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**BOOK TALK, *A GOVERNMENT OF OUR OWN:*
THE MAKING OF THE CONFEDERACY BY WILLIAM C. DAVIS
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY**

Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, May 5th** as **William C. Davis** presents ***A Government of Our Own: The Making of the Confederacy*** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. This program is in conjunction with the statewide *Becoming Alabama* initiative and is co-sponsored by the First White House of the Confederacy.

For four crucial months in 1861, delegates from all over the South met in Montgomery, Alabama, to establish a new nation. William C. Davis tells this story in *A Government of Our Own*, which is regarded as an essential work to understanding the formation of the Confederate government. Davis examines the many participating personalities, their ambitions and egos, the creation of a new constitution, politicking and lobbying for the presidency of the new nation, and the nature of the city of Montgomery itself. Davis will reflect on the research and writing of this acclaimed book and others on Civil War history.

An expert on the American Civil War, William C. Davis has twice been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. His expertise in southern history has made him a valued consultant, both for newspaper articles, and television productions. Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Sonoma State University in California. He is a past president of the National Historical Society. In 2000, he became a professor at Virginia Tech University, where he also serves as director of programs for the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. He is the author of numerous books on the Civil War and other topics. His latest book, *Rogue Republic*, tells a little-known story of rebellion in Spanish West Florida in the early 1800s.

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. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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