Crossroads: Change in Rural Alabama

An Alabama bibliography
for the Smithsonian exhibit’s statewide tour, 2023-2024

Digital Resources
Digital Public Library of America: https://dp.la/
DPLA is a compendium of digitized images, text, audio, and film from archives and libraries across the country, the DPLA offers a trove of primary sources. You can search sources by place and keyword.

Encyclopedia of Alabama: https://encyclopediaofalabama.org/
Developed by the Alabama Humanities Alliance in partnership with many other organizations statewide, the EOA is a free, online resource on Alabama’s history, people, culture, geography, and natural environment.

Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division: https://www.loc.gov/pictures/
LOC has digitized 95% of the holdings of its Prints and Photographs Division. You can search for photographs by county or community name. Many photos are from New Deal agencies but there are recent images, too. Not all images are in the public domain, but each image page will have information on permissions and use.

Living Democracy Series: www.montgomeryadvertiser.com
Student-reported stories that paint a picture of rural Alabama. A partnership of Auburn University’s Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, David Mathews Center for Civic Life, and the Montgomery Advertiser.

The Living New Deal, created by UC Berkeley: https://livingnewdeal.org/map/
This site provides a map of 17,000 New Deal projects, searchable by place. You can find projects in your community that you may not have known about or add projects that are not on the map already.
PACERS Rural Community News Network: http://pacers-prcnn-00852.squarespace.com
A network of citizen-run newspapers — from Beatrice and Camp Hill to Pintlala and Packers Bend — capturing everyday life in rural Alabama. The residents creating these papers are uplifting their communities and helping neighbor better know neighbor.

Photogrammer, Yale University: https://photogrammar.org/maps
Similar to The Living New Deal, this site’s authors have mapped 170,000 New Deal photographs produced by the Farm Security Administration and Office of War Information in the 1930s and 1940s. You can search the map by state and county to find relevant photographs, all which are in the public domain.

**Literature/Memoir**


**Rural Traditions**


**History**


**Documentary Films**

*54 Miles to Home*. Claire Haughey, director. 2021.

*Hale County This Morning, This Evening*. RaMell Ross, director. 2019.


*Uniontown*. Fraser Jones, director. 2018.

**About the Alabama Humanities Alliance**

Founded in 1974, the nonprofit Alabama Humanities Alliance serves as a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. AHA promotes impactful storytelling, lifelong learning and civic engagement. We provide Alabamians with opportunities to connect with our shared cultures and to see each other as fully human. Through our grantmaking, we help scholars, communities and cultural nonprofits create humanities-rich projects that are accessible to all Alabamians — from literary festivals and documentary films to museum exhibitions and research collections. Learn more at [alabamahumanities.org](http://alabamahumanities.org).

**About the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum on Main Street**

Museum on Main Street is a Smithsonian outreach program that engages small town audiences and brings revitalized attention to underserved rural communities. We partner with state humanities councils to bring traveling exhibitions, educational resources and programming to small towns across America through their own local museums, historical societies and other cultural venues. [museumonmainstreet.org](http://museumonmainstreet.org)