Supplemental Materials for
“The Flush Times of Alabama and Mississippi”
An Audio Program from This Goodly Land: Alabama’s Literary Landscape

Program Description

Dr. Dwayne Cox, Head of Special Collections & Archives, Auburn University Libraries, reads an excerpt from Joseph Glover Baldwin's The Flush Times of Alabama and Mississippi.

Flush Times Reading List


Flush Times Web Sites

**Flush Times Discussion Questions**

- Trials were a form of popular entertainment at the time this story was written. In fact, the "earthquake" misunderstanding starts because a jury in a different case wants to hear Cave's closing arguments. Could a similar incident occur today? Why or why not?
- How would you rewrite this story to change it from a comedy into a tragedy?
- What significance do you attach to the fact that the author, Joseph Glover Baldwin, was a lawyer? How would the story be different if he had been a minister or a doctor?