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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION *THE CIVIL WAR PHARMACY* BY MICHAEL FLANNERY 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 17, 2011** as **Michael Flannery** presents *The Civil War Pharmacy*. This presentation is in conjunction with the statewide *Becoming Alabama* initiative.

Although the popular imagination conjures up images of excruciating bullet and shrapnel extractions and grisly amputations, the statistical fact is that the major Civil War killer was disease. The average soldier from the North or South had about twice the likelihood of dying from a camp fever or dysentery than from a battlefield injury. This lecture will discuss the major diseases of the Civil War and how Union and Confederate surgeons and assistant surgeons sought to combat them with an array of medicines domestic and imported. This is an examination of the war from a unique and seldom explored perspective.

Michael A. Flannery is Professor and Associate Director for Historical Collections at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he has a master's of library science degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's of history degree from California State University at Dominguez Hills. Mr. Flannery has published extensively in medical history and bioethics, winning the prestigious Edward Kremers Award in 2001 for distinguished writing by an American from the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy. In 2006 he received the Publications Award of the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences for his book *Civil War Pharmacy: A History of Drugs, Drug Supply and Provision, and Therapeutics for the Union and Confederacy* (2004). He also is the author of numerous articles on Civil War medicine and pharmacy.

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. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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