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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY TO HOST BOOK SIGNING WITH ALABAMA MUSIC LEGEND RICK HALL ON APRIL 1, 2015 FROM 1 TO 2 PM

Montgomery, AL (3/25/15) – On **Wednesday, April 1, 2015**, the Alabama Department of Archives and History will host a book signing with Rick Hall from **1 to 2 pm** in its Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. Hall is a legendary record producer and the founder of FAME Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. He will be signing copies of his new autobiography, *The Man From Muscle Shoals: My Journey From Shame to Fame*.

Rick Hall made music history when he founded FAME Recording Studios, the first professional recording studio in the state of Alabama. In the days when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was marching for freedom, Hall proved to be a civil rights pioneer through his music. He launched the careers of many famous African American musicians, introducing them to white audiences and helping to break down old barriers. Hall earned international fame and eventually a Grammy for a lifetime of achievements. This new autobiography is the story of how he launched the careers of so many famous artists and the pivotal role he played in developing the “Muscle Shoals sound.”

This book signing is **free and open to the public**. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. For additional information call (334) 353-3312 and visit www.archives.alabama.gov. The Alabama Department of Archives and History is located in downtown Montgomery across the street from the State Capitol on Washington Avenue. It is home to the state’s history museum, the *Museum of Alabama*. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. Admission is always free.

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