



# The Alabama Historical Commission and The Cahaba Foundation

Old House Chamber, Alabama's Historic Capitol  
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2011

## Welcome

Frank W. White, Executive Director, Alabama Historical Commission

Cahaba History and the Old Cahawba Archaeological Park

Linda Derry, Site Director, Old Cahawba

*Oh Cahawba*, written and sung by Karren Pell

Teacher, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory High School

The Cahaba Foundation and its Mission

Daniel J. Meador, President

The Capital Campaign

E. Mason McGowin, Jr., Chairman

Cahaba Land Acquisitions and Presentation of Deeds

Ralph N. Hobbs, Vice-President, The Cahaba Foundation

A Vision and Future for Old Cahawba

William F. Denson III, Chairman, and Frank W. White, Executive Director

Alabama Historical Commission

Concluding Remarks

William F. Denson III

Luncheon in the Archives Room

Provided and Hosted by the Montgomery Friends of Old Cahawba

# The Cahaba Foundation, Inc.

719 Tremont Street, Selma, Alabama 36701

The Cahaba Foundation was established in 2008 to secure financial support for Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, Alabama's first state capital and now a historic site managed by the Alabama Historical Commission. The Commission and the Foundation work cooperatively in a public-private relationship, whereby the Foundation provides non-public funding for the park to supplement legislative appropriations. The Foundation is governed by a fifteen-member board of directors, all of whom are volunteers serving without compensation.

The Foundation has launched a \$2 million capital campaign to acquire all the land in the historic town to incorporate into the park. Presently, the Commission owns only 65% of the site. It is essential that the park include the entire site so that it can be properly managed, protected and preserved. The non-profit, tax-exempt Foundation will purchase land and convey it to the Commission as quickly as gifts permit it to do so.

The Foundation provides a way for Alabama citizens and businesses to invest in the park land at the junction of the Cahaba and Alabama Rivers, preserving it for future generations. More information about the Foundation and the campaign can be obtained by contacting the office at 334-874-8000 or [cahabafoundation@bellsouth.net](mailto:cahabafoundation@bellsouth.net), to which contributions can also be directed.

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# Alabama Historical Commission

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The Alabama Historical Commission was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic and archaeological resources. It is funded by legislative appropriations and has authority over its own governance. The Commission's 21 members are appointed by the governor, and they represent a broad cross section of Alabamians including architects, historians, archaeologists, and representatives of state universities. Its Executive Director also serves as the state's Historic Preservation Officer.

Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, located at the junction of the Cahaba and Alabama Rivers, is among the 20 historic properties throughout the state owned and operated by, or in the custody of, the Commission. Old Cahawba is the site of a town laid out in 1819 as the first seat of Alabama state government, and it is considered one of the most archaeologically-rich and bio-diverse locations in the state. The Commission and The Cahaba Foundation work collaboratively in supporting the park.

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