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BOOK TALK AND SIGNING,
*CAROLINA PLANTERS ON THE ALABAMA FRONTIER: THE SPENCER-
ROBESON-MCKENZIE FAMILY PAPERS* BY EDWARD PATTILLO
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, December 8, 2011**, as Edward Pattillo presents *Carolina Planters on the Alabama Frontier: The Spencer-Robeson-McKenzie Family Papers*, published by NewSouth Books. This informative talk and book signing will be held at the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Through his research, Edward Pattillo chronicles an American family from the mid-eighteenth century through Reconstruction, from New England to the Carolinas and finally to Alabama. Pattillo researched the papers of his extended family members for many years in order to present their story, primarily through their own documents. The papers form a dramatic narrative of early America from the French and Indian War to the aftermath of the Civil War.

Edward McKenzie Pattillo was born near Tallassee, Alabama, where both sides of his family settled lands along the Tallapoosa River and in Montgomery soon after the Creek Nation was ceded to the United States. He was educated at Auburn University, the University of Alabama, and at Columbia University, New York. He worked in the travel industry for many years. He later served as Curator of the Alabama Judicial System. He is an active historian, writing articles for such publications as *Alabama Heritage*, and he is currently at work on two more books. He is also an appraiser of personal property and a consultant for historic preservation groups in Montgomery.

The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history, free. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. His book will be available to purchase and he will sign copies of the book after the program. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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