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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
INCIDENTS OF THE WAR: THE CIVIL WAR OF MARY JANE CHADICK
BY NANCY M. ROHR
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 19, 2012**, as **Nancy M. Rohr** presents ***Incidents of War: The Civil War of Mary Jane Chadick***. This presentation is in conjunction with the statewide *Becoming Alabama* initiative.

"She heard the artillery being fired at Decatur and saw the flames as the Yanks burned Whitesburg. Drunken soldiers were at every corner and one of them raided the smoke house." These stories and many more will be shared by Nancy M. Rohr as she presents excerpts from *The Incidents of War: The Civil War Journal of Mary Jane Chadick*. Rohr transcribed, edited, and annotated *The Incidents of War*, which was published in 2005. In it, Huntsville native Chadick describes the years of Federal occupation of north Alabama. Her observations are often witty as she describes life under military occupation and the social and cultural tensions experienced by southern white women during these difficult days.

Nancy Rohr is a former tutor and schoolteacher. She graduated from Marshall University and has a Master's Degree from Alabama A & M University in reading education. She is an active volunteer in Huntsville libraries and historical organizations. Ms. Rohr has also written numerous articles about small antique silver and history in north Alabama. She has recently edited, annotated, and published three books about Huntsville's earlier years: *An Alabama School Girl and Paris, 1842-1844*; *Echoes of the Past*; and *Incidents of the War: The Civil War Journal of Mary Jane Chadick*. Nancy loves to research, but she feels the real purpose is to share the results so that others can learn and share the excitement, too.

This commemoration event is one in a series of programs affiliated with *Becoming Alabama*, a statewide partnership of state agencies, historical groups, and cultural organizations to commemorate the coinciding anniversaries of the Creek War and War of 1812, the Civil War, and major events in the civil rights movement. For more information on *Becoming Alabama*, visit <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/BA/>.

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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