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Dear Kristin,

Thank you for allowing me to assist you with your research and travel plans to Cullman, Alabama. I have enjoyed compiling the information contained within and wish you the best of luck with your travels.

The agreed upon services included a location guide with basic information on possible record repositories relevant to your goals and time constraints. Since you mentioned that you have exhausted online resources and found many of the vital and land records through prior research, I've prioritized the list beginning with a visit to the local museum to help fill in gaps about daily life in the area. Additionally, I have included historical points of interest you may enjoy while you visit the place your family once called home.

All times listed below are in the Central Time Zone. It is advisable to call each place you wish to visit the week prior to verify hours and access to the desired records.

Cullman County, Alabama was created in 1877 from parts of nearby Morgan, Winston, and Blount Counties. The county seat is Cullman, located just east of Interstate 65 about one hour north of Birmingham-Shuttlesworth Intl airport (BHM) and 3.5 hours west of Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Cullman is approximately 2.5 hours north of Montgomery, Alabama which has a small regional airport served by most major carriers.

▶ *Montgomery is also where you will find the [Alabama State Archives](#). The state archives has some weekend hours if that falls within your plans. Their website linked above includes links to finding aids that may prove helpful in your planning.*

I have included suggestions at the end of the report which may make your trip even more valuable. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Cullman, Alabama research repositories:

[Cullman County Museum](#)

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm and Sun 1:30-4:30

211 2nd Avenue NE

Cullman, AL 35055

(256) 739-1258

The museum has historic displays as well as a research room. There is a “small admission.” Call to confirm hours and pricing.

Call or email **Drew Green** (dgreen@cullmanal.gov) with specific questions prior to arriving in the area. He can search their archives for relevant information. Perhaps he will recognize old street names from historic records, so you can visit places of relevance to your family. Drew suggested following their [facebook page](#) where he posts historical photos daily and suggested he could post photos you send to him in an effort to crowd-source information about the people or event.

[Cullman County Probate Court](#)

500 2nd Ave SW #313, Cullman, AL 35055

8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday – Friday

Closed state and federal holidays

Other than being aware that the old registers and records existed, the clerk I spoke to was not very informative. They do allow personal research during the court’s hours of operation, but it will likely be very self-serve. See the links below for possible online indexes and resources.

[Cullman Library](#)

200 Clark Street NE

Cullman, AL 35055-2997

Reference Desk: 256-736-2011

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 9am – 6pm

Tuesday: 9am – 8pm

Wednesday: 9am – 6pm

Thursday: 9am – 8pm

Friday: 9am – 6pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

The library has a research room and has newspapers on microfilm.



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[Morgan County Archives](#)

*Because it appears Alma's family may have originally lived in Morgan County

624 Bank St. NE

Decatur, AL

Mon-Fri 8-4:30

256-351-4726

Contact Libby Boggess (pronounced Bo-jess) at libbyboggess@yahoo.com with any specific questions or to find out when a researcher can assist you. They do not pull records after 3:30.

Additional Research Resources:

If you need to do evening or weekend research outside of the resources above, check out [Wallace State Library](#) in nearby Hanceville. They have a highly acclaimed genealogy center and the research room is open to the public:

Mon-Thurs 7:30-8:30pm

Fri 7:30-2pm

Sat 8-2pm

Cullman City Cemetery

821 Lessman Cir SW, Cullman, AL 35055

256-734-3833 (call for hours, staffing, and available records)

Before you go:

It does not appear that any of Cullman's probate records are available in [FamilySearch catalogs](#), however there are a few years available for Morgan County "Morgan County, Alabama probate record, 1913-1914" and several for Blount County - one of the areas Cullman was created from.

Ancestry offers a selection of Cullman probate records here: ["Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999"](#) but there may be some gaps and some may only be indexes, but could prove helpful in planning your visit.

Getting Around:

Cullman is a relatively small town and does not offer public transportation. Most of the hotels are interstate budget-style, but higher end hotels can be found in Huntsville to the north or Birmingham to the south.

The library and archives are within one block of each other, but about one mile from the probate office and across a highway. There are sidewalks and crosswalks in the city center.



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You'll find your typical fast food and national chains at the interstate exists approximately two miles from downtown. There are a few bakeries and delis in the downtown area, but not much for variety or selective dietary restrictions. Rumors Deli seems to be a local favorite.

Nearby attractions for the whole family:

[The Ave Maria Grotto](#)

[Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge](#)

[Huntsville Space and Rocket Center](#)

Further Suggestions:

- If you have obituaries which mention local cemeteries or funeral homes, those can sometimes have records that would move your research forward. The mention of an officiating preacher or church service can help identify a rural community where your family may have lived.
- Pinpointing property locations from deeds, census, or other records would be a fun way to “walk” in your ancestor’s footsteps when you visit Cullman.
- With a few more details about her life, it may be possible to determine where Grandmother Alma taught – perhaps there are records with employment information or even photographs.

If you wish to upgrade your report to include more specific trip and research plans with any of the above suggestions, please let me know well in advance of your travels. I look forward to hearing about the trip!

Safe Travels,
Donna