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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY TO RESUME LIMITED SATURDAY SERVICE ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is pleased to announce the reopening of the museum and research room **one Saturday per month**, starting on November 13, 2010. The department will be open for researchers and museum visitors on the second Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 4:30.

The elimination of Saturday services and other programs in January 2009 resulted from severe budget cuts that led to the loss of 20 of the department's 55 full-time positions. Although the impact of budget reductions is ongoing, restoring Saturday services has remained a priority for the department.

The introduction of second-Saturday hours is made possible in part by one-time federal stimulus funding. The reallocation of staff resources to cover the duties of some eliminated positions was also required.

The museum and research room will be open on Saturday, November 13, and Saturday, December 11, 2010. Starting on January 8, 2011, special children's activities and tours will be added to the second-Saturday schedule.

Normal hours will remain 8:30 - 4:30 on the following schedule:

Monday: Museum and Staff Offices open

 Research Room Closed on Mondays

Tuesday - Friday: Museum, Research Room, and Staff Offices open

2nd Saturday of each month only: Museum and Research Room open

Sunday & State Holidays: Department Closed

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