latest information on the ADAH's status, visit archives.alabama.gov. A recording of the lecture will be available on the ADAH's YouTube channel shortly after the presentation at www.youtube.com/AlabamaArchives. **For additional information call (334) 353-4636.**

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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