AlabamaMosaic: A Distributed Digital Collection of Cultural Heritage Materials

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Why Digital Collections?

• Access
• Visibility
• Preservation
  – Physical objects
  – Intellectual content
• Added value
What Does “Distributed” Mean?
Types of Materials Found in AlabamaMosaic

- Photos
- Postcards
- Letters
- Diaries
- Oral histories
- Newspapers
- Yearbooks
- Scrapbooks

- Sheet Music
- Maps
- College records
- Census records
- Church records
- Government records
- Funeral programs
Technology

- ENCompass (content management + indexing)
- CONTENTdm (content management) + MultiSite Server (indexing)
- CONTENTdm + Acumen + DSpace + ??? (content management) + VuFind (indexing)
Adding New Collections

- Collection owner creates the collection (with our help if necessary).
- Collection owner notifies us the collection is ready to index.
- We harvest collection metadata from the OAI-PMH feed and index the collection.
- We add collection information to the AlabamaMosaic Web site.
About AlabamaMosaic
Alabama River at Selma, Alabama.

Format: Electronic
Link: http://digital.archives.alabama.gov/cdm/ref/collection/photo/id/7649
Published: Alabama Department of Archives and History
Subjects: Alabama Photographs and Pictures
Bodies of water; Buildings; Rivers; Alabama River (Ala.); Selma (Ala.); Dallas County (Ala.)
Alabama River at Selma, Alabama.

View Description
Some Numbers

- 219 distinct collections
- 22 contributing institutions
- 95,896 digital objects
- Usage for 2012-11-01 – 2013-07-31
  - 13,766 visits, 53,933 page views
  - 55% visits from Alabama
  - 6.2% of visitors to AUL digital collections came from AlabamaMosaic
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Thank you.