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**BOOK TALK BY MATTHEW MCDANIEL ON APRIL 22 AT NOON
*EMIGRATION TO LIBERIA FROM THE CHATAHOOCHEE VALLEY
OF GEORGIA AND ALABAMA, 1853-1903*
CO-SPONSORED BY NEWSOUTH BOOKS**

On Wednesday, **April 22 at noon**, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will present a book talk by Matthew McDaniel entitled *Emigration to Liberia from the Chattahoochee Valley of Georgia and Alabama, 1853-1903*. This presentation is co-sponsored by NewSouth Books.

During the uncertainty of the post-Civil War years, approximately five hundred African Americans left the Chattahoochee Valley of Georgia and Alabama to start new lives in the West African Republic of Liberia. All of the emigrants faced many hardships. Some returned to the United States; however most stayed, and a small number prospered. Matthew McDaniel will tell their stories and discuss his new book, *Emigration from Liberia*.

Matthew K. McDaniel graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts in history and received departmental honors. He received a Master of Historic Preservation degree from the University of Georgia in 2002 and a Master of Arts degree in history from Louisiana State University in 2007. McDaniel has more than thirteen years of professional experience in the cultural resources field as an architectural historian, historic preservation planner, museum director, and archivist. Copies of *Emigration to Liberia* will be available for purchase at the event.

This presentation is **FREE** to the public. The ADAH is located in downtown Montgomery across the street from the State Capitol on Washington Avenue. For more information visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 353-3312.

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