A whole new wing has just been completed for the Alabama Department of Archives and History building in Montgomery. To dedicate this huge addition, the Archives is holding a grand opening celebration, called the West Wing Fling, on October 8, 2005. At the beginning of the festivities, one fourth-grade student from Alabama will join First Lady Patsy Riley to cut the ribbon to open the new wing! That student could be you!

How to enter the West Wing Fling Essay Contest:

Just write a short essay (one page or less - handwritten or typed), entitled Why I Would Like to Cut the Ribbon for the Archives and History New West Wing. Include your name, address, school name, and teacher’s name on the back of the essay. Also include a phone number and e-mail address if you have one. The contest is open to all Alabama students in the 4th grade. Entries will be judged on appropriateness and originality, and must be received by September 12, 2005 to be eligible. To learn more about the West Wing Fling and the Alabama Department of Archives and History go to www.archives.state.al.us.

Send your entry to:

West Wing Fling Essay Contest
Alabama Department of Archives and History
P.O. Box 300100
Montgomery, AL 36130-0100

Note: Teachers whose students submit essays will receive a free 1819 Alabama map poster.
Cut the Ribbon

and Go Down in History!