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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
STREIGHT'S RAID AND THE MAKING OF A CONFEDERATE HEROINE
PRESENTED BY KEITH S. HEBERT
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, April 18, 2013**, as **Keith S. Hebert** presents ***Streight's Raid and the Making of a Confederate Heroine***.

With the help of 16-year-old Emma Sansom, Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest captured Union Colonel Abel Streight's entire force outside of Cedar Bluff, Alabama. This event helped produce major figures that would loom large in how Alabamians remembered the Civil War for years to come: General Forrest and Emma Sansom.

In his talk, Hebert will examine the history and memory of Colonel Abel Streight's raid through northern Alabama in the spring of 1863. The campaign sought to sever Confederate transportation networks in northwest Georgia but was hampered from the start by poor communications and supplies, as well as by the pursuing Confederate cavalry under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Ultimately, the significance of Streight's raid rests upon how Alabamians remembered this event rather than any strategic or tactical gains won by this Confederate victory.

Dr. Keith S. Hebert is Assistant Professor of History and Co-Director of the Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia. He holds a Ph.D. in History from Auburn University where he studied under Dr. Kenneth W. Noe. His research focuses on the history of northwest Georgia civilians and communities during the Atlanta Campaign. Hebert has published several entries in the *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, including articles on Streight's Raid and Emma Sansom.

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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