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JOHN S. SLEDGE TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON DECEMBER 14 AT 12:00
THESE RUGGED DAYS: ALABAMA IN THE CIVIL WAR

Montgomery, AL (11/29/17) – On **Thursday, December 14 at 12:00**, John S. Sledge will present a special Alabama Day book talk on his publication ***These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War*** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **free**.

These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War presents the riveting narrative of Alabama's Civil War saga. Through impressive primary sources including journals, sketches, and photographs, *These Rugged Days* portrays some of Alabama's most colorful Civil War-era characters, including John Pelham, Gus Askew, and Jane Evans. The book is an enthralling tale of action, courage, pride, and tragedy, making clear the relevance of many of the Civil War's decisive moments for the way Alabamians live today. In this presentation, Sledge will provide a refreshing take on Alabama's contributions to the Civil War that will intrigue anyone interested in learning more about the state's war efforts.

John S. Sledge is senior architectural historian for the Mobile Historic Development Commission and a member of the National Book Critics Circle. He is author of numerous books, including *Cities of Silence*, *A Guide to Mobile's Historic Cemeteries*, and *The Mobile River*. He and his wife, Lynn, reside in Fairhope, Alabama.

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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