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HANK HUNG THE MOON...AND WARMED OUR COLD, COLD HEARTS
BY RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **noon on Thursday, March 15, 2012**, as **Rheta Grimsley Johnson** shares stories from her recently released book ***Hank Hung the Moon...And Warmed Our Cold, Cold Hearts***.

Alabama-born Hank Williams, Sr. was a singer-songwriter and musician who is regarded as one of the most important country music artists of all time. Rheta Grimsley Johnson, who grew up in Montgomery, describes her latest book as “a musical memoir, and a tribute to the genius of Hank, ...but also an extended essay on the importance of music to some lives, including mine.” In this program she will share personal stories of the legacy of Hank Williams, Sr. and the people he influenced.

Rheta Grimsley Johnson has covered the South for over three decades as a newspaper reporter and columnist. Her reporting has won numerous awards, and in 1991 she was one of three finalists for the Pulitzer Prize for commentary. In 1986 Johnson was inducted into the Scripps Howard Newspapers Editorial Hall of Fame. Syndicated today by King Features, Johnson’s column appears in some 50 papers nationally. She is the author of *Poor Man’s Provence* and *Enchanted Evening Barbie and the Second Coming*. Books will be available for purchase by NewSouth Books.

This ArchiTreats presentation 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. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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