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The Big Spring — a great watering spot for Indians and later pioneers heading West — was the reason for HUNTSVILLE'S founding more than 150 years ago. It was here that President James Monroe attended ceremonies admitting Alabama into Statehood in 1819. The mother of seven Governors and Rebel Raider, Gen. John Hunt Morgan, Huntsville is today best known as a center of the nation's guided missile development program at Redstone Arsenal.