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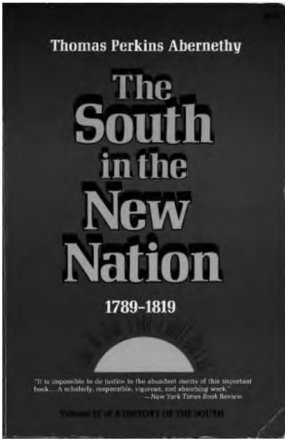
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Book Review:

**Louisiana State University in cooperation with
University of Texas
The History of the South Series Volume IV (1961)
The South in a New Nation 1789-1819**

By Thomas Perkins Abernethy



The question may be why I'm I introducing a document that was published in 1961 in the Historical Review? There are ten books in the History of the South Series and each was published as manuscripts become available. Consequently, they are not sequential according to historical occurrence and a hard bound copy today may cost as much as seventy-five dollars. The South in a New Nation 1789-1819 was initially published in 1961 and is regarded as one of the classic texts illustrating the history of the South during those years.

Understanding the economic and social construct of Alabama is my focus for reading and using this text. As we approach the Bicentennial of Alabama that will be heralded through 2017 to 2019, understanding the beginning; the international intrigue, commercial strategies, and the sometime blocking roll of the fledgling federal government in the growth and development of the Southwest Territory of the era adds a depth of understanding to the logic that went into writing the State's first constitution.

The influence of prominent historical figures such as President Jefferson, Arron Burr, and names familiar to Huntsville like Walker, Hunt, Jackson, and President Madison, all play an historical roll in the name of liberty and economic prosperity. It also addresses the Native American dilemma, planned invasions of Spanish Florida and the French possessions along the Mississippi and the great Yazoo land companies of which North Alabama was

a part. Each trial, each action, and each historical figure contributed to the growth of the territory, the state of Alabama and the culture that became uniquely Southern.

It is a great reference for understanding the South.

I will introduce other books of this series as we address the Bicentennial Era.

Arley McCormick; Editor