



## ***Press Release***

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***A HOME FOR WAYWARD BOYS: THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE  
ALABAMA BOYS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
PRESENTED BY JERRY ARMOR ON JUNE 24 at NOON  
CO-SPONSORED BY NEWSOUTH BOOKS***

Montgomery, AL (6/5/15) - On Wednesday, **June 24, 2015 at noon**, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will present a book talk by Jerry Armor entitled *A Home for Wayward Boys: The Early History of the Alabama Boys' Industrial School*. This presentation is co-sponsored by NewSouth Books.

When reformer Elizabeth Johnston walked among the convicts in an Alabama prison mining camp, she was stunned to see teenage boys working alongside hardened criminals. She vowed to remove youngsters from such wretched conditions by establishing a residential school for them. Armor's *A Home for Wayward Boys* recounts how Johnston, with the support of women across the state, persuaded the legislature to establish the Alabama Boys' Industrial School in 1900.

Jerry Armor served seven years as a juvenile probation officer, two years as the psychologist in one of the state's prisons, and taught 30 years at Calhoun Community College and Athens State University. Today, he directs the Lawrence County Children's Policy Council and teaches part-time. He has written extensively for both academic and general interest publications.

This presentation is **FREE** to the public. The ADAH is located in downtown Montgomery across the street from the State Capitol on Washington Avenue. For more information visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 353-3312.

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