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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
ALABAMA AND THE WAR OF 1812: AFTER THE HORSESHOE
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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, July 19, 2012**, as **Jim Parker** presents ***Alabama and the War of 1812: After the Horseshoe***. This presentation is in conjunction with the statewide *Becoming Alabama* initiative.

The Battle of Horseshoe Bend in March 1814 is usually seen as the end of the Creek War in Alabama but there were many large scale troop movements, campaigns, and battles yet to be conducted across the area. Troops from throughout the South became involved as the focus changed from a frontier war to a clash of nations. Defeated Creeks were dealt with both as refugees and continuing enemies while thousands of American troops trekked through the state until the last battle of the War of 1812 was fought on the seashore of Alabama. The presentation will tell the often forgotten stories of the events and people after the Horseshoe.

James W. (Jim) Parker is a native of Birmingham who conducted undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Alabama with degrees in History, Anthropology and American Studies. He has worked in the preservation and research fields for decades, including working for the National Park Service, Colonial Williamsburg, and the States of Virginia and Alabama. His current research focuses on the period surrounding the Creek War of 1813-1814 and the War of 1812 in the South. Parker is currently employed with the Alabama Historical Commission as Director of Fort Toulouse / Fort Jackson State Historic Site in Wetumpka.

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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