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FIND YOUR STORY AT MY HISTORY DAY AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

On Saturday, **July 12, 2014**, visit the Alabama Department of Archives and History from **10 am to 3 pm** for My History Day. Become immersed and inspired by your own unique history at this family-friendly event. Activities for all ages will focus on collecting and preserving your family's story.

Stations found throughout the building will offer fun activities, demonstrations, and information about genealogy, creating and preserving scrapbooks, personal records preservation, and conducting oral histories. Archives staff will be on-hand for "Ask an Expert" where visitors can ask specific questions about preserving and caring for their personal documents and family heirlooms. Families and children will enjoy a Museum of Alabama Gallery Hunt and lots of interactive, hands on activities.

"Some of the most important historical records we have are personal documents, such as snapshots and diaries," said Shaelyn Amaio, Curator of Education. "At My History Day, kids and adults can learn about the ways our personal histories weave together to make up the larger historical record. We hope that this event will inspire people to listen to the stories of their family members and special adults and to think about ways to preserve those stories for the future."

My History Day is a **FREE** event. No pre-registration is required. The Alabama Department of Archives and History is located in downtown Montgomery, across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives serves as Alabama's official government records repository, as a special collection library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama. The Archives and the Museum are open Monday – Saturday, 8:30 – 4:30 and the Research Room is open Tuesday – Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 – 4:30. Admission is always free. For more information call 334.242.4364 and visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

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