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DELOS HUGHES TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON JULY 12 AT 12:00
HISTORIC ALABAMA COURTHOUSES: A CENTURY OF THEIR IMAGES AND STORIES

Montgomery, AL (7/5/17) – On **Wednesday, July 12 at 12:00**, author Delos Hughes will present a book talk on his recent publication ***Historic Alabama Courthouses: A Century of Their Images and Stories*** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **free**.

Hughes' new book resurrects historical facts and images of Alabama's oldest courthouses, which were the centers of much of the state's public life during its first century. The book also focuses on the skills and technological innovations of the architects and builders of these significant landmarks. Photographs of more than 120 courthouses are included along with historical, architectural, social, legal, and political accounts of their contributions to the landscape of Alabama.

Delos Hughes is a native of Auburn. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught political philosophy at Washington and Lee University from 1963 until his retirement in 1996. As Emeritus Professor of Politics, he researches architectural history subjects. Hughes has published studies of courthouses in Alabama, Virginia, and South Carolina, a New Deal homesteads project in Tennessee, and an early effort to design buildings for the University of Alabama. He is a co-author of *Lost Auburn: A Village Remembered in Period Photographs*, published by NewSouth Books in 2012.

Historic Alabama Courthouses: A Century of Their Images and Stories (2017) is published by NewSouth Books. Copies will be available for purchase at the event. For more information about the book talk, call (334) 353-4689.

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. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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