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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON MAY 18 AT NOON  
ALABAMA FEVER IN THE WAKE OF THE TREATY OF FORT JACKSON  
PRESENTED BY TOM KANON**

Montgomery, AL (5/9/17) - *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating and informative lunchtime lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) on **Thursday, May 18 at 12:00 pm**. Tom Kanon will present *Alabama Fever in the Wake of the Treaty of Fort Jackson*.

The signing of the Treaty of Fort Jackson at the end of the Creek War of 1813-1814 paved the way for thousands of emigrants to settle in what was once Creek Indian territory. This flood of new settlers radically altered the landscape and economic structures of the land that would become the State of Alabama. This month, Dr. Tom Kanon will discuss this historic treaty and how it resulted in "Alabama Fever," an unprecedented migration to the early frontier, that brought with it a dramatic increase in slavery and the eventual removal of the region's Native Americans.

Dr. Kanon is an archivist at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville and holds a doctoral degree in Public History from Middle Tennessee State University. For the past twenty years, he has been researching and writing on topics related to the early southern frontier, particularly the period of the War of 1812. Dr. Kanon is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles and essays. His first book, *Tennesseans at War 1812-1815: Andrew Jackson, the Creek War, and the Battle of New Orleans*, was published by the University of Alabama Press in 2014.

Admission to Food For Thought presentations is always **FREE!** The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages are provided. **For additional information, call (334) 353-4689.**

Food For Thought 2017 is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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