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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
TECUMSEH AT TUCKABATCHEE: FACT AND FICTION BY KATHRYN BRAUND
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, September 15, 2011** as **Kathryn Braund** presents ***Tecumseh at Tuckabatchee: Fact and Fiction***. This presentation is in conjunction with the statewide *Becoming Alabama* initiative.

The Shawnee statesman Tecumseh traveled through the southern Indian nations two hundred years ago carrying a message of Indian unity and resistance to white expansion. Since then, his visit has been closely associated with earthquakes, comets, and misguided religious fanaticism among the Creeks. He is largely credited with instigating the Red Stick War. Braund will explore the myths and mysteries surrounding his visit to the Creek town of Tuckabatchee in late September 1811.

Dr. Kathryn Braund is the Hollifield Professor of Southern History at Auburn University and has authored or edited four books relating to the southeastern Indians. Her first book, *Deerskins and Duffels: The Creek Indian Trade with Anglo-America, 1685–1815*, was the first to extensively examine the Creek deerskin trade, especially the impact of commercial hunting on all aspects of Indian society. She has also written on William Bartram, an eighteenth-century botanist whose published account of his southern travels is an American literary classic, and on James Adair, a deerskin trader whose account of his life among the southeastern Indians was published in London in 1775. Dr. Braund has also published scholarly articles on the southeastern Indians during the American Revolution, Creek gender and work roles, and race relations and slavery among the Indians. She also has contributed to several encyclopedias and reference works. Currently, she is researching the Creek War of 1813-1814.

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. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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