Healing History will help Alabamians:

- **Share**, and listen to, different perspectives on the past
- **Gain** a greater understanding of our state's collective history
- **Learn** how our history shapes laws, policies, and relationships today

**HOW IT WORKS**
The Alabama Humanities Alliance is reaching out to every corner of the state to create conversations that lead to tangible, unifying outcomes, such as:

- Community history projects
- United, inclusive workplaces
- Leadership learning days
- Dynamic storytelling events

This initiative is designed to strengthen our communities, workforces, and state by bringing Alabamians together — across race, religion, political affiliation, and all those other frequent dividing lines that shouldn’t keep us apart. We aim to build trust, foster empathy, and grow community through mutually respectful discussions about our shared past, present, and future.

**JOIN US**

**Sign up for Past Forward**
A thought-provoking experience — and entryway to Healing History. You’ll step into someone else’s shoes and learn how policies from the past still affect our communities, workforces, and relationships today.

**Donate to Healing History**
Your support ensures that we reach communities and organizations across Alabama who would benefit from this work. Thank you for helping us bring Alabamians together to listen, learn, grow, and heal. Together.
The Wallace House, in Harpersville, was built in 1841 by Samuel Wallace, a veteran of the War of 1812 who became a cotton planter — eventually growing his holdings to 5,000 acres and 95 enslaved people. Today, the Wallace House is home to the Wallace Center for Arts & Reconciliation, which is bringing together descendants of the home’s White landowners and enslaved Black population to understand their shared history and create a place for mutual understanding.

Through our Healing History initiative and in working with scholars from Auburn University, the Wallace Center has conducted oral histories with these descendants. The Wallace House will incorporate this documentation into its planning and public programming.

WHAT’S NEXT
Thank you to our founding partners, including the Wallace Center, Bread for the World, Greater Birmingham Community Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Regions Bank, and the State of Alabama. If you’d like to partner on this initiative, contact us at 205.558.3992 or landerson@alabamahumanities.org.

Founded in 1974, the nonprofit Alabama Humanities Alliance serves as a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through our grants and public programming, we connect Alabamians to impactful storytelling, lifelong learning, and civic engagement. We believe the humanities can bring our communities together and help us all see each other as fully human. Learn more at alabamahumanities.org.