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MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET EXHIBITION KICKS OFF IN JASPER JUNE 25

Alabama's next Museum on Main Street exhibition, "Journey Stories," will open at the Bankhead House and Heritage Center on June 25 and will examine the intersection between modes of travel and Americans' desire to feel free to move. "Journey Stories" tells the story of how we, and our ancestors, came to America. America's history is filled with stories of people leaving everything behind to reach a new life in another state, across the continent, or even across an ocean. "Journey Stories" will use engaging images with audio and artifacts to tell the individual stories that illustrate the critical roles travel and movement have played in building our diverse American society.

The exhibit is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institute and the Alabama Humanities Foundation. It will tour Alabama during the following dates at six selected host sites. Each community will develop a local exhibition and public programs to tell their own journey stories. Local programs and exhibitions will explore early settlements, stagecoach crossings and the development of roads and railroads in Alabama. Cars, trains and steamboats changed Alabama's rural communities with the transportation of people, products and produce.

June 25-August 7, 2011 — Jasper
August 10-September 26, 2011 — Alexander City
September 28-November 14, 2011 — Marion
November 16, 2011-January 2, 2012 — Mobile
January 4-February 20, 2012 — Eufaula
February 22-April 8, 2012 — Arab

About Museum on Main Street

Museum on Main Street, or MoMS, is an organization that brings together the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES), the Federation of State Humanities Councils, individual state humanities councils such as Alabama Humanities Foundation and small rural museums in a collaborative effort to serve rural audiences. The partnership, established in 1991, was formed as a creative response to the challenges faced by rural museums to enhance their own cultural legacies.

About the Alabama Humanities Foundation

The purpose of the Alabama Humanities Foundation is to create and foster opportunities to explore human values and meanings through the humanities. AHF is a nonprofit organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (of which AHF is the state affiliate), as well as by corporate and individual donors. AHF conducts its own statewide programs, such as the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, SUPER teacher institutes and SUPER Emerging Scholars for students, and awards grants, on a competitive basis, to nonprofit organizations for humanities projects. For more information on AHF and its programs, please visit ahf.net or call (205) 558-3980.

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