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OUTLINE OF EVENTS

IN

THE HISTORY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

1805 — 1815 ~~1955~~

Indians

Date	Event	Reference
More than 5,000 Years ago	Aboriginal Occupation	Folder 2
July 23, 1805	Treaty - Chickasaw Indians	Folder 2
January 7, 1806	Treaty - Cherokee Indians	Folder 2
	→ Early Huntsville History 1805-1815	
Fall - 1804	John Hunt and David Bean explore Big Spring and build cabin	Folder 2
Spring - 1805	John Hunt and family settle at Big Spring	Folder 2 Betts, pp. Taylor, pp.
1806-1808	Settlers arrive at Hunt's Spring	Same
July 11, 1808	Michael Harrison attempts to sell Big Spring area of 1000 acres to Martin Beaty for $1000 under Tennessee Land Company grant	Folder 2
December 13, 1808	Madison County created by proclamation of Governor Robert Williams of the Mississippi Territory	Same
January 1809	Census taken by Thomas Freeman showed whites and slaves living in the County. Population of Hunt's Spring about 300	Folder 2

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Places:
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Types:
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Feb. 27, 1809	Laws of Miss. Territory extended to Madison County	Betts, pp.
Aug. 7, 1809	Madison County lands go on sale at U. S. Land office at Nashville	Same
Aug. 26, 1809	Leroy Pope purchased land around the Big Spring at $23 an acre	Same
Dec. 23, 1809	Commissioners given the authority by Miss. Territorial Legislature to select county seat, which was to be named Twickenham	Same
July 5, 18~~09~~ 10	On this day, after the town had been plotted ~~(probably by John W. Leake, a local surveyor)~~ by John Coffee, the first town lots were sold by the commissioners. These ½ acre lots were plotted from the 30 acres obtained by these men from Leroy Pope and his associates for ~~$25~~ $23.53 an acre.	Betts, pp. Taylor, pp.
Jan. 1810	First court convened (orphans or Inferior Court)	Betts, p.20
Oct. 1, 1810	Superior Court opened with Obidiah Jones as Judge	Betts, pp. 21
Aug. 29, 1811	First Masonic Lodge in Huntsville Chartered by Grand Lodge of Kentuckmy	Betts, pp.40
Aug. 1811	Land office moved from Nashville to Huntsville with John Read as register	Betts, pp.40
Nov. 25, 1811	Name of town changed from Twickenham to Huntsville	Betts, pp. 25-27
Dec. 9, 1811	Town incorporated, first charter	Same

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Date	Events	Reference
May 1812	Madison Gazette (first newspaper)	Carter's, pp.
Nov. 25, 1812	Green Academy chartered	Betts, pp.
1812	Two companies organized to fight in War of 1812. One company under Captain Jack Mosley and the other Under Captain David Gray	Betts, p. 30
Feb. 19, 1813	First Camp Meeting in area held by Robert Donnell (Porbably at Brahan Spring)	Folder 5
Oct. 11, 1813	On this day General Jackson and his command made forced march from Fayetteville to Huntsville and camped for the night. Four companies recruited from Huntsville and Madison County to join him the war against the Creek Indians	Taylor p.

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	1815 - 1820	
1815	Cotton began to be in great demand as an export crop. Land made $100 worth of cotton to acre	Taylor p.
1816	During this year the county produced 10,000 bales of cotton	Taylor p.
1816	Population of Madison County 14,200 Huntsville the only town in the Tennessee Valley	Taylor p.
1816	Large amounts of money invested in slaves which brought slave traders into the town	Betts, p.32
Sept. 6, 1816	Alabama Republican established	
Dec. 11, 1816	Planters and Merchants Bank, the first in the area which is now Alabama, chartered	Betts p. 32
1816	First Court House completed	Betts p. folder 3
March 3, 1817	Congress created the Alabama Territory with William Wyatt Bibb as first governor. Huntsville now important town in newly created territory	Betts, p. Folder 3
August 1818	Great land sales held at Huntsville Land office. Most of land in north Alabama, lately ceded by the Creeks and Chickasaws sold. Andrew Jackson one of the investors in these lands	Betts p. 33
Sept. 3, 1818	Pope deeded grave yard to city. Now known as Maple Hill Cemetery	Folder 3

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1818	Green Bottom Inn, built in 1815 by John Connally, became a meccer for sportsmen who came to race their fine horses at the race track which lay in the beautiful natural bowl below the inn.	Betts, p.33
1818	Connally's famous race horse about this time called "Gray Gander"	Betts, p. 34
June 15, 1818	The first Presbyterian Church in Ala. organized under the guidance of Rev. Gideon Blackburn	Folder 3
June 1, 1819	Pres. James Monroe visited Huntsville Entertainment given for him.	Folder 3
June 20, 1819	William Wyatt Bibb, Territorial Governor, arrived in Huntsville	Folder 3 Three Capitals pp.
July 5, 1819	Alabama Constitutional Convention convened in Huntsville	Fplder 3
Nov. 9, 1819	Gov. William Wyatt Bibb inaugurated	Folder 3
Dec. 17, 1819	First Alabama Legislature adjourned	Folder 3

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1820 - 1830

Date	Event	Reference
1820	Population of county 19,565	Owens p.
1821	Methodists established a station in Huntsville and a church was built on Corner of West Clinton and Gallatin St.	Folder 3
Dec. 20, 1821	Indian Creek Navigation Co. chartered by State Legislature	Folder 4
1822	Huntsville census showed 1,306, of which 833 were white	Betts, p.
Oct. 13, 1822	Presbyterian church on corner of Lincoln and Gates St. dedicated	Folder 3
Dec. 10, 1822	The Huntsville Fire Engine Co. incorporated	Inventory of Archives P. 300
Oct. 8, 1823	Huntsville Democrat established by Phillip Woodson	
1823	Leroy Pope and Town of Huntsville permitted Hunter Peel to construct first water system	Folder 4 Folder 2
Dec. 29, 1823	Huntsville Library Co. incorporated	Archives Inventory p. 300
1825	Planters and Merchants Bank of Huntsville dissolved by act of legislature	Ala. Review July '53 pp. 198-212
July 27, 1827	Duel between James McClung, Local legislator, and Andrew Wills, editor of the Democrat, as a result of a political controversy	Ala. Review July '53 p. 198-212

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1828	Under pastorate of Robert Shook, Cumberland Presbyterians erected church house on Greene St., halfway between Holmes and Walker Sts.	Folder 5
Jan. 9, 1828	Town limits of Huntsville extended	Inventory p. 306
March 1828	Huntsville water system reworked by Thomas A. Ronalds	Folder 2

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1830 - 1840

Date	Event	Reference
Jan. 16, 1830	Huntsville Fire Engine Charter revised to include 100 stock-holders	Inventory p. 306
Feb. 18, 1830	Monte Sano Female Academy opened	Monte Sano Scrap book
Jan. 5, 1831	Huntsville Female Seminary opened	Betts, p. 79
April 5, 1831	Two keel boats arrived on completed canal. Great celebration (Indian Creek Canal now known as Fearn's Canal)	Betts p. 68
1832	Methodists began contruction of new church on corner of Randolph and Green Streets	Folder 3
1835	"The Marble Palace" construction begun by George Steele as home of Branch Bank of Alabama at Huntsville (Now First National Bank) cost $76,000	First Nat'l. Booklet
Dec. 21, 1836	Tolls and Toll gate regluations for Madison Turnpike Co. authorized by Legislature which was begun in 1834 (Town was authorized to sell it to private owners Feb. 17, 1848) (Now known as Whitesburg Pike.)	Inventory page 309
1838	Second Court House completed George Steele architect	

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1840 - 1850

Date	Event	Reference
Dec. 17, 1842	Episcopal Parish organized as "The Church of the Nativity"	Folder 5
Jan. 16, 1844	Huntsville received new town charter	Archives p. 314

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1850 - 1860

Date	Event	Reference
Feb. 9, 1850	Legislature authorized city of Huntsville to be allowed to buy $50,000 capital stock in Memphis & Charleston Railroad. A similiar act was granted to county of Madison as well.	Archives page 315-16
Nov. 1851	First train arrives in Huntsville amid much excitment	Betts, p. 72
July 5, 1851	Huntsville Female College incorporated	Folder 4
Feb. 9, 1852	Corporate limits extended one mile from center of public square, subject to concurrence of majority of legal voters	Arichves p. 317
1852	Northern Bank of Ala. chartered (Successor to Branch Bank of Ala. at Huntsville).	Archives p. 318
1854	New Cumberland Presbyterian Church begun in 1845 dedicated by Robert Darnell founder of Church	
Feb. 7, 1854	Mayor and Alderman authorized to make appropriations for educational purposes	Archives p. 318
Feb. 14, 1856	Madison Co. Rifles incorporated and attached to 33rd. Regiment, First Brigade, First Division. Further regulated in 1858	Archives p. 319
Feb. 21, 1856	Monte Sano Turnpike Co. tolls regulated	Archives p. 321

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1858	Memphis and Charleston R. R. Completed all the way to Charleston - through traffic	
Jan. 29, 1860	Bishop Henry C. Lay Consecrated new Episcopal Church	Folder 5
Feb. 21, 1860	Huntsville Gas Co. incorporated	Archives p. 321
Feb. 24, 1860	Madison Co. and Huntsville asked by state to furnish 250 men to provide for a more effective military organization	Archives p. 321
1860	Catholic Parish, Church of Visitation organized	Folder 5
Feb. 24, 1860	Town of Huntsville's name changed officially to city of Huntsville	Archives p. 321
1860	New Presbytherian church completed	
1860	Huntsville's Population 3,634 - Madison County 25,716	Folder 6

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1861 - 1875

Date	Events	Reference
Mar. 9, 1861	100 gun salute to confederate flag on Courthouse square	Folder 6.
March 16, 1861	Knon Baptist Congregation moved to Huntsville, occupied building on West Clinton St. & Gallatin St. (Now First Baptist Church)	Folder 6
April 29, 1861	Capt. Egbert Jones' volunteers were mobilized - Girls of the Huntsville Female Seminary presented the group with a Confederate Flag	Folder 6
April 11, 1863	Occupation of Huntsville by General O. M. Mitchell (See Civil War Days in Huntsville, by Mrs. W. D. Chadick)	Folder 6
November 19, 1863	Sale of Liquor stopped due to war conditions	Archives p. 322
April 14, 1865	News of end of war reaches Huntsville	Folder 6
February 22, 1868	City of Huntsville authorized to issue bonds not in excess of $30,000 partly used to refinance water system	Archives p. 324
1866	Rison Banking Co. established (Now a part of First National Bank)	
Nov. 24, 1866	City limits extended by legislative action	Same
Jan. 26, 1867	Provision made for establishment of City Court - Repealed 1868; reenacted 1868; repealed 1870	Same

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Date	Event	Reference
Jan. 26, 1867	Issuance of Bonds for $1,000 for purchase of land for Poor House approved by act.	Archives p. 324
1867	Construction began on Methodist Church Bldg. (Previously burned by Federal forces in 1864).	Same
May 22, 1868	North Alabama Bar Association had organizational meeting in Huntsville	
October 1868	Big Ku Klux Klan Parade in Huntsville	
1870	Population of Huntsville 4,907 - Madison County 31,267	Folder 6
March 3, 1870	New City Charter granted	Archives p. 327
February 17, 1871	City limits extended to 2 miles from Square	Same
1872	Major Heikes comes to Huntsville to establish nursery business - Beginning of this important business in the area, associated with Mrs. Moss.	Folder
1872	David P. Lewis, Radical from Huntsville elected Governor of State	
Dec. 9, 1873	Provision made by State legislature for the formation of a colored Normal School at Huntsville	Archives p. 337

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1875 - 1890

Date	Event	Reference
Feb. 25, 1876	City limits reduced to 1½ miles from square	Archives p. 337
March 3, 1876	North Alabama Immigration Society incorporated at Huntsville to bring new people to state.	Same
1878	William Hunning Lowe colorful political figure in Greenback movement	Folder 8
1878	Opening of negro Normal school under the leadership of William Council noted negro educator.	
1879	C. H. and W. L. Halsey Grocery Co. organized (still in existance.)	
1879	J. B. and D. T. Harrison Hardware organized on the south side of Square. (Still in existance.)	
1880	Huntsville Census - 4,977 - Madison Co. 37,625	
1881	Huntsville Cotton Mill Co. organized with capital stock of $140,000. Run by steam power. A. S. Fletcher, president, R. L. Pulley, treasurer, Col. W. W. Garth, General Samuel N. Moore, Mr. Luke Matthews, directors. Manufactured thread.	Textile Folder
1881	Considerable coal mining carried on on Monte Sano.	Folder 7
1883		

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Date	Event	Reference
Jan. 31, 1883	City was empowered to improve various types of commercial licenses	Archives page 338
April 26, 1884	Frank James trial (colorful event)	Folder 7
Feb. 17, 1885	Members of fire department were exempt from poll tax and jury service.	Archives p. 338
March 17, 1886	North Alabama Improvement Co. chartered - leaders in Huntsville's development in the 1880's.	
1886	W. T. Hutchens Hardware organized (still in existance.)	
1887	Electric Light plant operated by Charles Thomas on Miller St.	Folder 7
1887	New Huntsville Post Office authorized corner Eustis, Greene and Randolph.	Folder 7
1887	Building of Randolph St. Church of Christ begun.	Folder 7
May 5, 1887	Huntsville Building & Loan Assn. formed	Folder 7
June 1, 1887	Hotel Monte Sano opened. Opening Grand ball with band.	Folder 7
1888	J. D. Humphrey Drug Co. organized - (still in existance).	
Dec. 12, 1888	New Charter for city amended Feb. 11, 1889	
Oct. 31, 1889	Chase Brothers bought 400 acres of land and incorporated under name Ala. Nursery Co.	Folder 8

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1890 - 1900

Date	Event	Reference
1890	Population of Huntsville 7,995. Madison Co. 38,119	Folder 8
Dec. 10, 1890	Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway given power to construct railroad from Huntsville to Attalla.	
1890	Dallas Manufacturing Co. incorporated in 1890 with capital stock of $500,000. Building completed and operation begun in 1892. G. N. Fogg, Nashville first president. T. B. Dallas, Nashville, first treasurer.	Folder 8
Feb. 18, 1891	Huntsville State Colored Normal and Industrial School was empowered to sell property on West Clinton St., Huntsville and re-invest proceeds in land near Huntsville.	Archives p. 344
Feb. 18, 1891	City empowered to improve and repair side walks, at cost of parties whose property abuts such sidewalks.	Same
July 1, 1892	General Sam Moore honored his cow, Lily Flag, with a fabulous ball. World champion butterfat producer. Music and all the trimmings	Folder 8
1892	Huntsville Land Co. incorporated under guidance of Oscar Goldsmith, W. R. Hixon and D. D. Shelby. First project construction of Laurence Village at Dallas Mills.	Folder 8
1892	West Huntsville Cotton Mills bought in through efforts of Tracy Pratt	Folder 8
Nov. 1, 1892	Huntsville Electric Co. organized. Rates $1 per month for each 16th candle power lamp in home - by 1900 Cyrus F. Sugg sole owner.	

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1892	Board of Trade formed to take care of city's needs. Executive committee consisted of Milton Humes, W. R. Rison, W. I. Wellman, Charles H. Halsey, W. R. Van Valkenburgh, W. P. Newman, A. S. Flocker, J. Coons, Oscar Goldsmith, J. W. Hutchens, A. W. McCullough.	Folder 8
1895	Huntsville Female College on Randolph burned thus ending career of school	Folder 8
1895	Under auspices of United Charities Organization, a house on Hill Street was secured and a city hospital opened.	Folder 8
Dec. 9, 1896	Established a new charter for city of Huntsville	Inventory p. 348
1896	Population was 11,400, an increase of 3,405 over 1890 census, showing that the "northmen" were building a new Huntsville.	Folder 8
Feb. 2, 1897	County Commissioners authorized to keep up aid to Huntsville Infirmary.	Inventory p. 348
Feb. 16, 1897	Provision made for mayor and 8 aldermen to be elected every two years.	Inventory p. 350
Dec. 14, 1898	In controversy concerning courthouse fence a special act of Legislature passed to prevent the removal of fence except by unanimous consent of the court of County Commissioners.	Inventory p. 351
1898	Due to the work of Dr. P. L. Brouillette, W. R. Rison, James P. Matthews and Mrs. Alberta C. Taylor the Village Improvement Society was formed. Projects included rebuilding sidewalks, planting flowers on vacant lots, and landscaping of Big Spring for use as a public park.	Folder 8

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1898	When Spanish-American War began, the Chamber of Commerce sent Capt. Milton Humes and Mr. Tracy Pratt to Washington to secure an encampment for Huntsville. They succeeded and soldiers were stationed here.	Folder 8
1899	Present Central Presbyterian Church building dedicated, corner of Randolph and Lincoln St.	Folder 8
1899	By this year, the city was employing 3 free time fireman and 12 volunteers. The engine room in city hall on west corner of Clinton and Washington Sts. was enlarged to accomodate dormitories for firemen and the chief, Osro Steagall.	Folder 8
1899	Mr. S. P. Metcalfe, the tailor went into business (still in existance).	Folder 8
Feb. 17, 1899	Merrimac Manufacturing Co. authorized to own, build, construct, purchase and operate cotton mills in Madison Co., exempted from taxation for	

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1900 - 1910

Date	Event	Reference
1900	Population of Huntsville 8,068, Madison County 43,702	Inventory p. 352
1900	Huntsville Rail, Light & Power Co. purchased electrical interests in City. T. W. Pratt given franchise for street railway system.	Folder 9
Feb. 11, 1900	New Spoke & Handle Factory being erected in Huntsville	Folder 9
March 7, 1900	Trolley car parties, for blacks and whites, all the rage at present	Folder 9
June 18, 1900	Mrs. Cyrus McCormick purchased O'Shaughnessy Place for $36,000	Same
Sept. 19, 1900	Public reception tendered General Joseph Wheeler	
Feb. 1, 1901	City officials given free ride on completed street car system. Mr. Charles Pulley, Manager of Company, married on day and hour that car started	Folder 9
March 5, 1901	Huntsville's first Street Fair and Carnival week	Folder 9
April 30, 1901	8,000 people met President's train at platform of station to take a look at President McKinley	Folder 9
May 22, 1901	Elk Lodge No. 698 organized in City	Folder 9
Sept. 4, 1901	W. F. Struve and W. H. Welynsky signed agreement to lay vitrified brick pavement for the city	Same
Oct. 14, 1902	City buys Tallyho to be used by aldermen in going to city fires	Same

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1902	A. L. Hipp, Jewler, founded (Still in existance)	
June 5, 1903	"Nineteen years ago, Frank James tried in Huntsville for robbery. Next Saturday he comes in role of a great Wild West show manager."	Folder 9
Aug. 28, 1903	City host to visiting nurserymen of South	Folder 9
Oct. 9, 1903	Large meeting of Farmer's Club and Horticultural Society Constitution and By-laws adopted, committees appointed. Much interest is being shown throughout county. Farmers getting away from cotton and corn idea - diversified crops and new methods of cultivation being introduced.	Folder 9
Feb. 12, 1904	Automobiles for Huntsville. Several fine machines ordered for delivery this spring.	Folder 9
Feb. 16, 1904	Grand Masked Ball, social event of season goes for benefit of Carnegie Library.	Folder 9
Dec. 7, 1904	Shakespeare's great plays, "Macbeth", at Opera House. John Griffity as Macbeth. Louise Ripley as Lady Macbeth.	Folder 9
April 2, 1904	Automobile Livery Stable the latest of enterprises in Huntsville.	
April 20, 1904	Girls' Minstrel a brilliant success. Mr. Meaks and Daughters of Confederacy are to be congratulated on financial success as well as entertainment. Local jokes accredited to Wm. Bankhead.	Folder 9

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June 15, 1904	A. A. McGregor met with serious accident yesterday , "in winding up the sparker on his automibile" a broken arm resulted.	
1907	W. P. Dilworth Lumber Company organized. (Still in existance)	
1907	A. M. Booth, Contractor for years died	
Feb. 17, 1908	James R. Mason Furniture Store organized. (Still in existance).	
1909	Baxter Brothers - Contractors for Library	
April 12, 1905	City Infirmary Board meets makes plan for colored ward.	Folder 9
April 19, 1905	Miss Howard Weeden, noted author and painter passes.	Folder 9
Feb. 27, 1907	Horse and Mule Market moved from east side of Public Square.	Same
Sept. 4-9, 1907	Madison County Fair big event	Same
Nov. 25, 1907	Elks Theatre opens. Oscar Pignean in"Lightning Conductor".	Same
Sept. 23, 1908	Horse Shows feature Fair Week - South Huntsville Development Co. will offer lots at auction. Free lot to bride and groom for public wedding.	

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1910 - 1920

Date	Event	Reference
1910	Population of Huntsville 7,611 " " Madison Co. 47,041	
Dec. 12, 1911	Ala. Power Co. bought out Huntsville Railway Light & Power Co.	Folder 10
Sept. 1, 1913	Huntsville's first "white way" of electrical lighting for streets.	Same
Apr. 5, 1915	Act concerning fence around Court House repealed.	Inventory p. 361
July 4, 1915	Great celebration - Oscar W. Underwood speaker	Folder 10
1915	Twickenham Hotel opened. Big event.	Same
Aug. 19, 1916	New Huntsville High School on West Clinton St. dedicated.	Folder 10
Oct. 25, 1916	Madison Co. Free Fair on Court House Square.	Folder 10
May 17, 1917	Huntsville Chapter of American Red Cross organized.	Folder 10
Nov. 11, 1918	End of World War I Celebration.	Folder 10

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1920 1930

Date	Events	Reference
1920	Population of Huntsville 8,018 Madison County 51,268	Folder 11
July 5, 1920	Formal opening of Burnett's Swimming Pool	Folder 11
Sept. 19, 1921	Fence torn down on Court House Sq. to be replaced by concrete wall. Landmark built 1839-41, & the cause of much controversy.	Folder 11
May 28, 1925	25 gallons of liquor captured near Meridianville.	Folder 11
Sept. 10, 1925	H'ville Golf and Country Club formally opened	Folder 11
Dec. 24, 1925	New H'ville Hospital opened - funds solicited	Folder 11
Dec. 25, 1925	McGee Hotel burned	Folder 11
Dec. 3, 1925	City buys automatic signal lights	
Feb. 11, 1926	Big Charleston contest conducted at Lyric Theatre	Folder 11
Aug. 19, 1927	New Huntsville High School on Randolph St. dedicated	Folder 11
April 18, 1929	Talking pictures began at Lyric Theatre	Folder 11
1929	Building boom in "Happy Hustling Huntsville"	Folder 11

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1930 - 1940

Date	Event	Reference
1930	Population of Huntsville 11, 554 " " Madison County 64,623	Folder 11
January 2, 1930	Russel Erskine Hotel opened - [illegible]	Folder 12
Jan. 16, 1930	New $85,000 Madison Co. Jail on Washington opened for inspection.	Folder 12
Jan. 29, 1931	Members of city waterwork Dept. installed new fire plugs authorized by city council	Folder 12
April 22, 1931	Station WHHP began operation on frequency of 1200 KC	Folder 12
April 8, 1932	Gabby Street brought St. Louis Cardinals for exhibition game at Martin Park.	Folder 12
Oct. 20, 1932	A third sewing room where clothes will be made for unemployed of Huntsville opened.	Folder 12
Dec. 1, 1932	Lowe Mill sold at auction to Donald Comer for $286,720. Bankrupt with liabilities $2,005,000. Mill had 700 operations.	Folder 12
Jan. 26, 1933	Cotton market closed at 5.85 cents per pound.	Folder 12
Feb. 14, 1935	Fletcher Mill closed indefinitely due to lack of business.	Folder 12
April 11, 1935	County Board of Commissioners to appropriate half funds needed to convert Monte Sano into State Park. Remainder to be raised by public subscription. $18,000 needed.	Folder 12

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June 20, 1935	Two CCC Camp sites chosen. One on Monte Sano, the other at the end of McClung St.	Folder 12
July 4, 1935	Seven work relief projects received for Madison Co.	Folder 12
Aug. 1, 1935	Huntsville Golf and Country Club disbanded	Folder 12
Aug. 15, 1935	200 men assigned to development of park on Monte Sano. 175 more to come later.	Folder 12
Dec. 12, 1935	Fletcher Mill reopened with 200 workers returning. Last of closed textile mills to reopen with exception of Lowe Mill which had been closed several years. Merrimac reopened in Aug. Dallas in Nov., Lincoln did not close.	Folder 12
Feb. 4, 1938	Huntsville's unemployed totals 5,006	Folder 12
June 17, 1938	Pavement replacing brick around square. WPA Project.	Folder 12
July 25, 1938	Celebration of opening of Monte Sano Park. Barbeque, speeches and pageant.	Folder 12
March 7, 1939	Big Cotton Ball held at Russel Erskine. Francis Craig and orchestra. Men in overalls, ladies in cotton dresses.	Folder 12
June 16, 1939	Erwin Mill sold at auction to F. G. Nelson.	"
July 28, 1939	New road leading to Monte Sano in process of completion.	
Dec. 1, 1939	Sunday Blue Laws go into effect in Huntsville.	Folder 12

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1940 - 1955

Date	Event	Reference
1940	Population of Huntsville 13,050 Madison County 66,317	
July 20, 1940	T.V.A. Power turned on in Huntsville for use of City Electric	
1940	See brief History of Arsenals	Folder 13
1940-1945	Huntsville during World War II see	Folder 13
1950	Polulation of Huntsville 16,437 " " Madison Co. 72,903	
1950-1955	Rapid construction of homes. Biggest boom in City's history. Rapid increase of employment, at Arsenal and other industries.	Folder 13

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BRIEF HISTORY OF ARSENALS

July 3, 1941--Announcement was made that a huge arsenal for the Army's Chemical Corps would be built in Huntsville on land from the west edge of the populated area to the Tennessee River.--Huntsville Arsenal.

Influx of people seeking jobs on its construction began almost immediately, xxxxx taxing local housing, and rooming facilities and causing trailer parking problems.

Oct. 23, 1941 -Ground was broken for Redstone Arsenal, Ordnance installation built on the southern edge of the government reservation.

Gulf Chemical Depot, for storage of ammunition, added later.

Costs: Initial authorization for Huntsville Arsenal--$41,293,000
Initial authorization for Redstone Arsenal --- $6,000,000

Additional appropriations during World War II put total cost to:
Huntsville Arsenal --$70,000,000
Redstone Arsenal --$23,500,000

Land area: 35,000 --Huntsville Arsenal
5,000 --Redstone Arsenal
Dimensions: widest north and south xx 12 miles
widest east and west, 8 miles.

January, 1942--Peak employment of personnel in construction and other activities---14,000 Huntsville Arsenal
3,000 Redstone Arsenal
15,000 highest total together at any one time.

May 1944 -- Total employment for Huntsville area up 68 per cent over 1940. Population in xxxx Greater Huntsville (populated area in and outside city limies) jumped from less than 25,000 in 1940 to more than 40,000 in 1943, and more than 500 homes built.
1945------ Total bank deposits in city double the national average.

Sept. 1945--Activities curtailed. Until 1948 arsenal active only at Redstone in renovation of ammunition, manufacturing facilities on standby basis most of period.

Aug. 25, 1946-- AP press release from xxxxxxxx Washington, D. C., that Huntsville Arsenal had been declared surplus and to be sold. Story corrected. Suplus designation only applied to several barracks buildings on the area.
Rumors continued, however, that Huntsville Arsenal would be disposed of by the government.
News was blow to city, since arsenal had been ballyhooed as the future home of the Chemical Corps, to replace Edgewood Arsenal and the headquarters of activities and

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to have peacetime program as well as war role.

August, 1946-- Employment , ~~xxxx~~ 2,000.

Jan. 15, 1947-- announced plants at Redstone Arsenal to be leased. City turned its efforts to bringing industry in to make use of facilities on reservation.

April, 20, 1947--Announced eight plants on Huntsville Arsenal to be leased.

December 19, 1947 --Announced Huntsville Arsenal Declared surplus. Deadline for closing out activities, moving ammunition away for storage elsewhere, etc., set May 21, 1948. Sale set for September, 1948 (30th).

Advertisement for sale listed Huntsville Arsenal as $60,000,000 plant with 34,680 acres, and 900 buildings including igloos and magazines.

Employment figures:

August, 1946----	2,000
March 1947-------	1,800
May , 1947------	1,770
December, 1947--	1,000
Summer, 1948-----	127 (Termination notices given for Sept. 30, 1948)

July 1, 1947-- Huntsville Arsenal reservation activities closed out and area put under command of Redstone Arsenal

1948----- Advertised sale of Arsenal called off. Buildings offered for least.

Oct. 25, 1948-- dead for bids on lease of properties at Huntsville Arsenal moved up from Jan 12, to Dec. 1, 1948. Leases to be for 10 years , included Gulf Depot Area (igloo and warehouse storage area).

Leasing of some of plants in one of three main manufucturing areas of Huntsville Arsenal followed.

Dec. 1, 1948-- Redstone Arsenal designated center for Ordnance Department research and development activities.

Col. Carroll D. Hudson, who had commanded Redstone from Oct, 1941 to March 15, 1946, arrived in Huntsville on Nov. 29, 1948 and announced that activities would start again at Redstone and would be in the line of research and developmentsof rocket propellants.

Rockets were new in field of military science, local citizens being familiar only with the V-2 rockets used by Germany during World War II. There was much speculation as to just what would be the new role of Redstone.

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June 29, 1949 --- Sale of Huntsville Arsenal again advertised for Sept. 30, 1948. (Sale area did not include Redstone)
At this time, the Huntsville arsenal area was listed as having about 10 per cent of manufacturing facilities under lease, 350 buildings of which 36 available for industrial leased, and 16,740 acres of farm land.--all to be disposed by by Corps of Engineers.

June 30, 1949-- Huntsville Arsenal officially went out of existance, by order deactivating it.

Sale was again called off.

November, 1949-- Announcement was made that the Guided Missile center of the Ordnance Corps, then at Fort. Bliss, Texas, would be moved to Redstone including some 800 personnel : 500 military, 130 German scientiest, 80 civilians, and 100 with General Electric facilities holding contract for research.

Guided Missile center to utilitze facilities on north end of reservation where Huntsville Arsenal formerly located.

April , 1950 -- 500 employes added at Redstone to rework ammunition in storage there.

Feb. 22, 1950-- Redstone Homes Inc. formed to build 50 homes at cost of $500,000 to meet needs of city once again growing due to arsenal activities.

Aug. 8, 1950--- Government approved building of 120 housing units on the reservation

Sept. 10, 1950-- Renovation of Guided Missile facilities 75 per cent complete.

$4,250,00 appropriated for Redstone expansion program.

$2,000,000 appropriated for rocket facilities.

Jan. 1, 1952 -- Personnel listed as approximately 2,000. Most of former facilities of two arsenals by then in use again, one of three plants areas being leased to private firms.

**** At this point the Huntsville public began to realize what had been the dream for an arsenal in 1941-- an installation with a continuous peacetime program and with a vital war role.

Since this time city has seen:
Rapid construction of homes, biggest boom in the city's history.
Rapid increase of employment, including military, to approximately 8,600.

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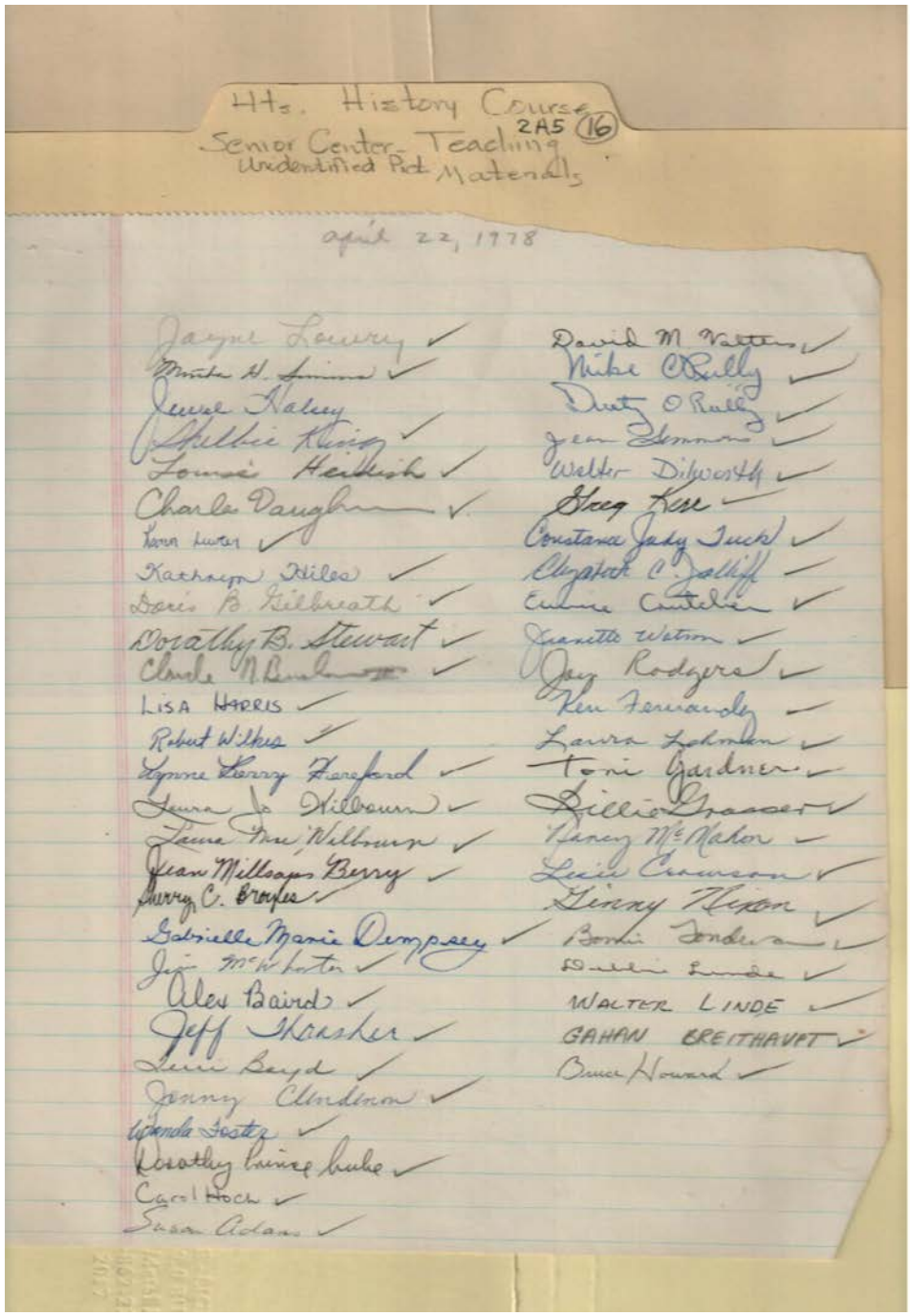

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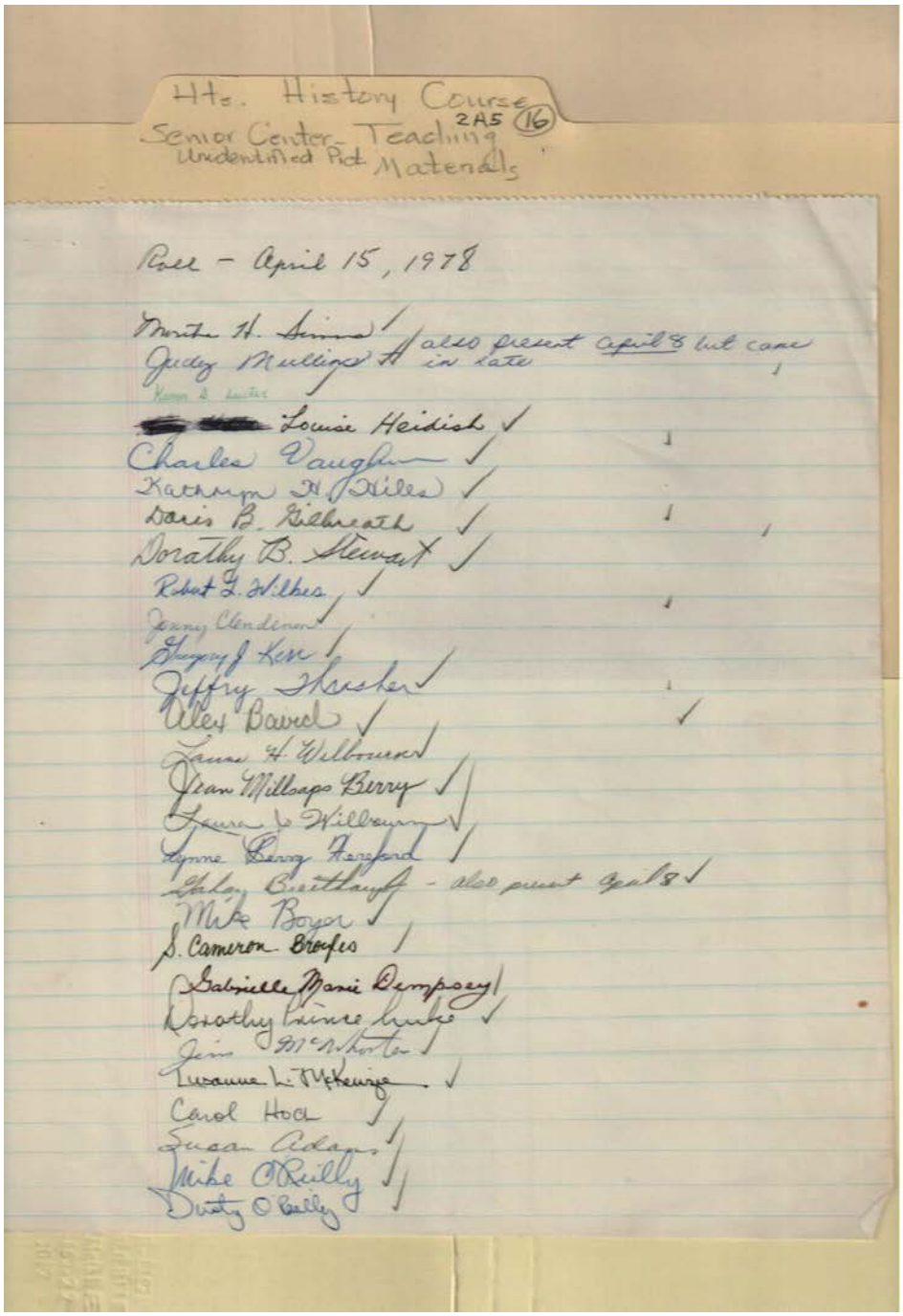
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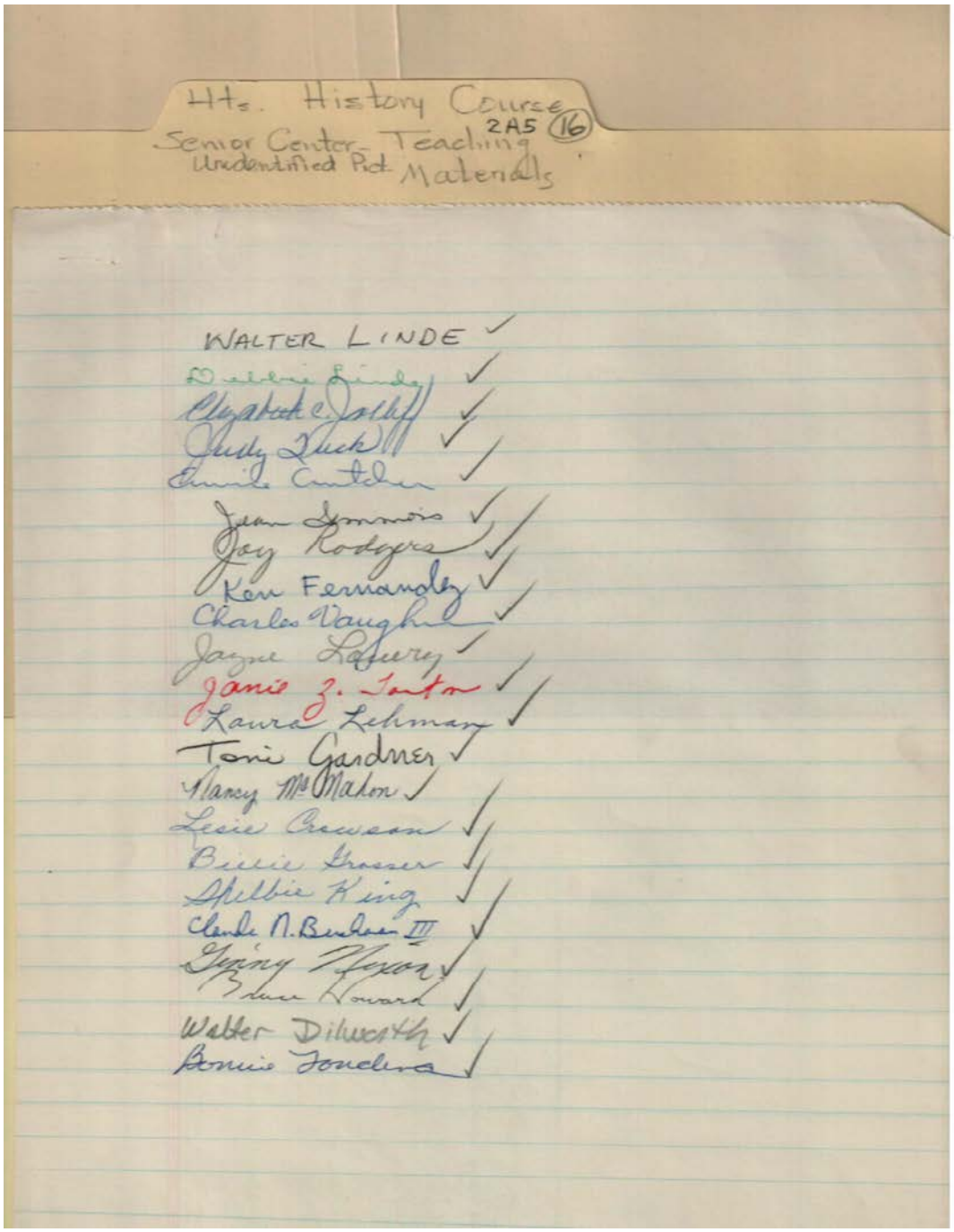

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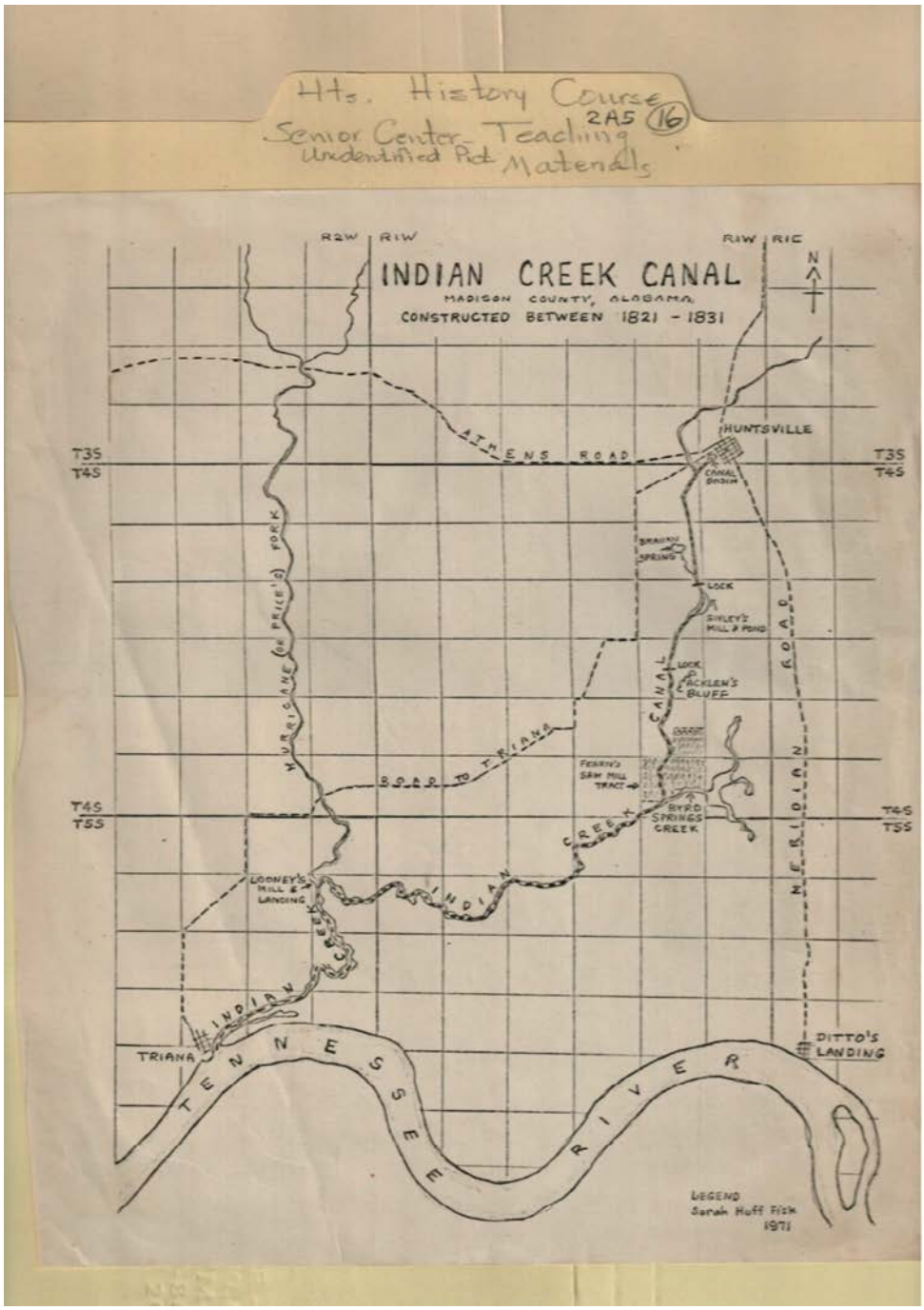

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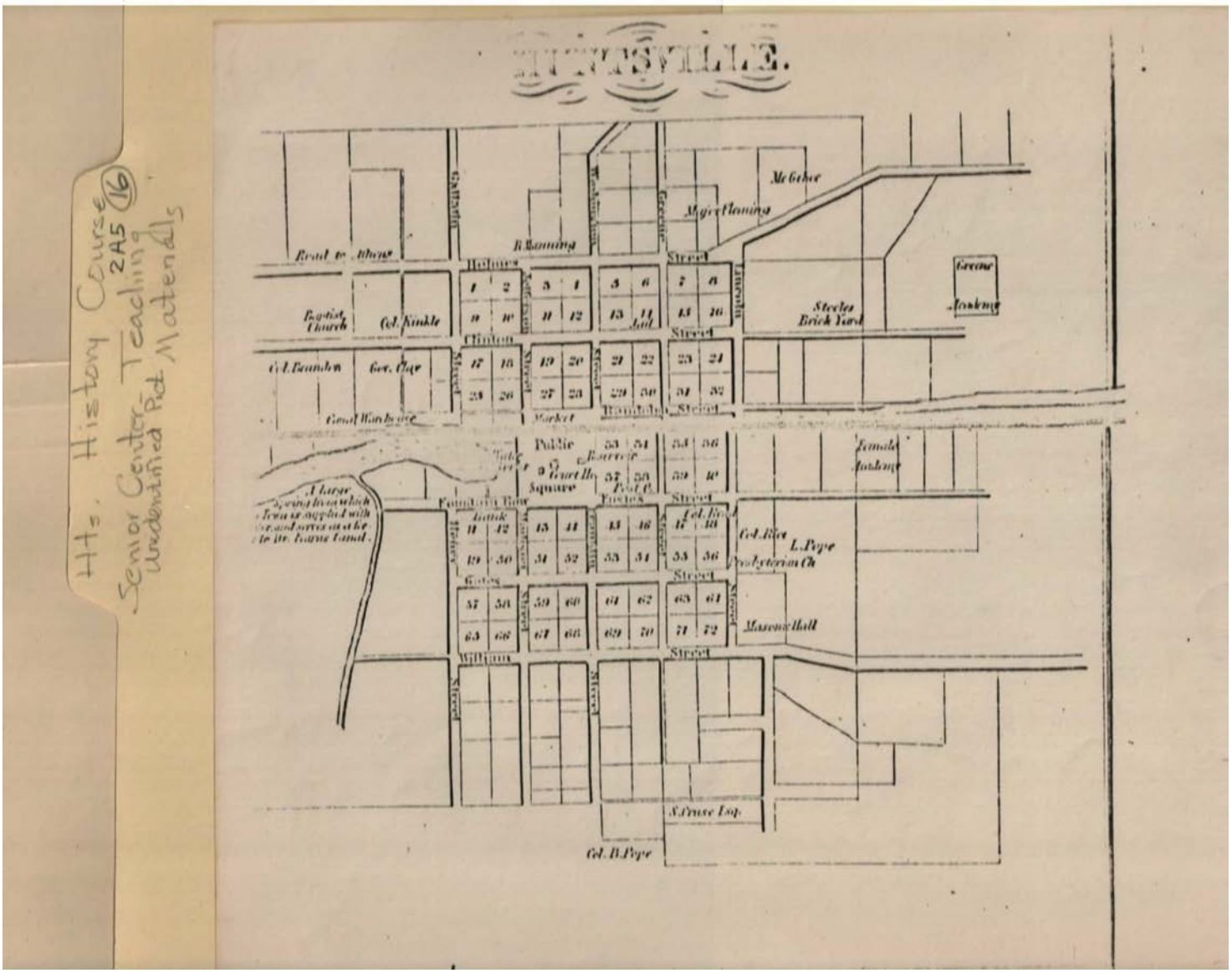

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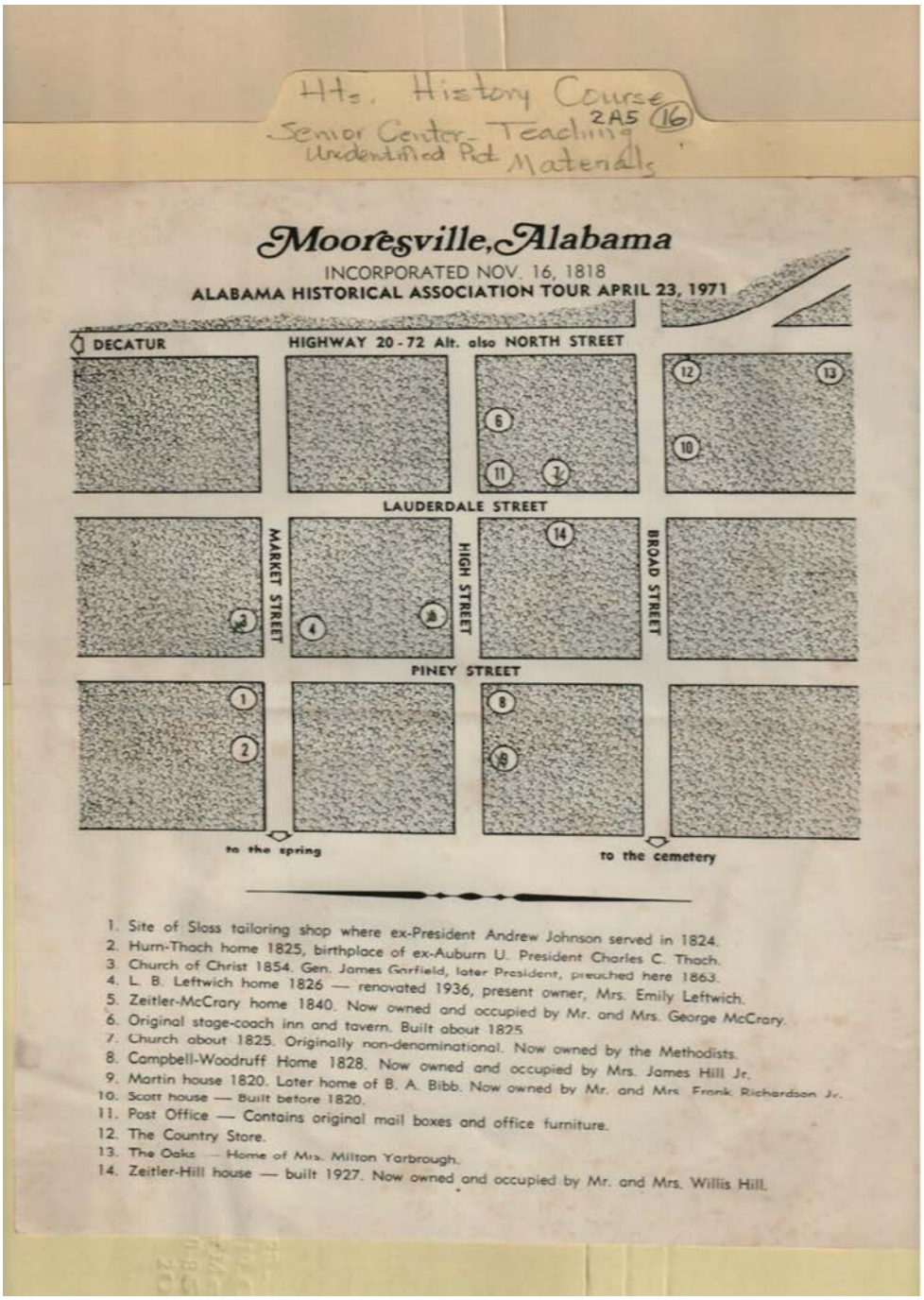

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Mr. J. H. Bruce

Chat, November 2, 1895.—J. H. Bruce, son of Robert and Mary, and brother of the widely known architect A. C. Bruce, of Atlanta, was born in St. Louis in 1837, and came to Nashville while a boy in 1847.

Mr. Bruce began his business career in Nashville in 1852, with the firm of John York & Co., book-sellers, stationers, etc. In 1863–5 he was one of the proprietors of the Nashville *Union*. Mr. Bruce married Miss Mary Couch, of Nashville, in November, 1860.

In October 1865 Mr. Bruce severed his connection with the Nashville *Union* and became a member of the well and widely known firm of Marshall & Bruce, with which he has continued down to the present time. The business built up by Marshall & Bruce attained such proportions that a few years since it was incorporated as the Marshall & Bruce Co. Its success and prosperity have been such, that its weekly pay-roll often exceeds the original amount of capital with which the business started.

This brief mention is sufficient to testify to Mr. Bruce's business capacity and methods. He has been twice elected to the City Council, serving first for years 1885–6, being elected at the election held during the present month; as an evidence of esteem in which he is held throughout the whole city, and his universal popularity at home—he received the highest number of votes cast for any candidate at the late election.

Mr. T. B. Dallas

Chat, November 9, 1895—Trevanion Barlow Dallas was born in Washington, District of Columbia, September 11th, 1843, and is the youngest son of Commodore Alexander James Dallas, United States Navy, who fired the first gun in the war of 1812, in the action with the Little Belt; and, after attaining the highest rank then known in the Naval Service, died in 1844, whilst in command of the Pacific Squadron. Commodore Dallas' father was Alexander James Dallas, an eminent lawyer of Philadelphia, and Secretary of the Treasury during Madison's administration; and his younger brother, Geo. Mifflin Dallas, was Minister to Russia, and afterwards to England and also Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Dallas' mother was Miss Willis, of Fredericksburg, Va., the great-grandaughter of Col. Fielding Lewis and Betty Washington, only sister of George Washington.

Mr. Dallas was educated principally in Virginia, and at the first call to arms in 1861, went to Florida and joined the troops under command of General Chase, before the formation of the Confederate States; and, with this command, took possession of Forts Barrancas and McRae at Pensacola. Though all his father's relatives were from Pennsylvania, and in sympathy with the North, (his brother being

an officer in the United States Army, and a nephew of General George Meade, of Gettysburg fame), his Southern education, and affiliation with his mother's people made him an ardent sympathizer with the South.

After General Braxton Bragg took command in Pensacola, a mere boy and without military influence in the South, he enlisted in the army as a private, though offered a commission in the United States Army. He was of the special detail who participated in the bloody night attack on Billy Wilson's Zouaves on Santa Rosa Island, and, with his regiment, was engaged in the Battle of Shiloh. After this engagement, he was commissioned a Lieutenant of Artillery and served throughout the war, principally on staff duty, participating in nearly all the battles in which the Army of Tennessee was engaged, and surrendered with that army as Captain of Artillery, at Greensboro, N.C.

At the close of the war he went to France on an invitation of his aunt, Princess Murat, who had married Prince Achille Murat, eldest son of the King of Naples and Caroline Bonaparte, and enjoyed the social pleasures of Paris under peculiarly fortunate circumstances, his aunt having been welcomed by Louis Napoleon as a member of the Imperial family. Whilst in Europe, he served as volunteer Aide de Camp in the Prussian Army, during the war of 1866 between Prussia and Austria.

Having very limited personal means, and longing for independence in that respect, and to "do something," he abandoned the luxuries of the French capital and returned to the United States, and, after a short experience in the banking business, in New York and Virginia, he came to Nashville in 1869 and became a member of the wholesale dry goods firm of Hugh Douglas & Co. Afterwards, with the aid of local capital and influence, he organized a stock company, and built and equipped "Mill A." of the Nashville Cotton Mills, and, subsequently acquired by purchase "Mill B."

In 1891 he organized, built and equipped, with the aid of New York and New England capital, The Dallas Manufacturing Company's large mill at Huntsville, Ala., and is now Treasurer and General Manager of three mills, manufacturing a great variety of brown, bleached and colored cloths. With additions contemplated in Huntsville, the three mills under his management will have 70,000 spindles and 2,200 looms, representing an expenditure of over $1,500,000.

Mr. Ben Herman

Chat, November 16, 1895.—Mr. Ben Herman was born in Demenelsdorf, Bavaria, July 21, 1850. He was educated at the public schools of Cincinnati, graduating from the Woodward High School in June, 1866. In May, 1867, he came to Nashville entering the employ of D. Weil & Co., and was admitted as a partner to this firm, January 1, 1869. This partnership was successfully continued until January 1, 1881, when the firm of Herman, Winter & Co., was or-

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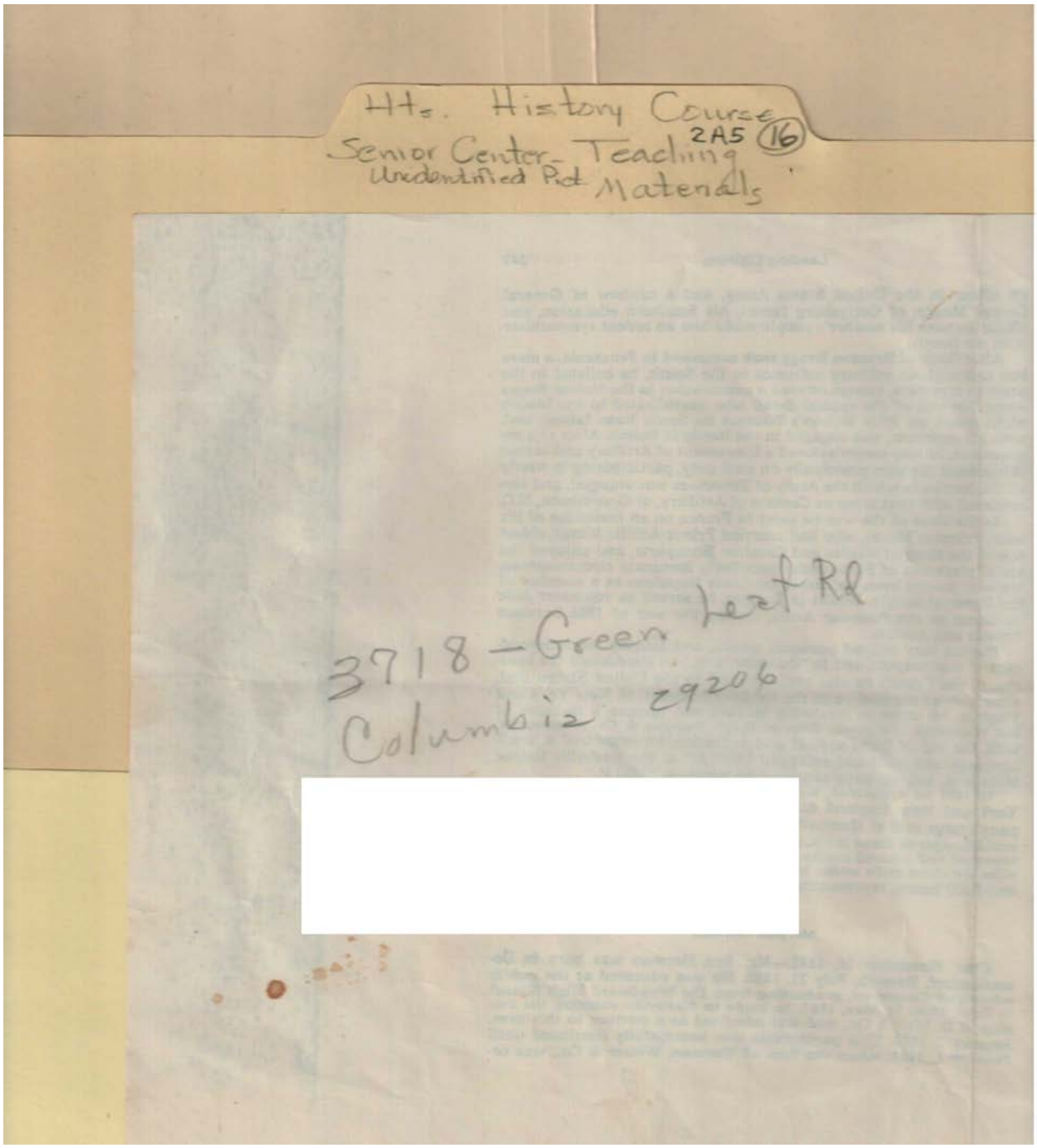

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