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**ARCHIVES DEBUTS NEW TEMPORARY EXHIBIT**  
***UNFOLDING HISTORY: ALABAMA IN MAPS***

Montgomery, AL (03/01/2019) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History announces the opening of its latest temporary exhibit, *Unfolding History: Alabama in Maps*. The exhibit features large scale reproductions of 22 historical maps from the Archives' collection and is on display in the Archives first-floor corridor and adjacent Milo B. Howard auditorium. This special, year-long exhibition is presented as part of the Archives' ongoing programs and exhibits marking the bicentennial of statehood.

Few historical documents can captivate the imagination faster or more thoroughly than a map. Throughout recorded history, maps have quickly conveyed important data about the geographic, political, economic, and social history of mankind in highly visual, often challenging and inspiring ways. Maps serve as markers of the past and predictors of the future.

Drawn from the extensive map collection at the Alabama Archives, the maps in this exhibit explain the forces that shaped Alabama history: changing boundaries, mineral wealth, infrastructure, growing population, and themes through which its citizens define and present their identities. Each of these pieces conveys a small part of the unfolding story of Alabama.

"Unfolding History: Alabama in Maps" will be on display on the Archives' first floor through January 2020. Scans of the maps can be viewed in the Archives' digital collection at [www.digital.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.digital.archives.alabama.gov). Reproductions of several maps in the exhibit are available for purchase from the Museum Store.

The Museum of Alabama is located at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, in downtown Montgomery across the street from the State Capitol. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30 and admission is always free. Parking is available in a free lot directly behind the Archives' building on Adams Avenue. For more information visit [www.museum.alabama.gov](http://www.museum.alabama.gov) or call 334-242-4364.

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