



# Discovering Alabama Mosaic



Midge Coates, Auburn University Libraries  
ALLA Annual Convention, April 21, 2011



## What is AlabamaMosaic?

“A repository of digital materials on Alabama's history, culture, places, and people [whose] purpose is to make unique historical treasures ... accessible to Alabama residents and to students, researchers, and the general public in other states and countries.”



## Some History

- Phase 1: The Cornerstone Project. Started as an IMLS-funded grant project, 2001-2004.
- Phase 2: AlabamaMosaic. Changed its name when the grant ended in late 2004 and became self-supporting.
- Phase 3: Resolving software issues. Finally switched from ENCompass software to CONTENTdm Multi-Site Server software in 2006-2007.
- Phase 4: The New Look, 2007-present.
- Phase 5: Coming soon?





## What Will You Find in AlabamaMosaic?

- Materials from twenty-one participating institutions, including eleven college/university libraries, five public libraries, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Alabama Folklife Association, Alabama School of Fine Arts, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Marietta Johnson Museum
- Over 40,000 digital objects, more than ninety collections, including...



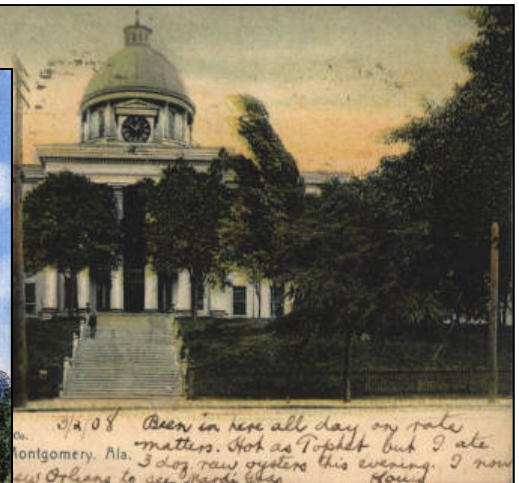
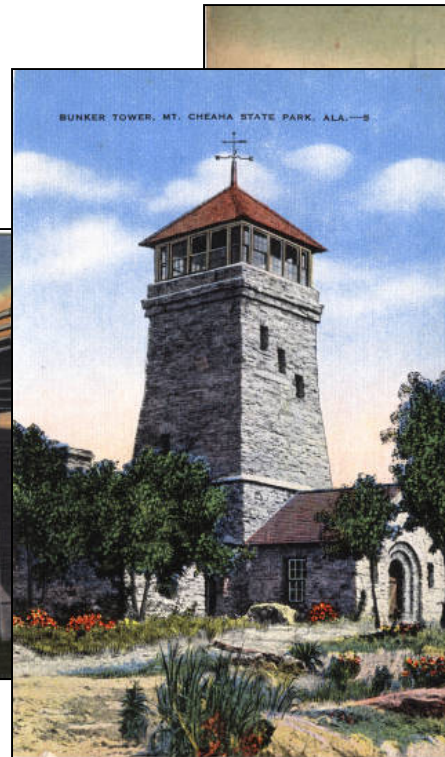
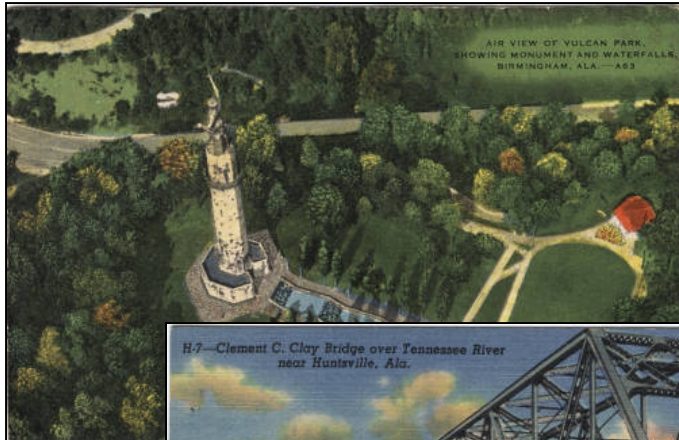


# Photographs





# Postcards











# Historical Documents and Ephemera

**HOME FRONT**  
MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL

VOLUME 1      MONTGOMERY, ALA., JUNE, 1941      NUMBER 1

**Director Paterson Announces First Home Front Issue**  
The first issue of the HOME FRONT, prepared by the Alabama State Defense Council, is now being distributed to the home front workers in Alabama. The issue contains information on the home front and the war effort.

**Alabama WACS Preparing For Service With U. S. Armed Forces**  
The Alabama Women's Army Corps is preparing for service with the U. S. Armed Forces. The women are being trained in various military skills and are being assigned to various posts.

**WACS Celebrate Second Birthday With Naval Rites**  
The Alabama Women's Army Corps celebrated its second birthday with a series of naval rites. The women were dressed in formal attire and participated in a ceremony at the Alabama State Capitol.

**News And Views Of Other States**



Camp Ward River  
Near Petersburg March 9/62

Dear Parents

You will close to the heading of this letter that we have moved in camp and I assure you it wasn't my name all the while because I can't last the journey that must be only boys must see keep the other left at the old camp that will be a better all for the better by substituted for our present camp is about 100 miles from Petersburg and the water all continues in good health and fine. The Medicines in the Virginia as

**\$1.50 POLL TAX RECEIPT FOR 1903** No. 813

COUNTY OF COLBERT, ALABAMA, 1/30/1904

RECEIVED OF *J. T. Newhace*

ONE AND 50-100 DOLLARS FOR POLL TAX DUE BY HIM FOR YEAR 1903

TOWNSHIP *H* RANGE *1003* PRECINCT No. *4*

COUNTERSIGNED BY *T. L. Sowell* STATE AUDITOR

16th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 17th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 18th marched all day and camped at 19th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 20th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 21st marched through a pine thicket and camped at 22nd marched through a pine thicket and camped at 23rd marched through a pine thicket and camped at 24th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 25th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 26th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 27th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 28th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 29th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 30th marched through a pine thicket and camped at 31st marched through a pine thicket and camped at 1st Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 2nd Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 3rd Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 4th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 5th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 6th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 7th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 8th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 9th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 10th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 11th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 12th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 13th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 14th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 15th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 16th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 17th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 18th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 19th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 20th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 21st Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 22nd Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 23rd Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 24th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 25th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 26th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 27th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 28th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 29th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 30th Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped 31st Regt Cavalry marched 20 miles and camped

**WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM**

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MR ALSTON FITTS, TUSCALOOSA ALA.

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FITTS 1258 PM

**Steamer CARRIER**

JOS. SPEITH, CLERK.

To Freight on 20 Pds Coffee - 1.50  
100 " " " " 2.50  
8 " " " " 3.20  
Chgo - 6.20

PL 1130  
J. Speith

**ATLANTA AND WEST POINT R.R.**

**THE WESTERN RAILWAY OF ALABAMA**

W. H. BRIDGES, GENERAL MANAGER  
GEORGE O. SMITH, GENERAL SUPERVISOR





# Newspaper Clippings



### ALABAMIAN GUILTY IN '63 CHURCH BLAST THAT KILLED 4 GIRLS

EX-SENATOR GETS LIFE TERM

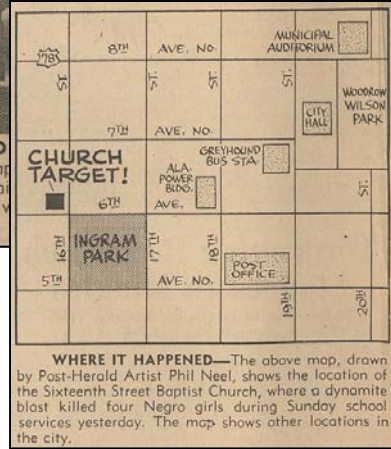
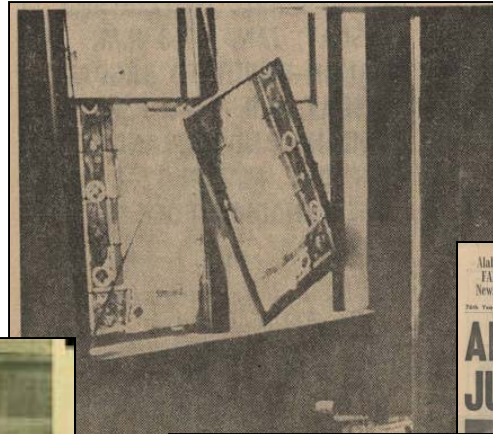
Appeal Planned by Defendant, 73  
—Prosecutors to Seek Further  
Indictments in Racial Case

By R. GREENBERG AP Wire

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 15—A former state senator who is charged with providing dynamite for the Sept. 16, 1963, church blast that killed four young Negro girls in one of the worst racial incidents in American history, a jury of three whites and two Negroes delivered a verdict yesterday in the case today.

The jury, in accepted compromise in a case that has been changing since Sept. 16, returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of providing dynamite for the blast.

Lawyer for Mr. Chaney said the jury would return a verdict of guilty on the charge of providing dynamite for the blast.



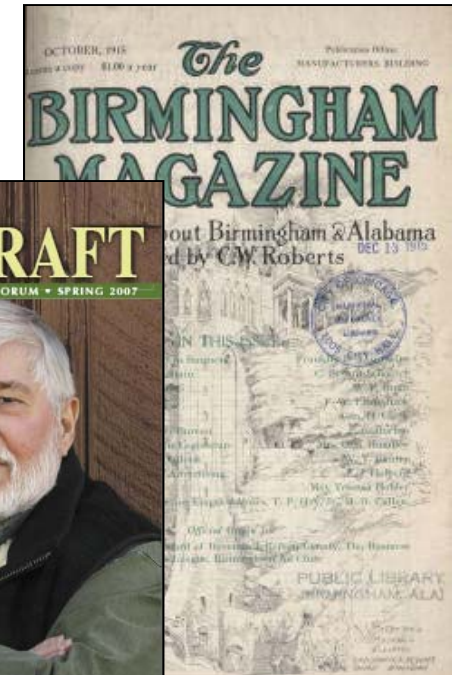


# Sheet Music



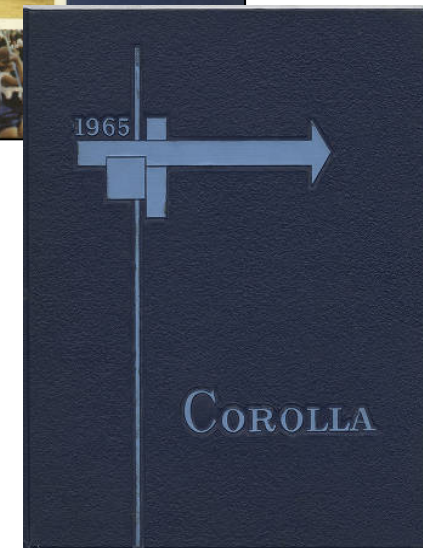
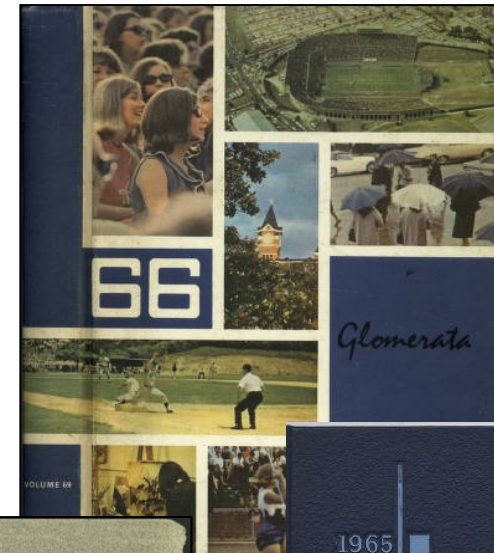
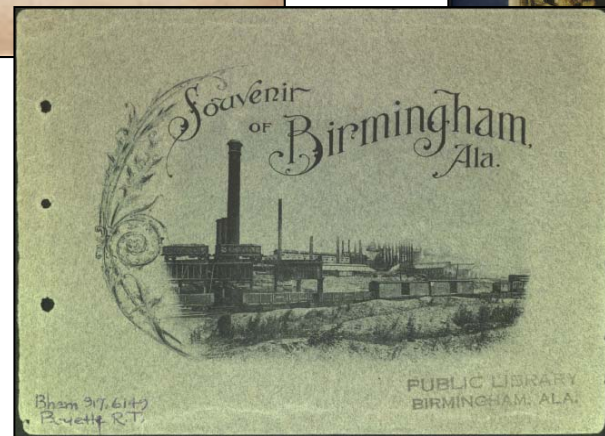
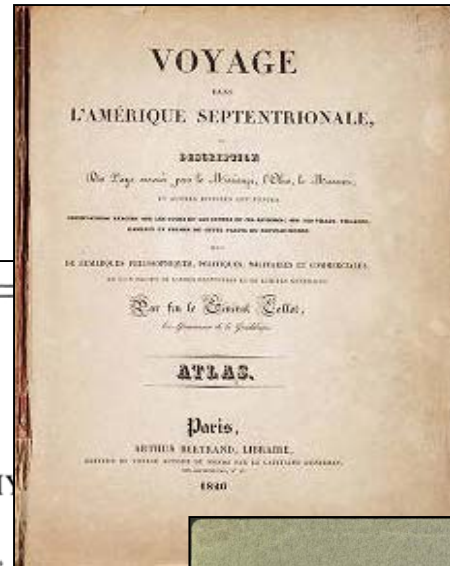
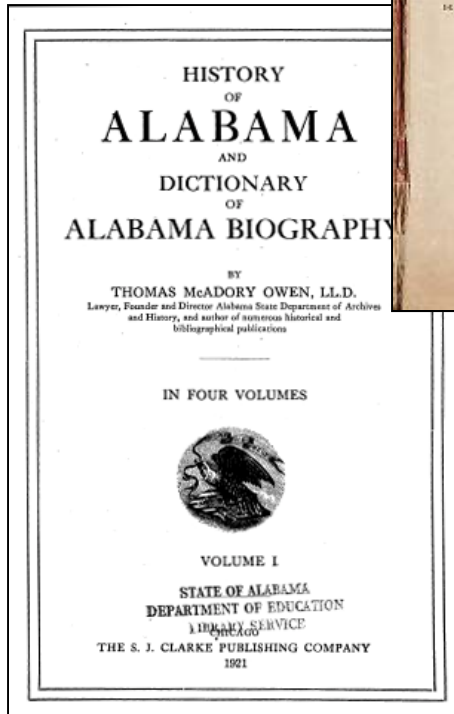


# Periodicals





# Books

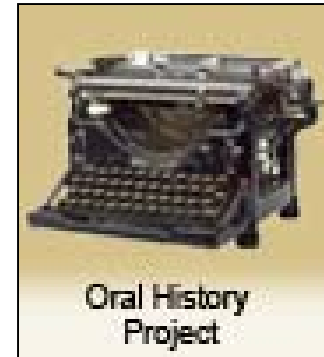




# Multimedia



Florence-Lauderdale Public Library



University of Alabama at Birmingham



Alabama Department of Archives and History



Alabama Folklife Association





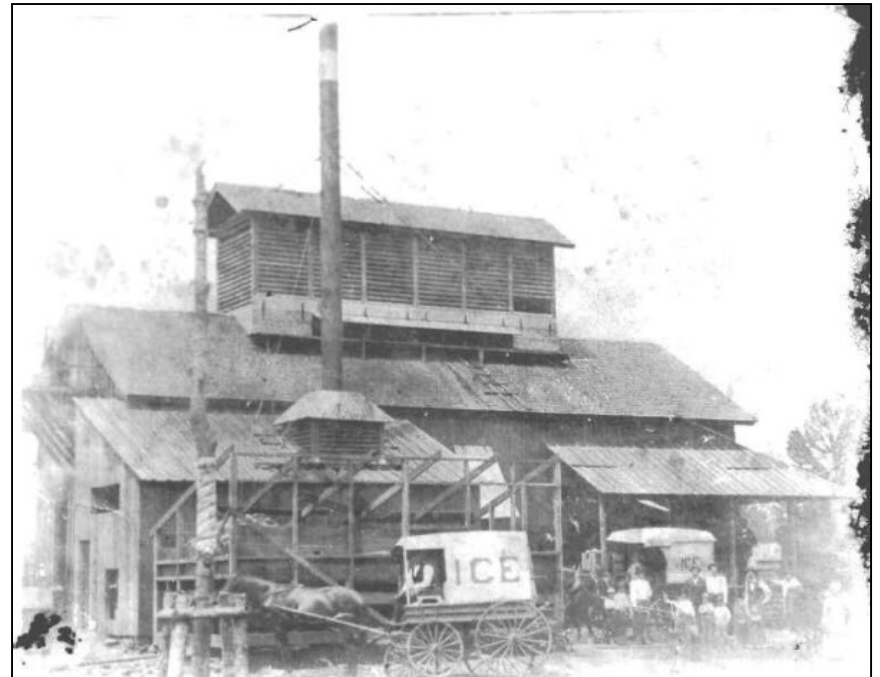
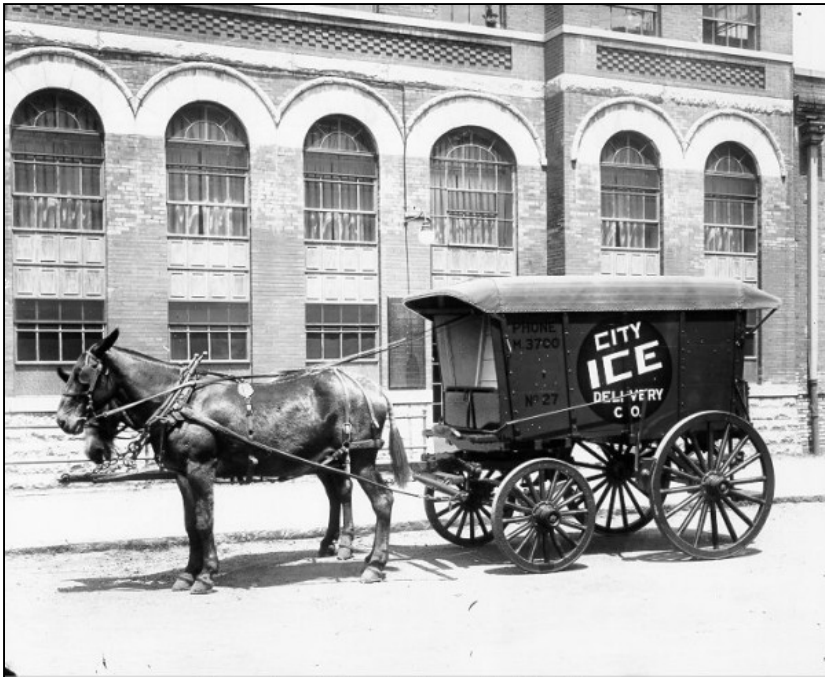
# Combining Materials

- Photos
- Postcards
- Clippings
- Documents (including sheet music)
- Periodicals and Books
- Audio and Video Materials
- Other Web Materials, especially the Encyclopedia of Alabama





# A Time Before Refrigeration







# Economic Dependence on Cotton





# 1850-1852: Jenny Lind Concert Tour

JENNY LIND'S  
GREETING TO AMERICA.  
*Written by* BAYARD TAYLOR, ESQ. *Music Composed by* JULIUS BENEDICT.

JENNY LIND POLKA  
*Arranged for the*  
GUITAR  
*BY*  
F. T. STRAWINSKI.



*Polka Favorite*  
Jenny Lind  
—FAR—  
A. WALLEBSTEIN.

JENNY LIND'S  
*American Polka*  
*Composed for the*  
PIANO

JENNY LIND'S FAVORITE SERENADING POLKA  
or the  
NATIONAL SCHOTTISCHE  
*ARRANGED BY*  
H. P. WELLER.

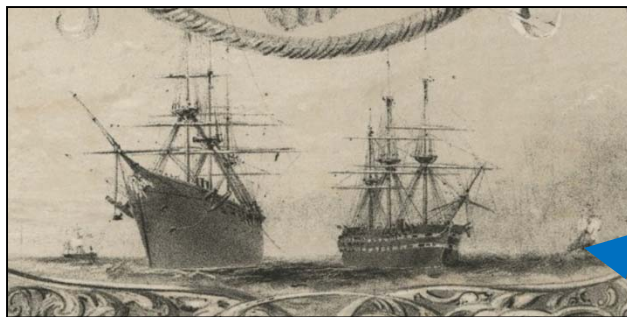




# 1858: Trans-Atlantic Telegraph Cable



Cable Construction



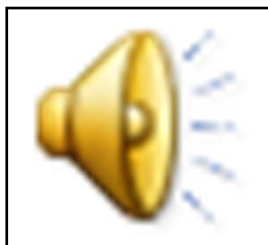
Ships Laying the Cable



The Ocean Telegraph March



Cyrus West Field  
Cable Advocate





# World War II: European Theater

ARMY EXCHANGE SERVICE RATION CARD ÉTOUSA

ANYWHERE IN ÉTOUSA	EVERY WEEK	EVERY TWO WEEKS	EVERY FOUR WEEKS
BEER	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	PEANUTS, 4 OZS. 8 6 4 2	JUICE, FRUIT 8
SOFT DRINK	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	SOAP, LAUNDRY 8 6 4	TOOTH POWDER OR PASTE 8
TOBACCO RATION	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	BLADES, RAZOR-S 8 6 4	SHAVING CREAM OR STICK 8
CANDY RATION	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		TABLET, WRITING 8
CANDY ROLL OR GUM	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		ENVELOPES OR PORTFOLIO 8
COOKIES	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		CLEANERS, PIPE 8
MATCHES, BOOK OR BOX	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		HANDKERCHIEFS, WOMEN'S (2) 8
SOAP, TOILET	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		

NO. 441 DATE ISSUED 1/19/44  
 NAME & ADDRESS: Raymond R. Grenier, 28 Lafayette St., Rochester, N.Y.  
 SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
 SIGNATURE, UNIT COMMAND: [Signature]



**Bronze Star**

For disregarding enemy fire to keep his truck column in operation, while supplying ammunition to advance units during the crossing of the Rhine river in Germany in March, Sgt. Raymond R. Grenier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Grenier of 28 Lafayette street, Rochester, has been awarded the Bronze Star and a citation for heroism. Sgt. Grenier, who was employed by the Rochester Water Department before enlistment in February, 1942, is a graduate of the Holy Rosary school.

Name GRENIER, RAYMOND R.  
 Army serial No. 11039143  
 Grade SGT  
 Years of service (On date of opening this book) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance, amount and class \$10,000  
 Insurance premium, monthly, \$ 7.55  
 Allowments, amount and class \$8.45  
 Compulsory allotments, amount and class \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pay reservation, class B \$ 16.25  
 Technician grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional pay for \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person to be notified in case of emergency: ALICE GRENIER  
 (Name)  
MOTHER  
 (Relationship, if friend, to state)  
28 LAFAYETTE ST  
 (Number and street or rural route, if none, to state)  
ROCHESTER N.Y.  
 (City, town, or post office) (State or country)  
 Date of opening this book 13 MAY 1944  
 (Signature of soldier) (Name, grade, and arm or service only. Do not enter organization)  
 Witness to signature by officer preparing book: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature—Name, grade, and arm or service only. Do not enter organization)

**CHANGES AFFECTING PAY STATUS**  
40 CLE. ADJUT. \$48.00 PER MO  
COMM. 1 NOV '44  
RD 3 SGT FR SGT 190244  
CLE. ADJUT. RE. MISSO. INACT. IN 3630  
COMM. 1 FEB '45

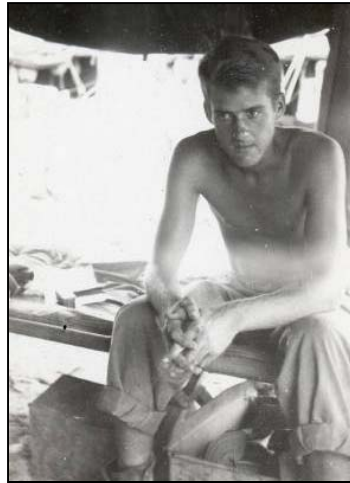
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Date reported or gilded on (Do not enter organization) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name, grade, and arm or service only of personnel officer or commanding officer \_\_\_\_\_

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# World War II: Pacific Theater





# World War II: The Home Front



**99 ways to share the MEAT**

AWI-13

*Meat rationing is a new way and a fair way to share our food supply.*

**IF YOU MUST ADJUST MEAL PLANS**

Under point rationing every citizen in the United States—man, woman, child—has a chance to bag an equal share of meat. For many families meat rationing calls for less, if any, diet changes. Families who have used meats more generously in the past need to adjust menus carefully now.

Meat supplies six main food values in goodly amounts: PROTEIN of good quality; BONE.

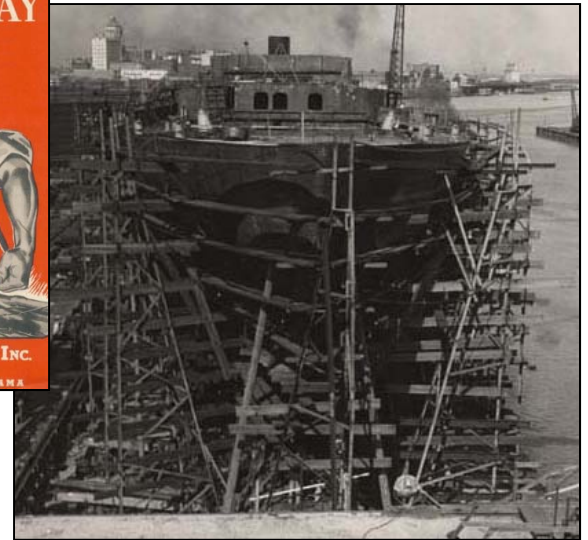
**SUPPLIES LARGE—DEMAND LARGER**

Any way you figure it there isn't enough meat to satisfy all appetites during wartime. Not that supplies are less than in peace years.



**Give!**  
at Least  
**ONE DAY'S PAY**

**ALABAMA WAR CHEST, Inc.**  
"One for All!"  
HEADQUARTERS... MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA



**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

- Coupons can be used only in connection with the vehicle described on the front cover. Expired coupons VOID.
- If you stop using your car, this book and all unused coupons must be surrendered to your Board within 5 days.
- If you sell your car, this book and all unused coupons must be surrendered to your Board. The purchaser will not be issued a gasoline ration unless he presents the receipt which you receive at the time of such surrender.

**A BASIC MILITARY SERVICE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER  
*Gray Smith*

ADDRESS—NUMBER AND STREET  
*123 Main St*

CITY AND STATE  
*Montgomery, Ala*

LICENSE NO. AND STATE  
*68-643 Ala*

YEAR MODEL AND MAKE  
*1937 Ford*

Holder must fill in any blank spaces above before the first purchase of gasoline.

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# Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing





# Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing







# Augusta Jane Evans Wilson: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Best-selling Author



307. Roachin St.  
August 8<sup>th</sup>  
My dear Rachelle:  
A thousand  
thanks for your kind  
and valued notes  
which I hope to  
answer in person  
as soon as possible.  
Having promised a  
friend to see her  
any morning this  
week, I can  
scarcely go out on





## To use AlabamaMosaic, you'll need...

- A computer with Web-access
- Some good search terms
- Time and motivation to find the materials you need

### Helpful, but not essential ...

- Presentation software (PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Docs, etc.)
- Photo-editing software (Photoshop, etc.)
- Audio editing software (Audacity, GarageBand, etc.)





## To contribute to AlabamaMosaic, you'll need...

- Alabama-related materials that you own and have the right to digitize
- A collection space on the shared CONTENTdm server (we provide this)
- CONTENTdm Project Client software (ditto)
- Initial training and guidance (ditto)
- Time and motivation to index images and upload them to the shared server (you provide this)





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