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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
THE RISE AND FALL OF ALABAMA'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY BY DAVID SEAGRAVES
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, March 21, 2013**, as **David Seagraves** presents ***The Rise and Fall of Alabama's Textile Industry***.

Starting in the late 19th century and continuing into the late 20th century, Alabama was a center for textile manufacturing. What drew the industrialists to the South to build textile mills? Why did the textile industry thrive in Alabama? What led to the decline of this once powerful industry in Alabama? In this program David Seagraves, former executive vice president of the Alabama Textile Manufacturers Association, will share his experiences and insights into the rise and fall of Alabama's textile industry.

David Seagraves is a native of Athens, Georgia. He attended Clemson University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Manufacturing. He moved to Centre, Alabama in 1973 where he supervised the construction of a textile manufacturing facility on behalf of the Crompton Company in Leesburg and continued to supervise operation of the facility until 1984. He was appointed as the executive vice-president of the Alabama Textile Manufacturers Association in 1985 and served until his retirement in 2000. He currently lives in Montgomery.

This ArchiTreats presentation is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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