



Some Numbers

- 261 distinct collections
- 34 contributing institutions
- 179,569 digital objects
- Usage for 2015-01-01 2015-12-31
 - -15,887 visits, 78,906 page views
 - -60% visits from Alabama





Technology

- AlabamaMosaic catalog uses the open-source VuFind software.
- Individual members can use any content management software that is OAI-PMH-capable.
- We create software tools to harvest members' metadata from OAI feeds and create catalog records.





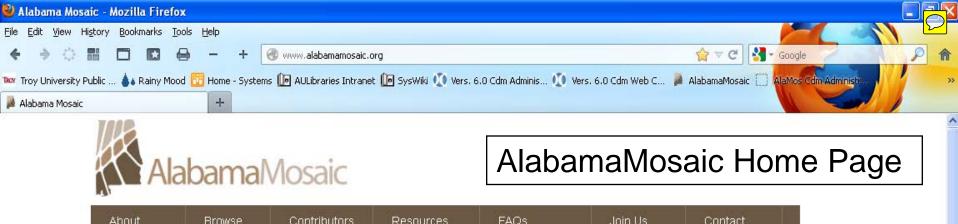
- Collection owner creates the collection (with our help, if desired).
- Collection owner notifies us the collection is ready to index.
- We harvest collection metadata from the OAI-PMH feed and index the collection.
- We add collection information to the AlabamaMosaic Web site.



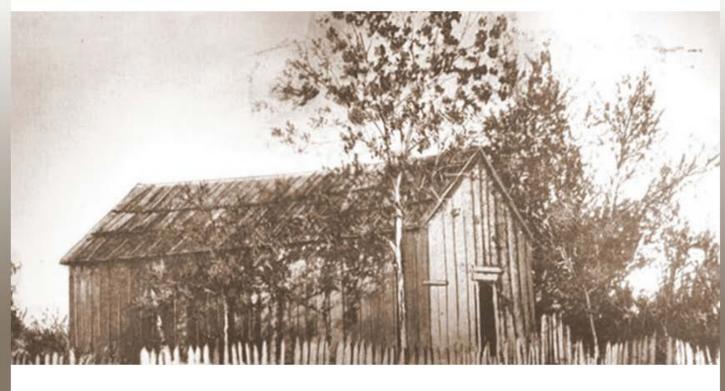
Types of Materials Found in AlabamaMosaic

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

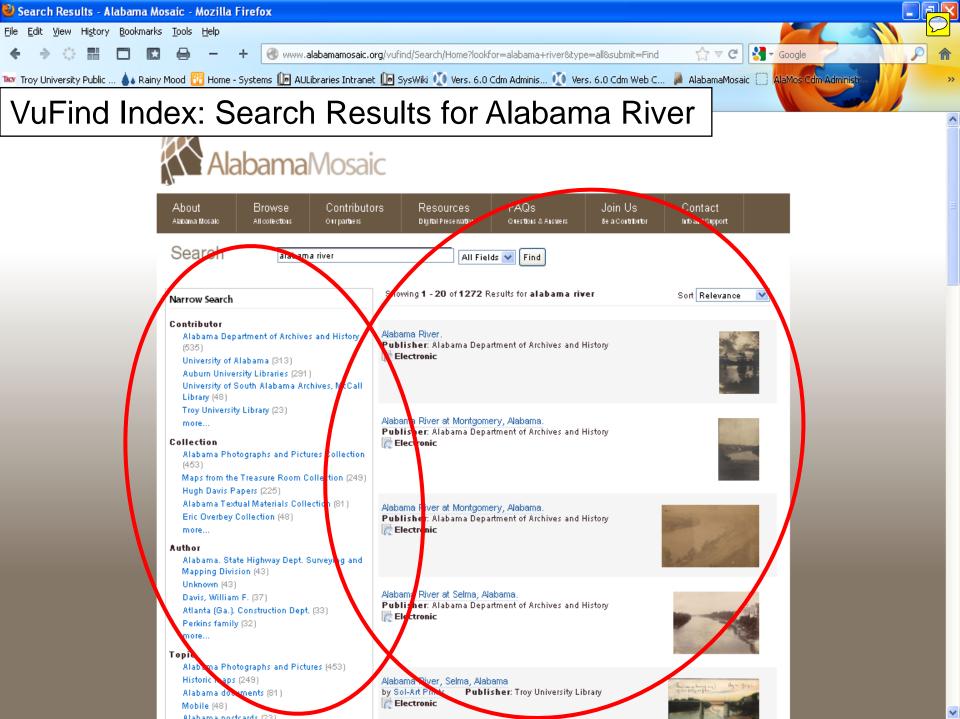
- Sheet music
- Maps
- College records
- Census records
- Church records
- Govt. records
- Funeral programs
- Photos of artifacts







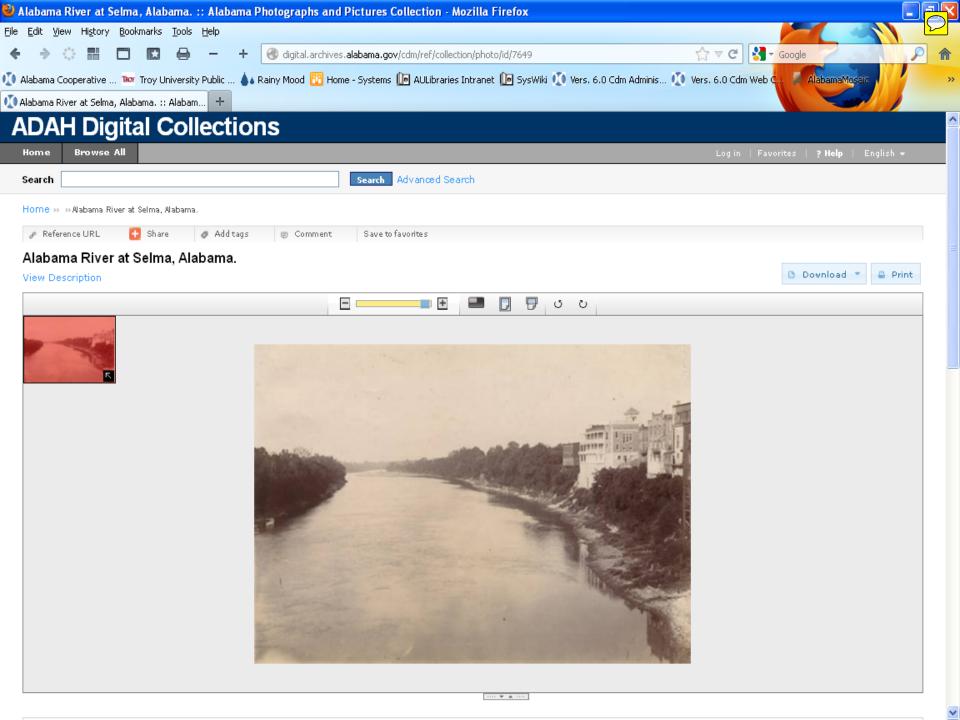
About AlabamaMosaic





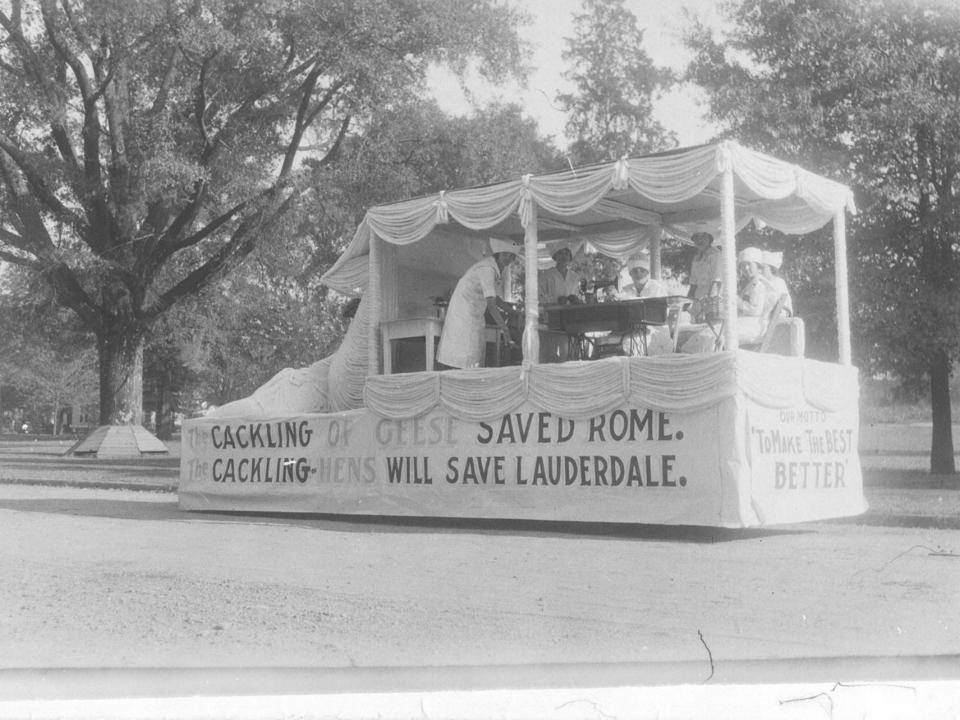












Why Create Digital Collections?

- Visibility
- Preservation
 - -Physical objects
 - -Intellectual content
- Monetization
 - -Low res images online
 - -High res images for fees



What Are Digital Collections?

- NOT online exhibits
- NOT digital exhibit catalogs (unless you want them to be)

Interpretation is your product—We don't demand that you give it away for free.

 Digital Collections = Digital materials + descriptions + search terms



What Can I Put in My Museum's Digital Collection?

- Photographs of "signature" 3-dimensional artifacts
- 2-dimensional artifacts: Photos, maps, posters, etc.
- Materials you produce
 - Research publications
 - Museum newsletters
 - Institutional scrapbooks
 - Museum Friends' event photos
 - Anniversary/Event photos and materials
 - Oral history collections



But ...

- Who would we get to do the work?
- What would we have to do?
- How would we get started?

Talk to us—We want to help.

