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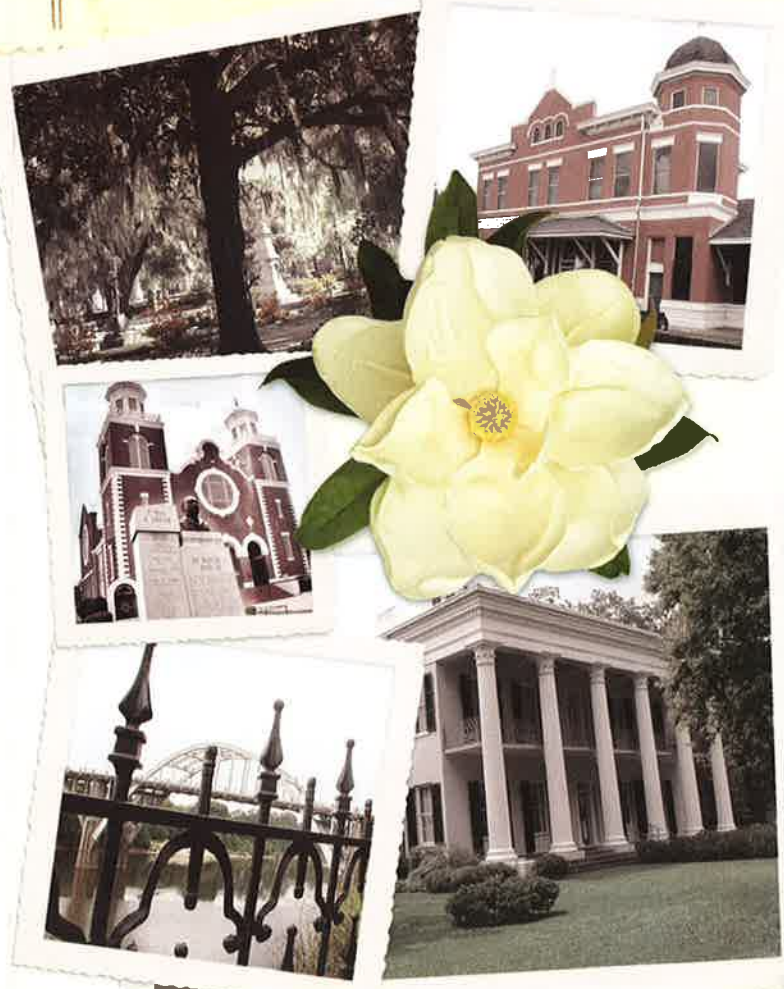
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*Indian* lore says Selma is built near where Chief Tuskaloosa met with explorer Hernando DeSoto. The site was officially recorded in 1732 as Ecor Bienville, then later as the Moore's Bluff settlement. In 1820, Selma (meaning "high seat" or throne) was incorporated. It was planned and named by future Vice President of the United States William Rufus King.

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