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**ARCHIVES TO HOST SCREENING OF
THE BANKHEADS ON SEPTEMBER 1 AT 12:00 PM**

Montgomery, AL (8/25/16) – On **Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 12:00 pm** the Alabama Department of Archives and History will host a screening of the film, *The Bankheads*, in its Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. **Admission is FREE.**

Released in 2016 *The Bankheads* is a documentary about three generations of one of Alabama's most historic and influential families. Often referred to as the "Kennedys of Alabama," the Bankheads of North Alabama played a prominent role in American politics, Hollywood, and even in the history of the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Noted family members include U.S. Congressmen John Hollis Bankhead and John Hollis Bankhead II, Speaker of the House William Bankhead; second director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History Marie Bankhead Owen; and actress Tallulah Bankhead, star of the stage and screen in the early 20th century. Today, the Bankhead's once famous last name has been obscured by time. This film explores their personalities, their rise to power and prominence, and the Bankhead legacy that remains in our state today. Run time of the film is 60 minutes

Fittingly, this documentary will be screened on September 1, the 147th birthday of Marie Bankhead Owen who served as director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History for 35 years. In celebration, birthday cake will be served to attendees. A special temporary exhibit focused on the life and career of Owen will also be on display for the screening.

The Bankheads was produced by Robert Briscoe and Adam Morrow for the University of Alabama Center for Public Television. It premiered on June 9, 2016, at the Bankhead House and Heritage Center Amphitheater in Jasper, Alabama.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. It is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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