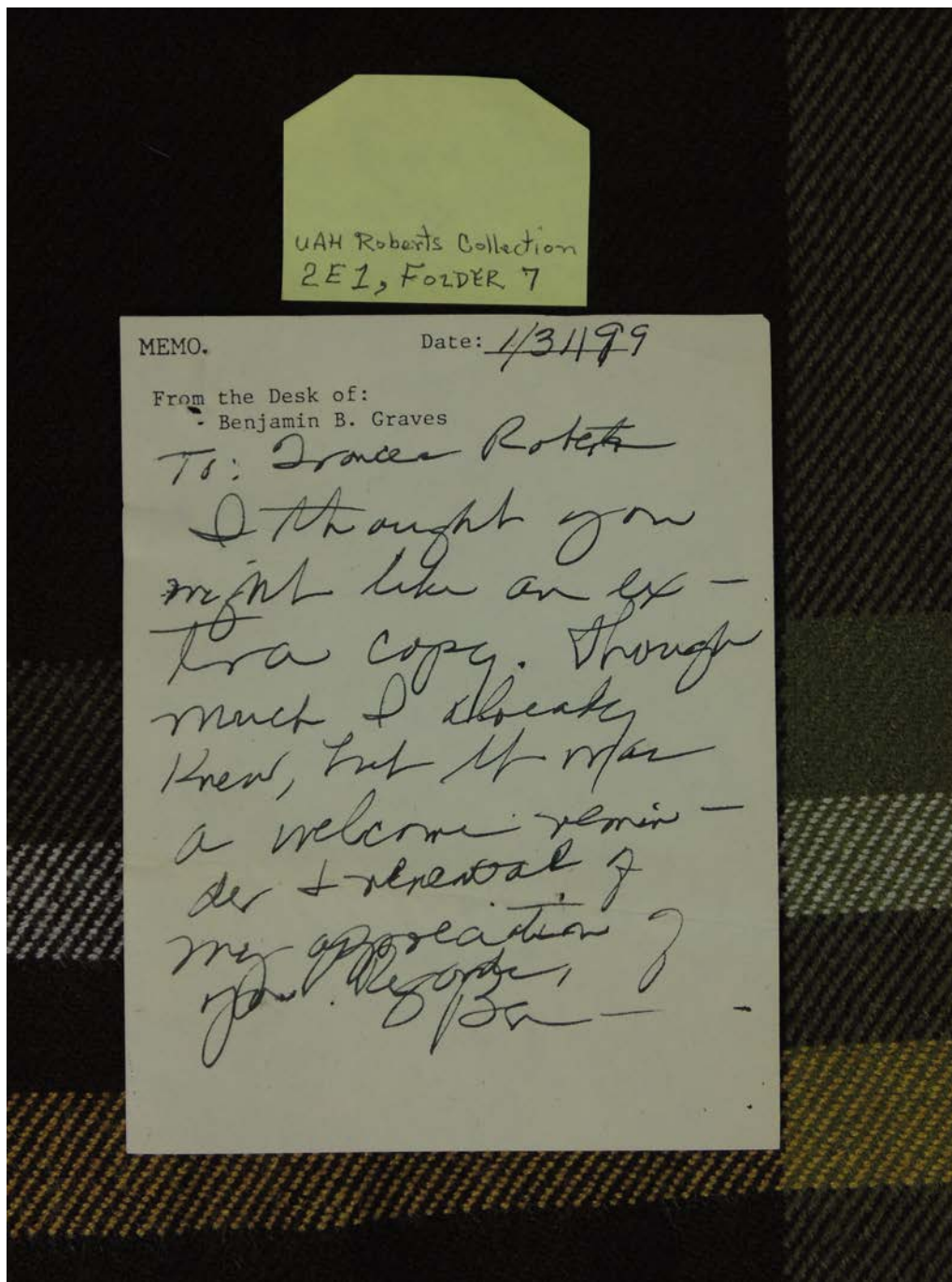


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News Clippings of Frances C. Roberts' Awards and Recognition, 1955 - 1999

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**Names:**

Graves, Benjamin B.

Roberts, Frances

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

Jan 31, 1999



Times staff writer  
**Names:**

Adair, Dorothy  
 Easterling, Bill

Hall, Nan

Roberts, Frances  
 Cabaniss, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Jan 23, 1999



**Topics:**

     aunt of Dr. Roberts
      aunt of Dr. Roberts, d. 1969
      father of Dr. Roberts
      mother of Dr. Roberts
      photograph

**Names:**

     Adair, Dorothy
      Cabaniss, Frances
      Hall, Nan
      Roberts, Ellen
      Roberts, Frances
      Roberts, Mary Watson
      Roberts, Richard

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Jan 23, 1999

ROBERTS, FRANCES CABANISS  
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 The Huntsville Times  
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## Frances Roberts: 'Institution' gets things done

UAH Humanities Building to gain history professor's name

The Huntsville Times  
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By PETERSON  
 Nov 8 1978

**E**ven if she were to die tomorrow, Frances Cabaniss Roberts would leave behind a legacy that is as enduring as the stone she has helped to build. Her name is being inscribed on the new Humanities Building at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, a building that will stand as a testament to her life and work.

Ms. Roberts, 78, has spent her life in education, from her first job as a teacher in 1937 to her current position as a professor at UAH. She has been a part of some of the most significant moments in the university's history, including the founding of the Huntsville campus and the opening of the new Humanities Building.

Her father, John W. Roberts, was a prominent educator and administrator. He served as the president of the University of Alabama in Huntsville and was instrumental in the university's expansion. Ms. Roberts followed in his footsteps, becoming a dedicated teacher and scholar.

Throughout her career, Ms. Roberts has been a tireless advocate for education and the humanities. She has served on numerous committees and boards, and has been a vocal proponent of the importance of liberal arts education. Her dedication to her work is a source of inspiration for many of her colleagues and students.

Ms. Roberts is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Historical Association and the American Society for the History of Education. She has also been honored with several awards and distinctions for her contributions to the field.

The new Humanities Building at UAH is a state-of-the-art facility that will provide a world-class environment for the study and teaching of the humanities. It is a fitting tribute to the legacy of Frances Cabaniss Roberts, whose life and work have shaped the university and the community in so many ways.

The dedication ceremony for the building will be held on November 10, 1978, at 10:30 a.m. in the building's main hall. The ceremony will be broadcast on the university's radio station, WUOH.

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But the depression of the late 19th and early 20th centuries shipped away at the family's fortune. And, in the 1880s, the family moved to the town of New Castle, N.H., where Baker Roberts, the son of Baker Roberts, was a successful businessman.

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### Roberts Hall ceremonies scheduled

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"I am a teacher. I help people to learn. To point the ways for them to achieve their life's objectives. I help them do what they hope."

— Frances Roberts

When she was 13, she moved to Huntsville to attend the University of Alabama in Huntsville. At 17, she earned a certificate in teaching from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She then worked for the Huntsville Public Schools for several years. In 1937, she began her career as a teacher at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She has since become a prominent figure in the university's history, serving in various capacities and contributing to its growth and development.

Her dedication to education and the humanities is a source of inspiration for many of her colleagues and students. She has served on numerous committees and boards, and has been a vocal proponent of the importance of liberal arts education. Her life and work have shaped the university and the community in so many ways.

**Topics:**

Huntsville Times President of UAH Times Staff writer died 1937

father of Dr. Roberts grandfather of Dr. Roberts

grandmother of Dr. Roberts mother of Dr. Roberts teacher

**Names:**

Cabaniss, Fannie, aunt Corbun, Peter Hall, Flora Hardin, Taylor

Roberts, Baker Roberts, Ellen, aunt Roberts, Frances Cabaniss

Roberts, Lucy Cabaniss Roberts, Mary Watson

Roberts, Richard Hoskins Wallace, George Watson, Alabama Wright, John, Dr.

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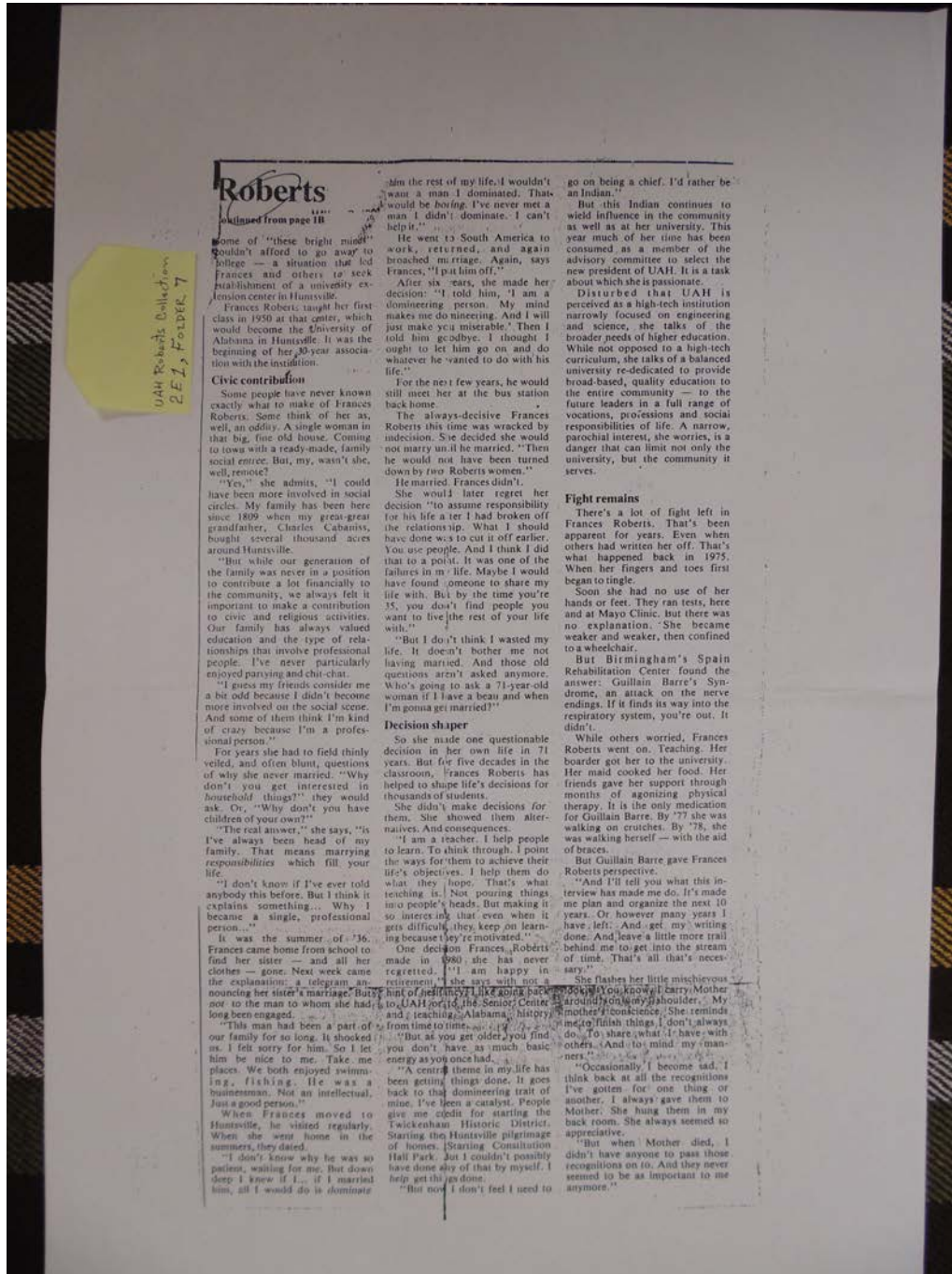
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

May 8, 1988



gt gt grandfather of Dr. Roberts  
**Names:**

Cabaniss, Charles

Roberts, Frances

**Types:**  
 newspaper article

**Dates:**  
 May 8, 1988

UAH Roberts Collection  
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## Doctorate

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joy.

"Oh, divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.

"For it is in the giving that we receive, and it is in the pardoning that we are pardoned..."

Ms. Roberts congratulated the graduates on joining the 15,392 who hold degrees from UAH. She cited the accomplishments of the university since 1968, including going from five undergraduate major degrees to 39; from three master's programs to 23, with 3,928 graduates to date.

Since 1972, Ms. Roberts said, UAH had gone from two Ph.D. programs to 10 and had a total of 230 holding doctoral degrees.

UAH President Frank Franz introduced Ms. Roberts as "a scholar, a teacher, a proponent and a friend" of UAH who had always offered her "wisdom, advice and

guidance" to students, faculty and administration alike. "Her role in the building and molding of our university has been extraordinary," he said.

The citation for her honorary doctor of humane letters was read by Dr. Carolyn White, a longtime colleague in the history department and the current associate vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Roberts, a native Alabamian, began teaching in Sumter County in 1934 before moving to Huntsville to teach in public schools from 1937 until 1952. In 1950, she was one of the first five part-time instructors at the Huntsville extension center and became full-time faculty member in 1953.

Ms. Roberts earned a master's degree in 1940 from the University of Alabama and in 1956 became the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in the history of Alabama from that institution.

Ms. White said Dr. Roberts is known for her "impeccable scholarship" in state and local history. She was the first chair of the UAH history department and helped recruit the first faculty members, not

only in history but in all disciplines, Ms. White said.

She served on every significant committee that created the university center and the autonomous university, Ms. White said. Among those were the ones that built Morton Hall and the Humanities Building, now known as Roberts Hall in her honor.

Ms. Roberts also developed the undergraduate majors and set up the Academic Advisement Center, which she headed from 1972-80.

In the community, she served on the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra board, the Twickenham Historic District board and the boards of several historic organizations. She was on the development committee for the re-creation of the 1819 village in Huntsville where Alabama's first constitution was written, now known as Alabama's Constitution Park.

"Dr. Roberts greatest accomplishment is the students she has produced," said Ms. White. "During her 46 years in public school and university teaching, she has influenced thousands of young people.

### Names:

Dranz, Frank

Roberts, Ms.

White, Carolyn, Dr.

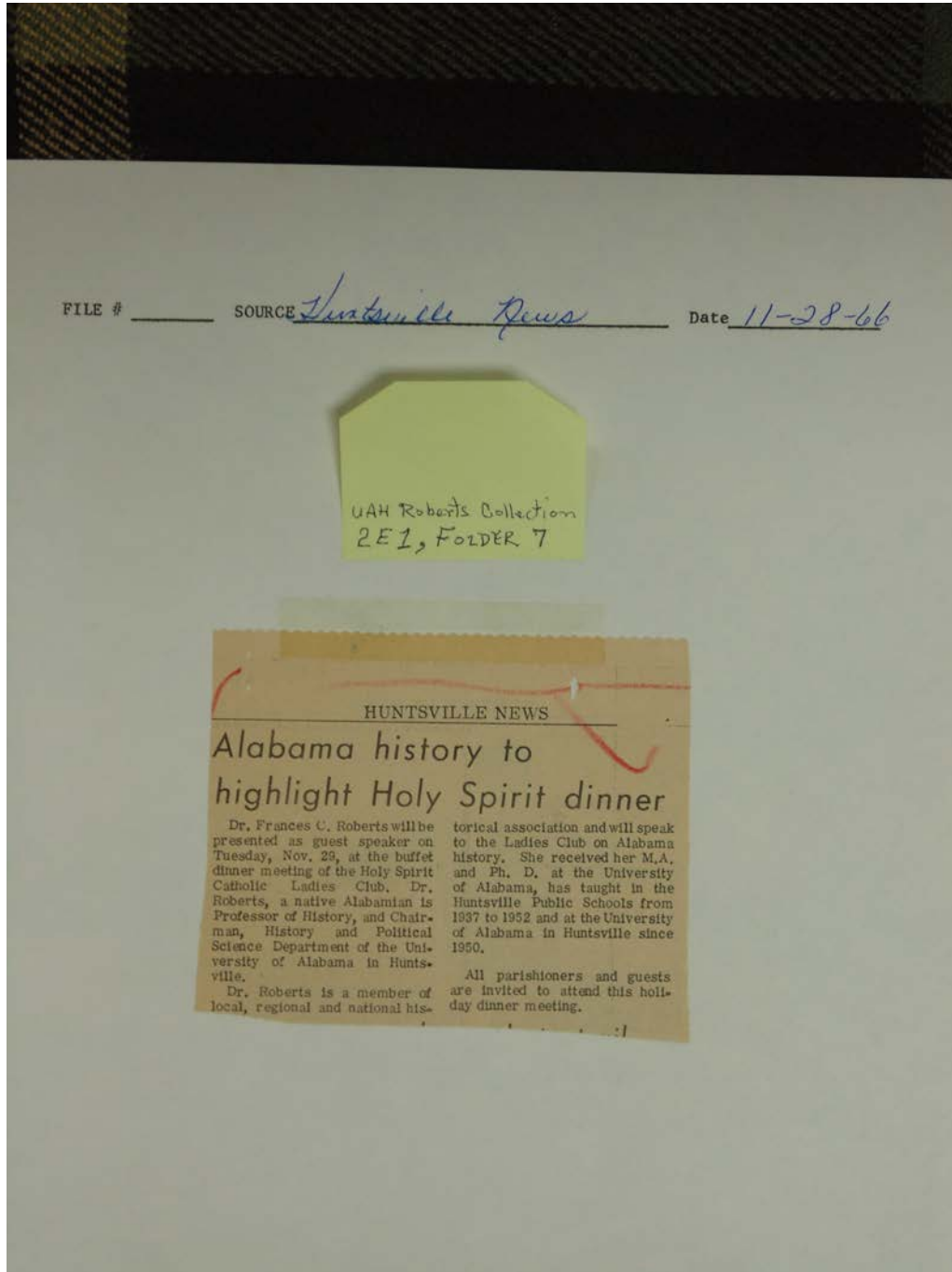
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Huntsville Times

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Roberts, Frances C.,  
Dr.

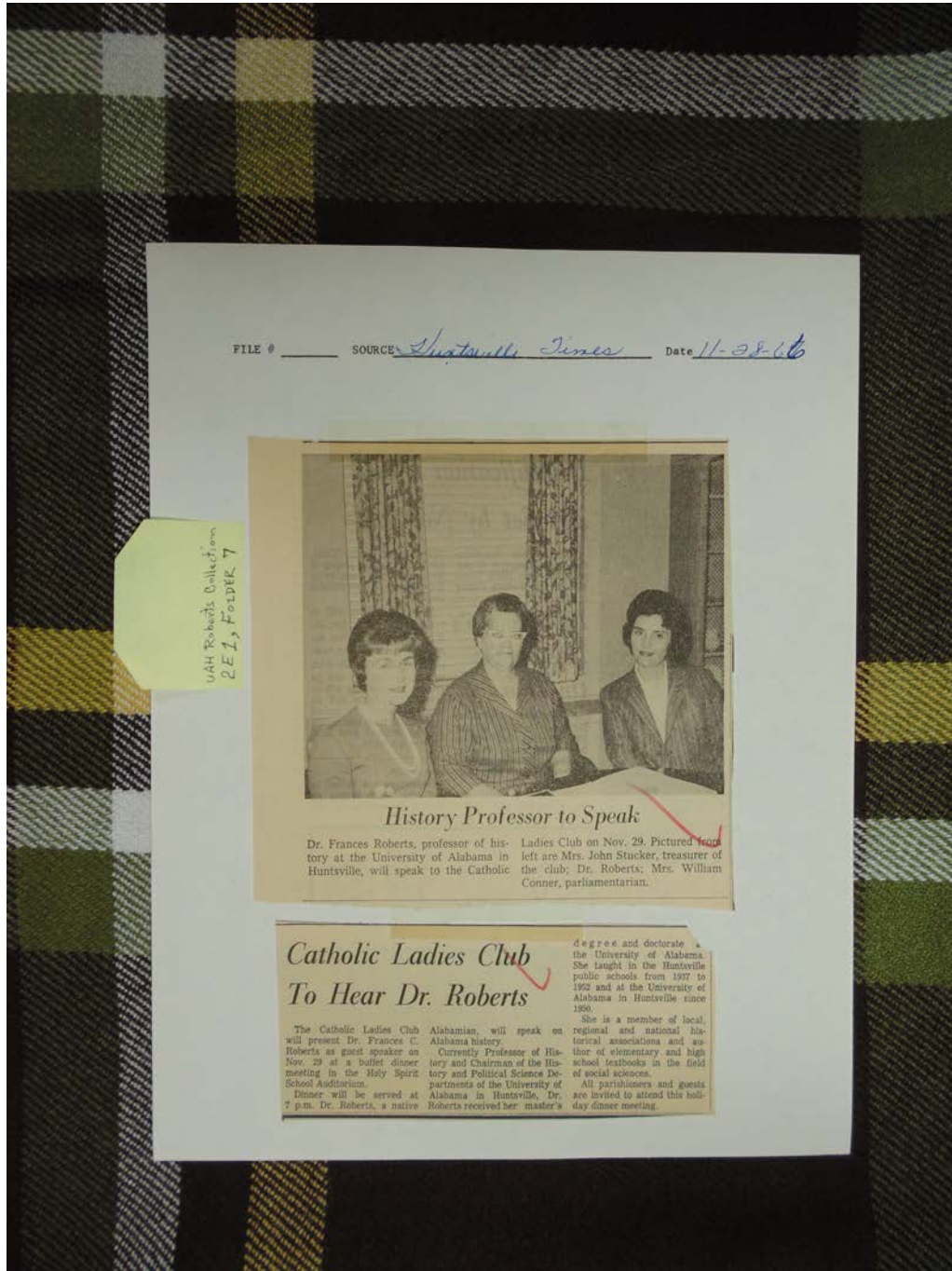
**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Nov 28, 1966





Huntsville Times with photograph

**Names:**

Conner, William,  
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Roberts, Frances C.,  
Dr.

Stucker, John, Mrs.

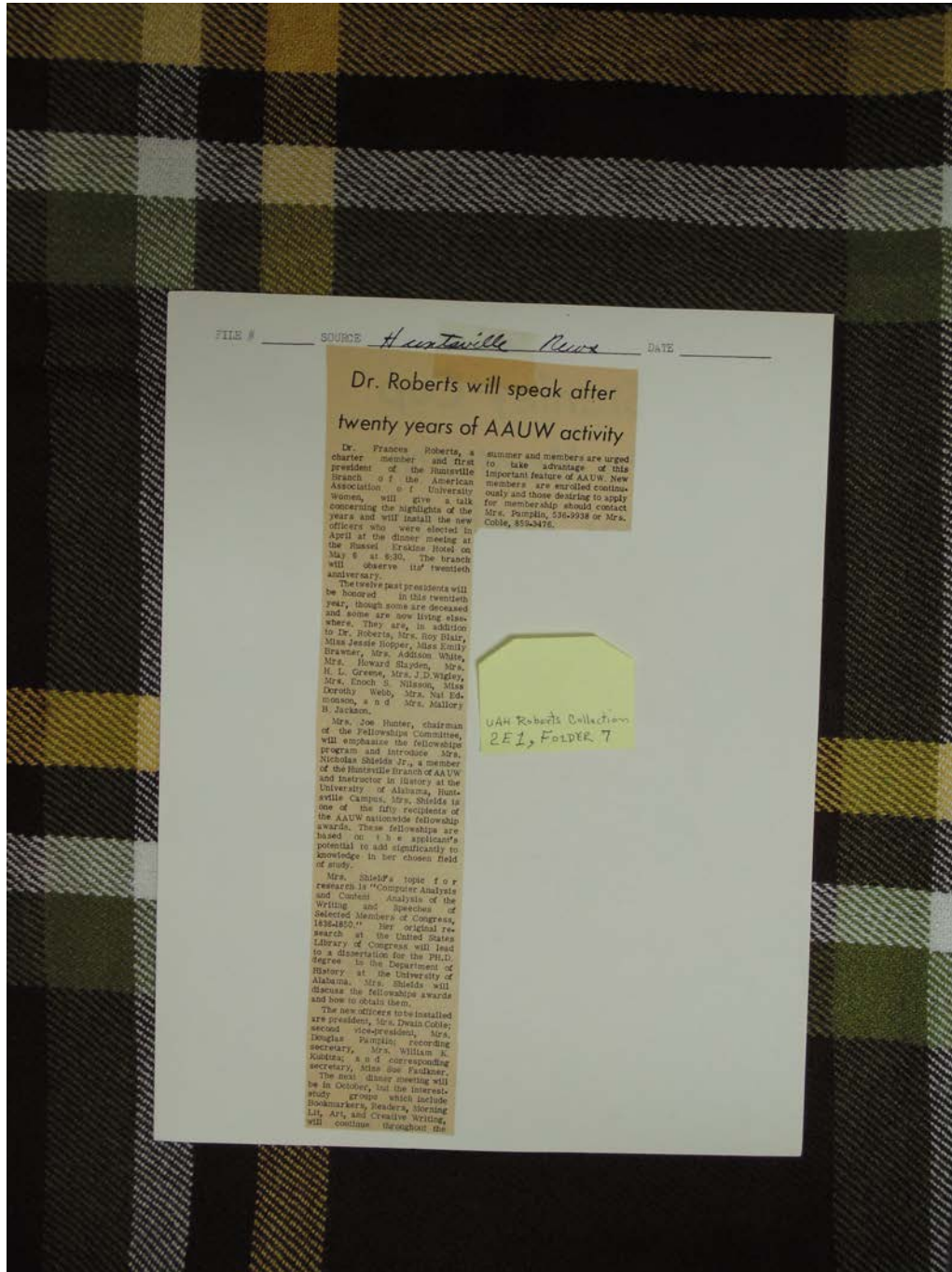
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Nov 28, 1966

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**Topics:**

Huntsville News

new officer of  
AAUW

past pres. of AAUW

**Names:**

Blair, Roy, Mrs.  
 Brawner, Emily, Miss  
 Coble, Dwain, Mrs.  
 Edmonson, Nat, Mrs.  
 Faulkner, Sue, Miss  
 Greene, H. L., Mrs.  
 Hopper, Jessie, Miss

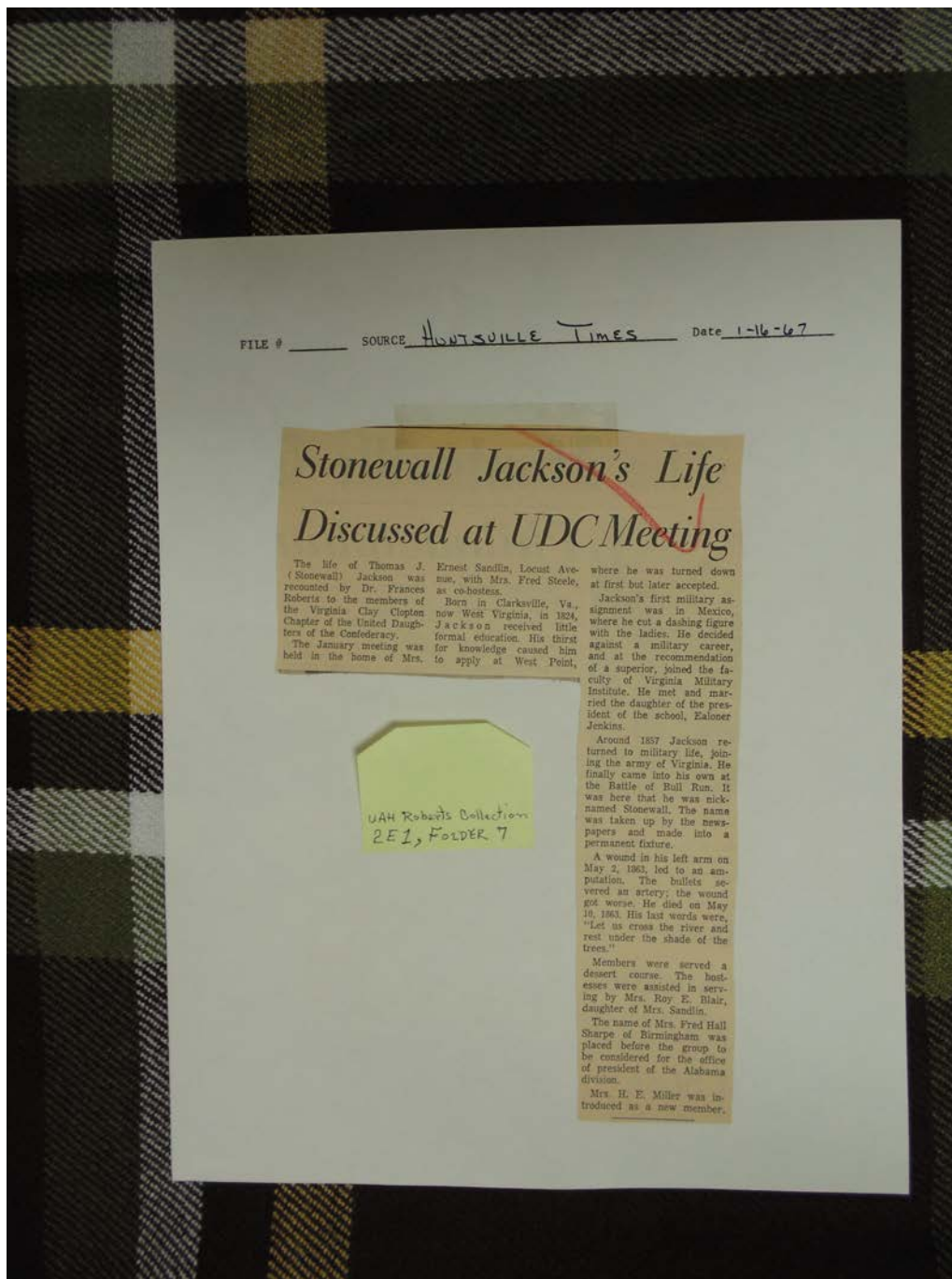
Hunter, Joe, Mrs.  
 Jackson, Mallory B.,  
 Mrs.  
 Kubitzka, William K.,  
 Mrs.  
 Nilsson, Enoch S.,  
 Mrs.

Pamplin, Douglas,  
 Mrs.  
 Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
 Shields, Nicholas, Jr.,  
 Mrs.  
 Slayden, Howard,  
 Mrs.

Webb, Dorothy, Miss  
 White, Addison, Mrs.  
 Wigley, J. D., Mrs.

**Types:**

newspaper article



**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

married Stonewall Jackson

**Names:**

Blair, Roy E., Mrs.  
Chapter of United Daus. of Confederacy

Jackson, Thomas J. (Stonewall)  
Jenkins, Ealoner  
Miller, H. E., Mrs.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Sandlin, Ernest, Mrs.  
Sharpe, Fred Hall, Mrs.

Steele, Fred, Mrs.  
members of Virginia Clay Clopton

**Places:**

Birmingham, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

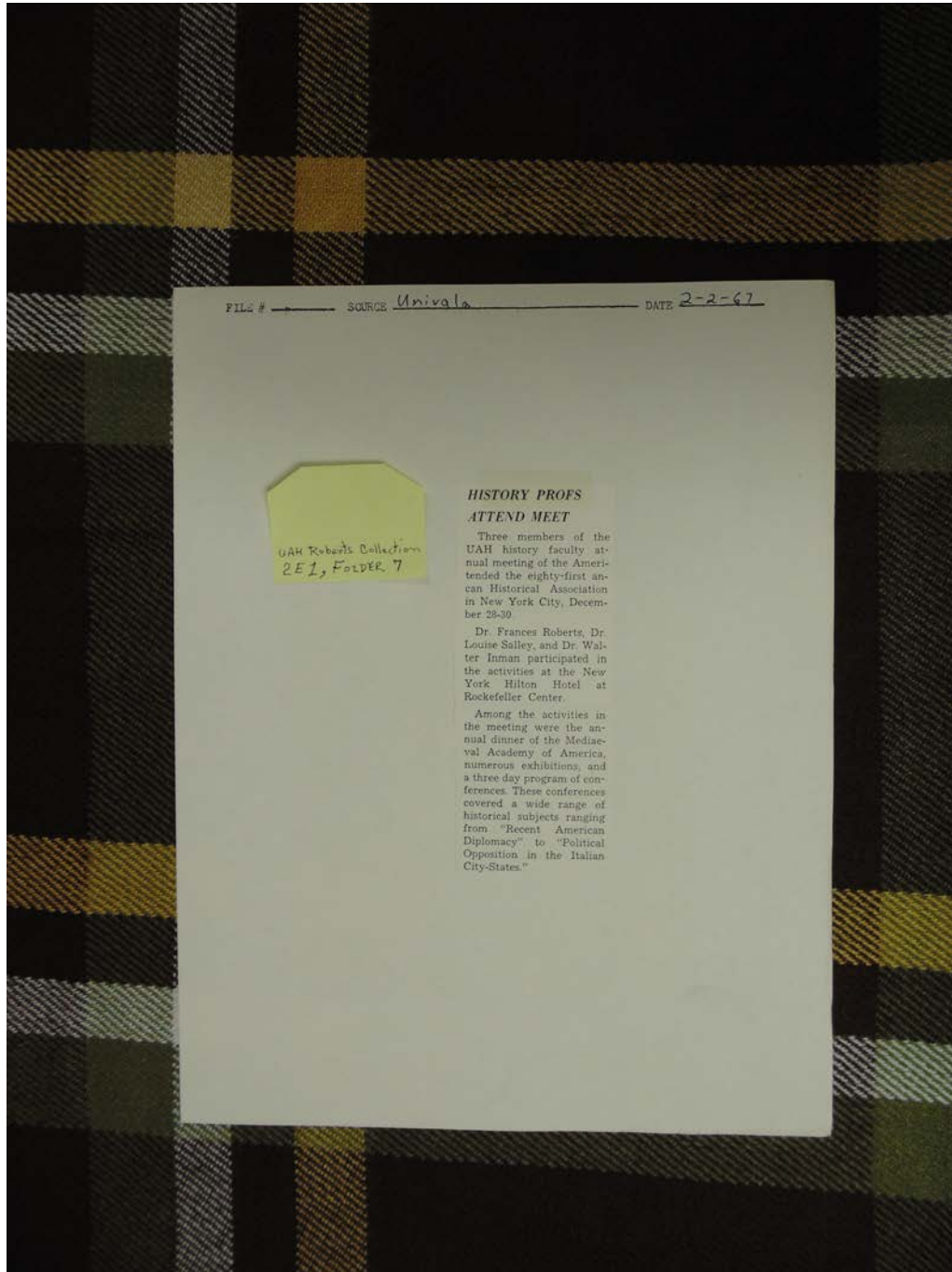
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**Names:**

Historical Assoc.  
meeting

Inman, Walter, Dr.  
Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Salley, Louise, Dr.

**Places:**

New York City, NY

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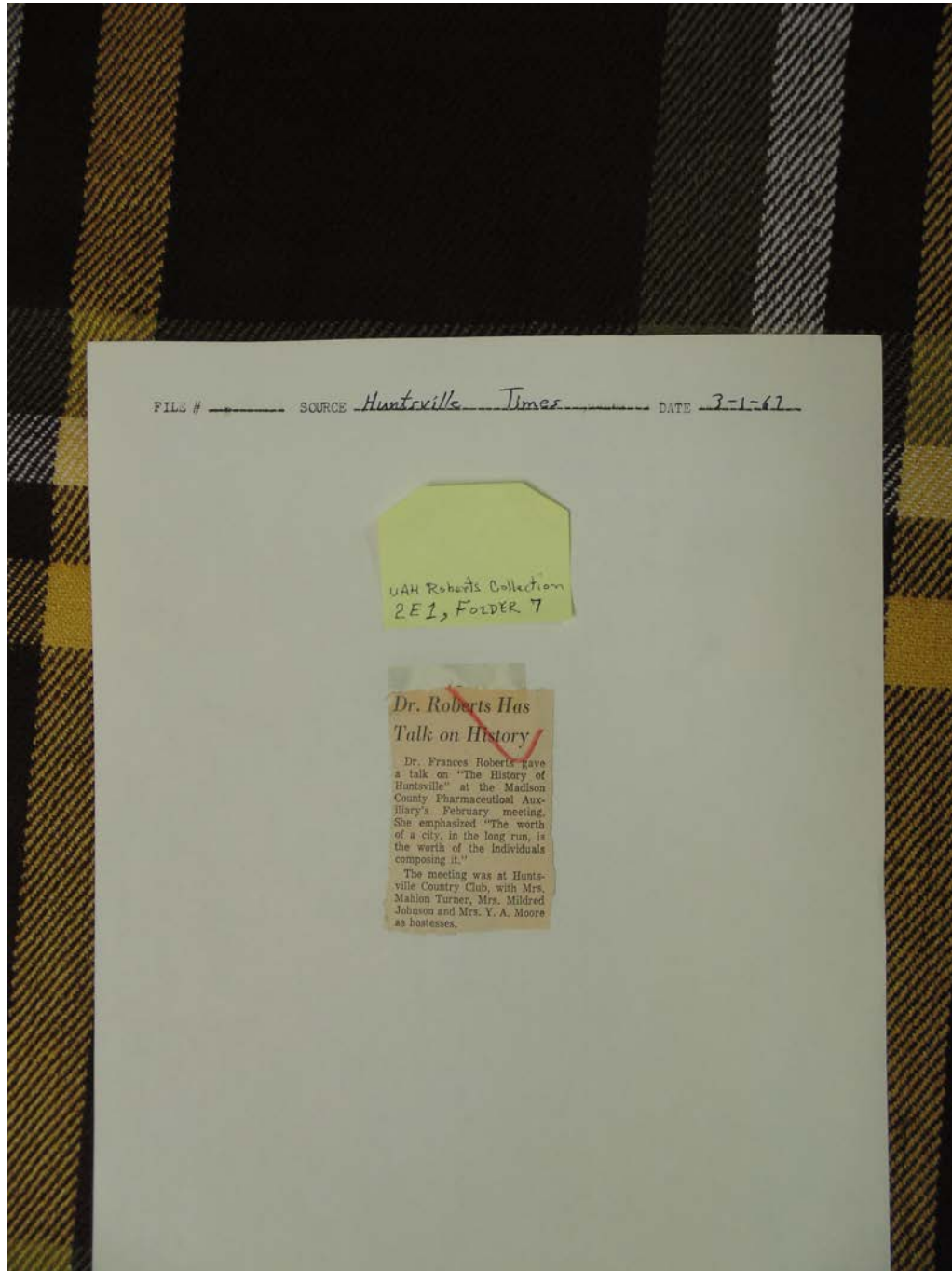
**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Dec 28-30, 1967

Feb 2, 1967



Huntsville Times

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Johnson, Mildred,  
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Moore, Y. A., Mrs.  
Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Turner, Mahlon, Mrs.

**Places:**

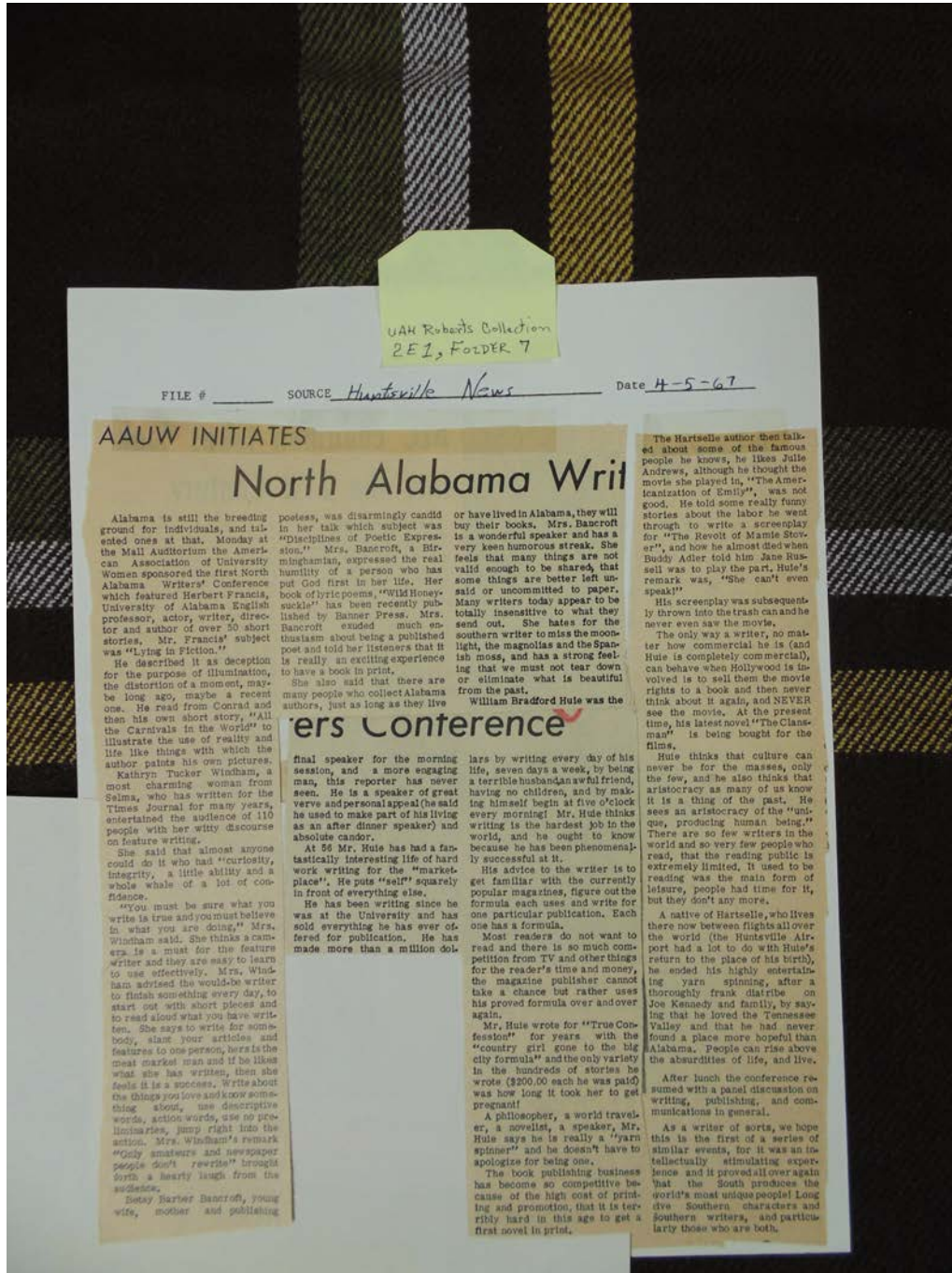
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

July 1, 1967



**Topics:**

English professor at UAH

Huntsville News

**Names:**

AAUW meeting  
 Francis, Herbert

Huie, William  
 Bradford

**Places:**

Hartselle, AL

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**



Apr 5, 1967



**Topics:**

panel member

panel moderator

**Names:**

Bancroft, Betsy  
Barber, Mrs.

Gravlee, Pauline,  
Miss

Helmbold, F. Wilbur  
Liles, Margaret, Mrs.

Windham, Kathryn  
Tucker, Mrs.

**Places:**

Birmingham, AL

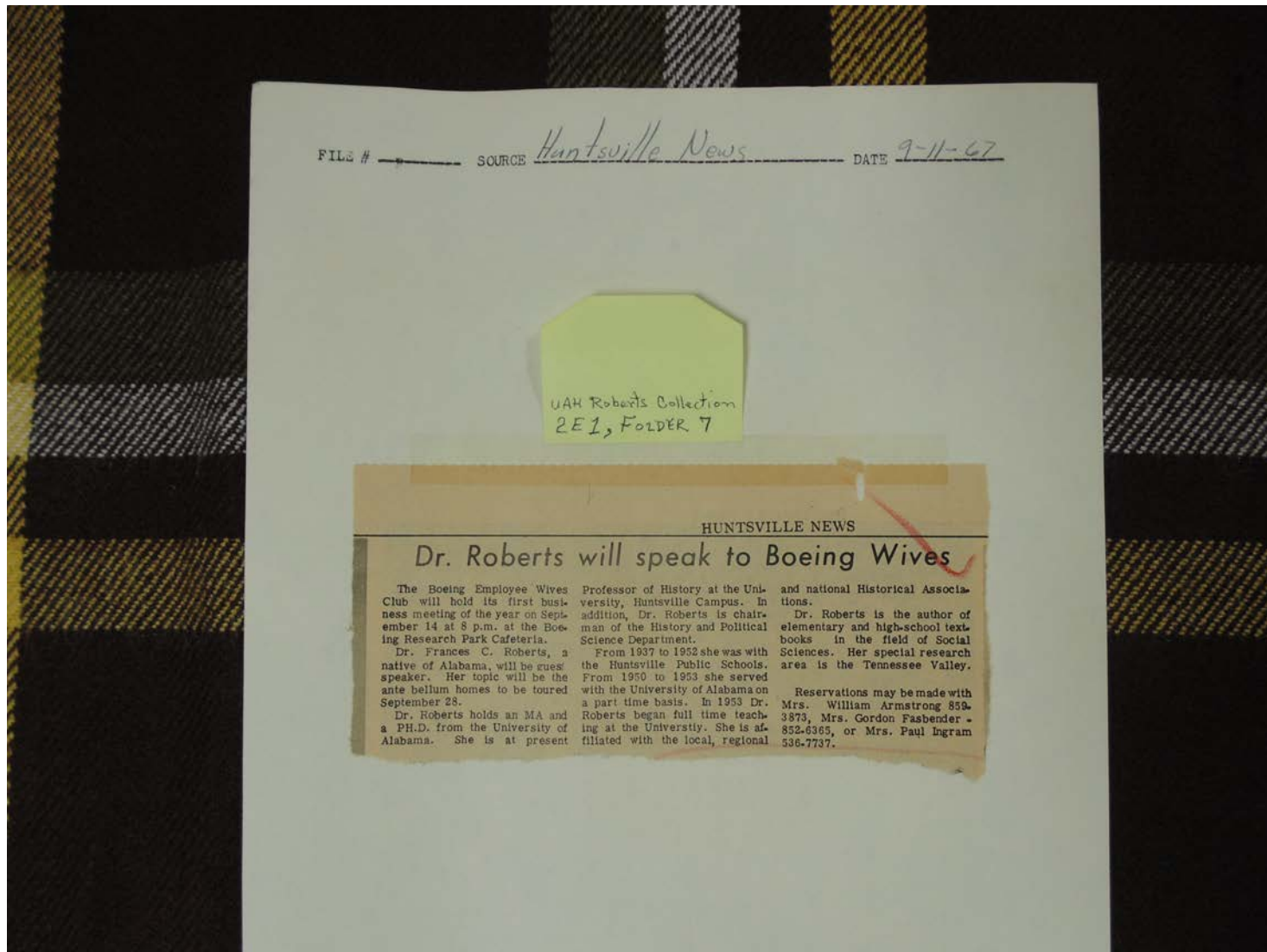
Florence, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Apr 3



Huntsville News

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Fasbender, Gordon,  
Mrs.

Ingram, Paul, Mrs.

Roberts, Frances C.,  
Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

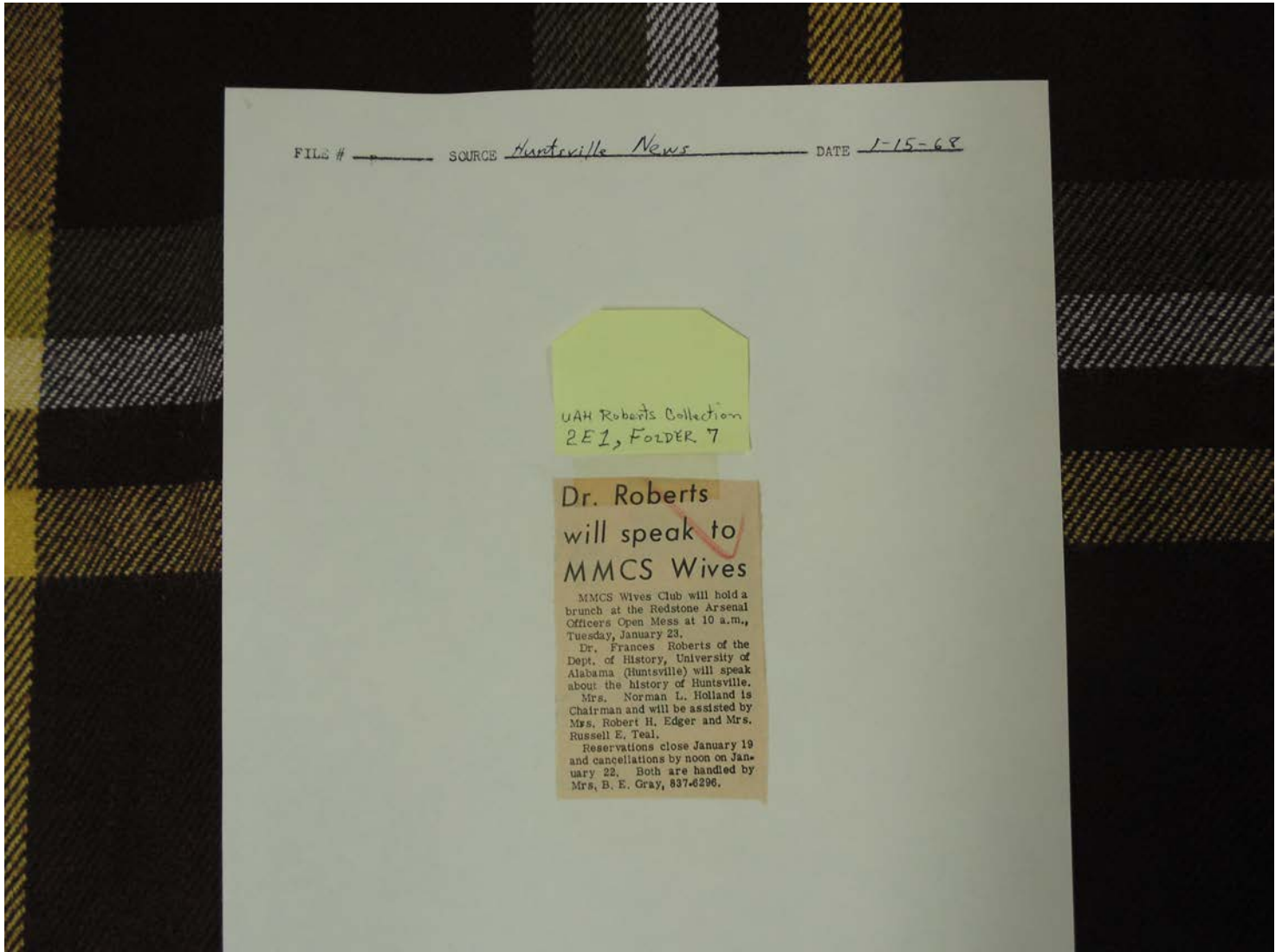
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Huntsville News

**Names:**

Edger, Robert H.,  
Mrs.

Gray, B. E., Mrs.

Holland, Norman L.,  
Mrs.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Teal, Russell E., Mrs.

**Places:**

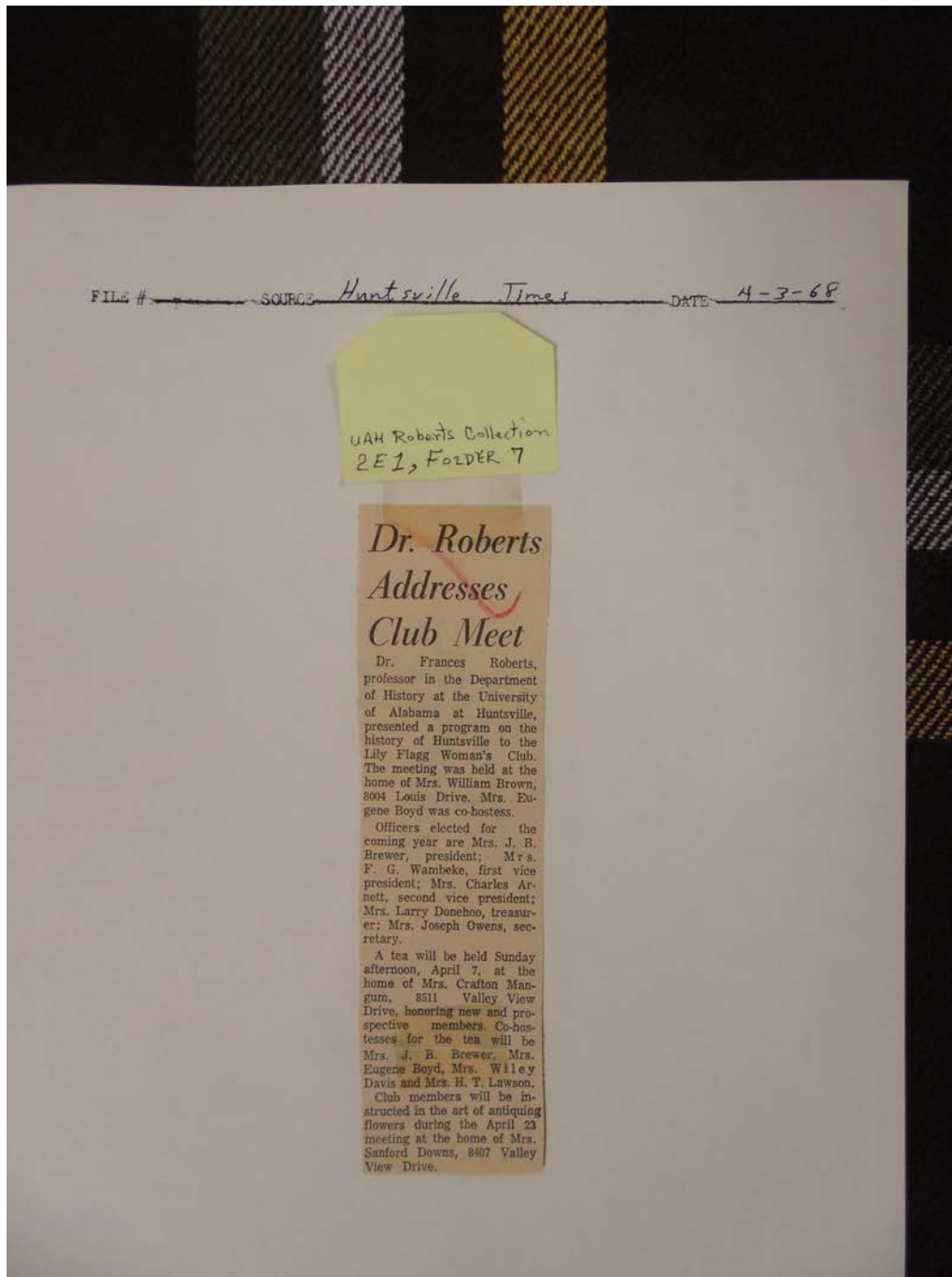
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Jan 15, 1968



Huntsville News

**Names:**

Arnett, Charles, Mrs.  
Boyd, Eugene, Mrs.  
Brewer, J. B., Mrs.  
Brewer, Mrs.  
Brown, William, Mrs.

Davis, Wiley, Mrs.  
Doneho, Larry, Mrs.  
Downs, Sanford, Mrs.  
Lawson, H. T., Mrs.

Lily Flagg Woman's  
Club  
Mangum, Grafton,  
Mrs.  
Owens, Joseph, Mrs.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Wambeke, F. G., Mrs.

**Places:**

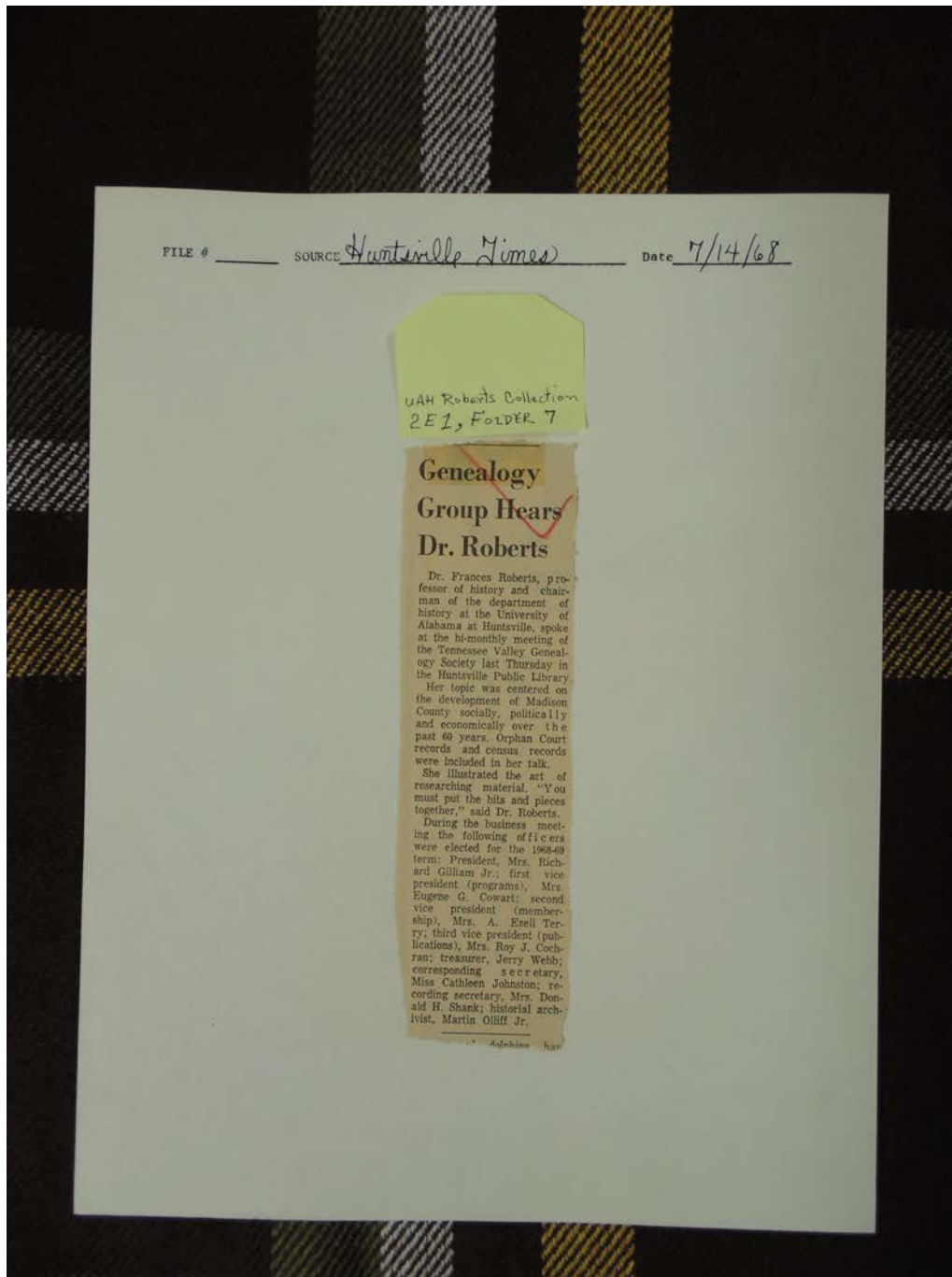
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Apr 3, 1968



Huntsville Times

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Cochran, Roy J., Mrs.  
Cowart, Eugene G.,  
Mrs.

Gilliam, Richard, Jr.,  
Mrs.  
Johnston, Cathleen,  
Miss

Olliff, Martin, Jr.  
Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Shank, Donald H.,  
Mrs.

Terry, A. Ezell, Mrs.  
Webb, Jerry

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

July 14, 1968

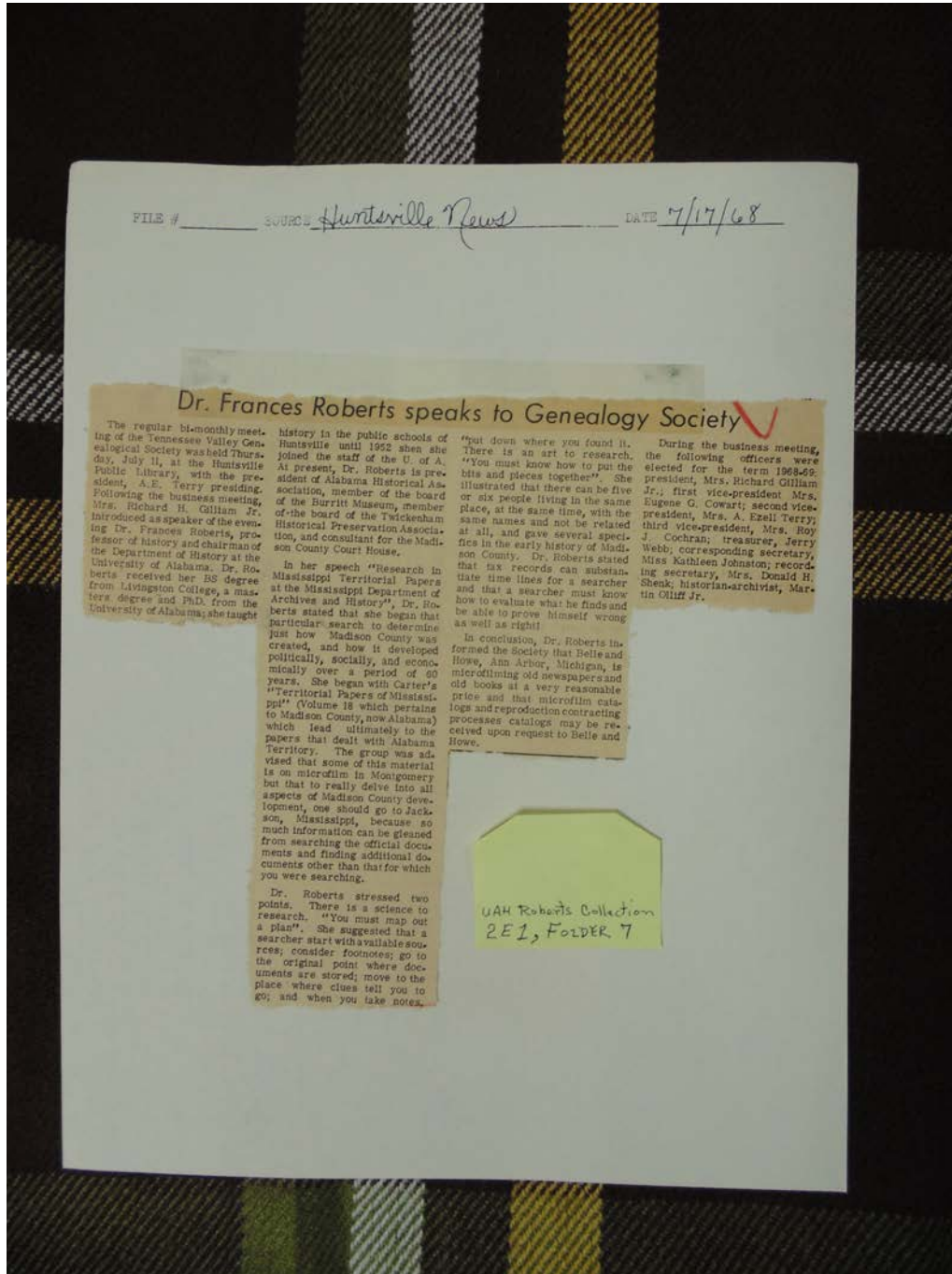




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Huntsville News

Names:

Cochran, Roy J., Mrs.  
Cowart, Eugene G.,  
Mrs.

Gilliam, Richard, Jr.,  
Mrs.  
Johnston, Cathleen,  
Miss

Olliff, Martin, Jr.  
Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Shenk, Donald H.,  
Mrs.

Terry, A. E.  
Terry, A. Ezell, Mrs.  
Webb, Jerry

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

newspaper article

Dates:

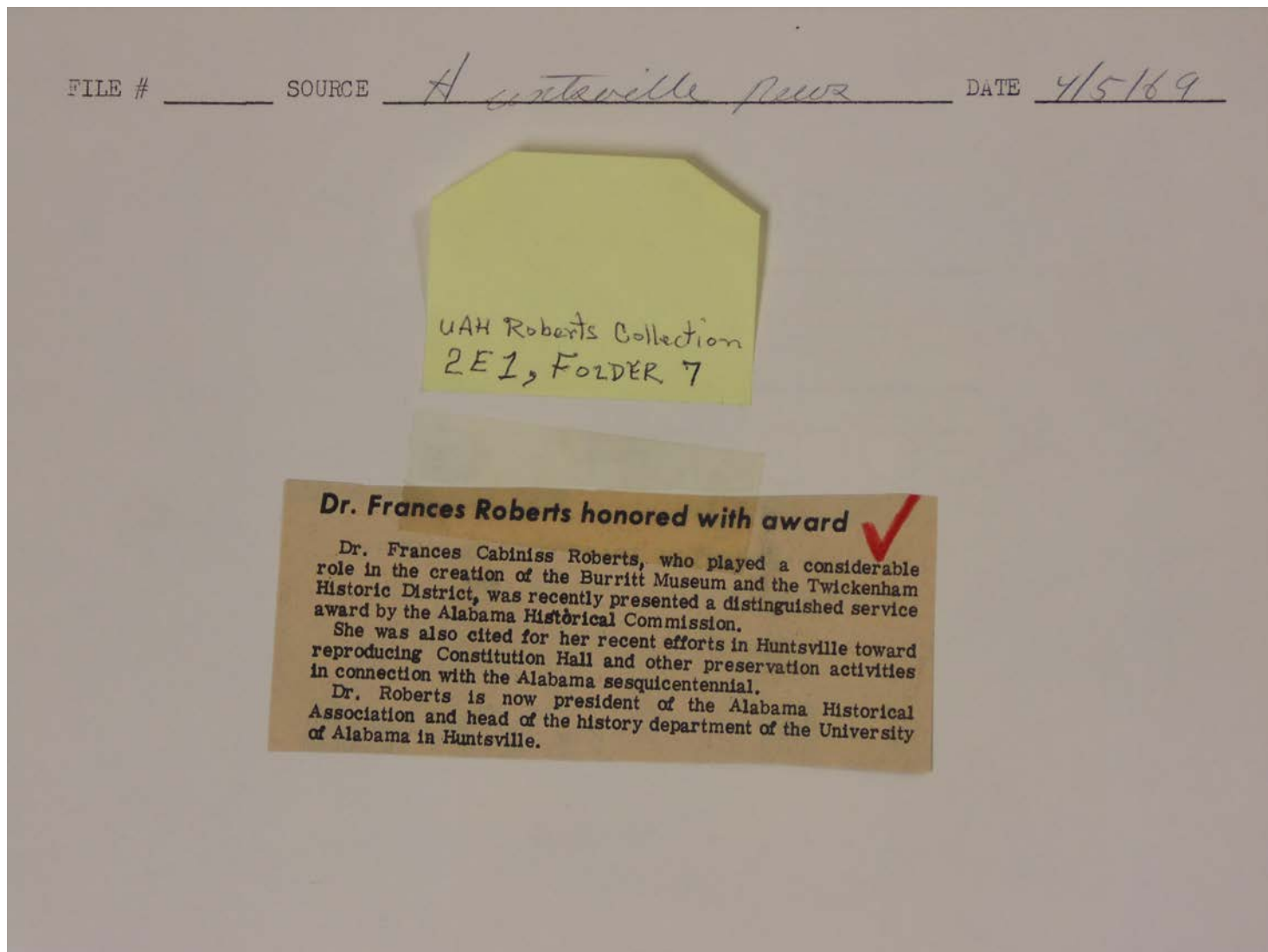
July 17, 1968



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Huntsville News

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Roberts, Frances  
Cabaniss, Dr.

**Places:**

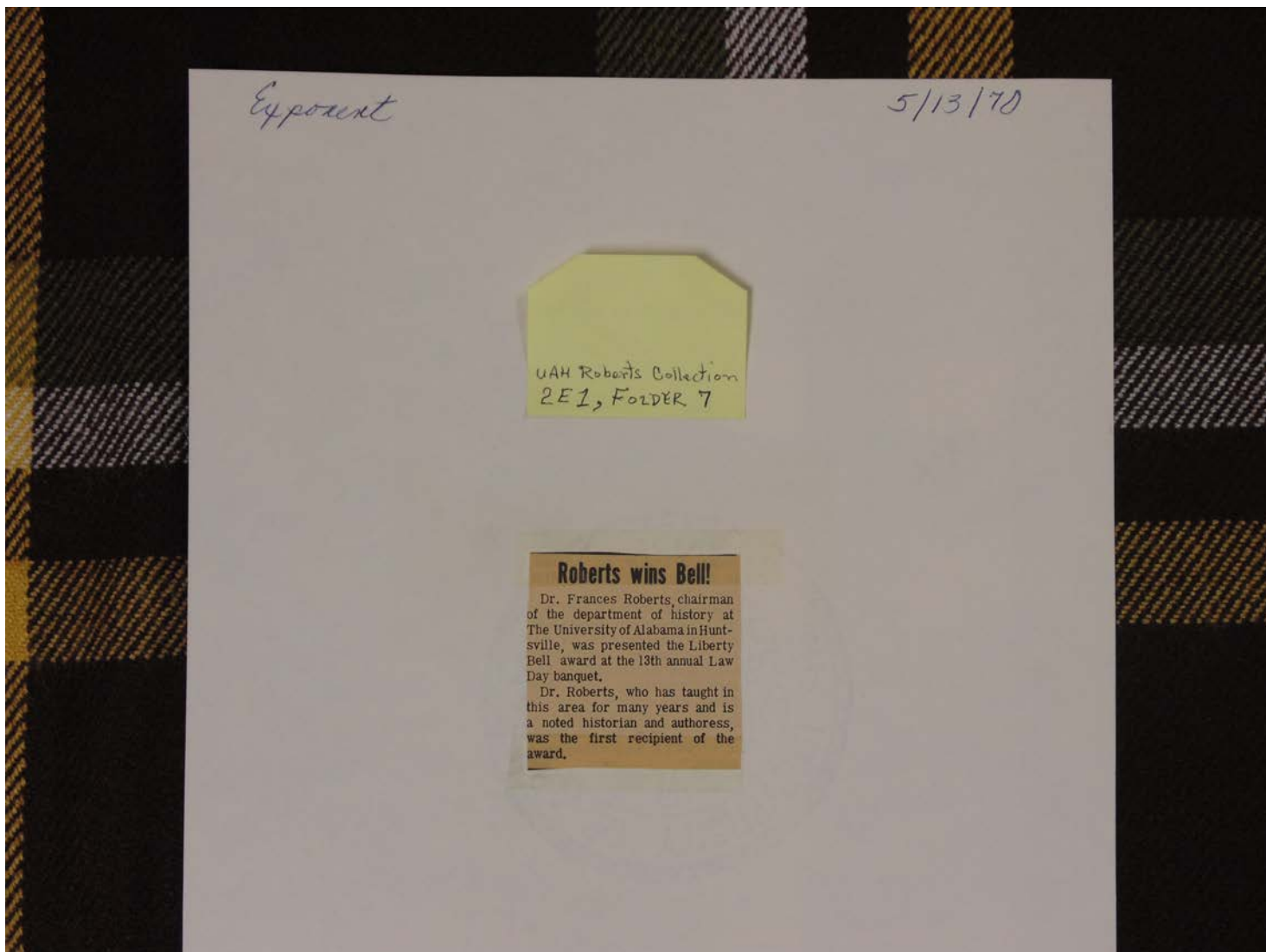
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

April 5, 1969



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Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

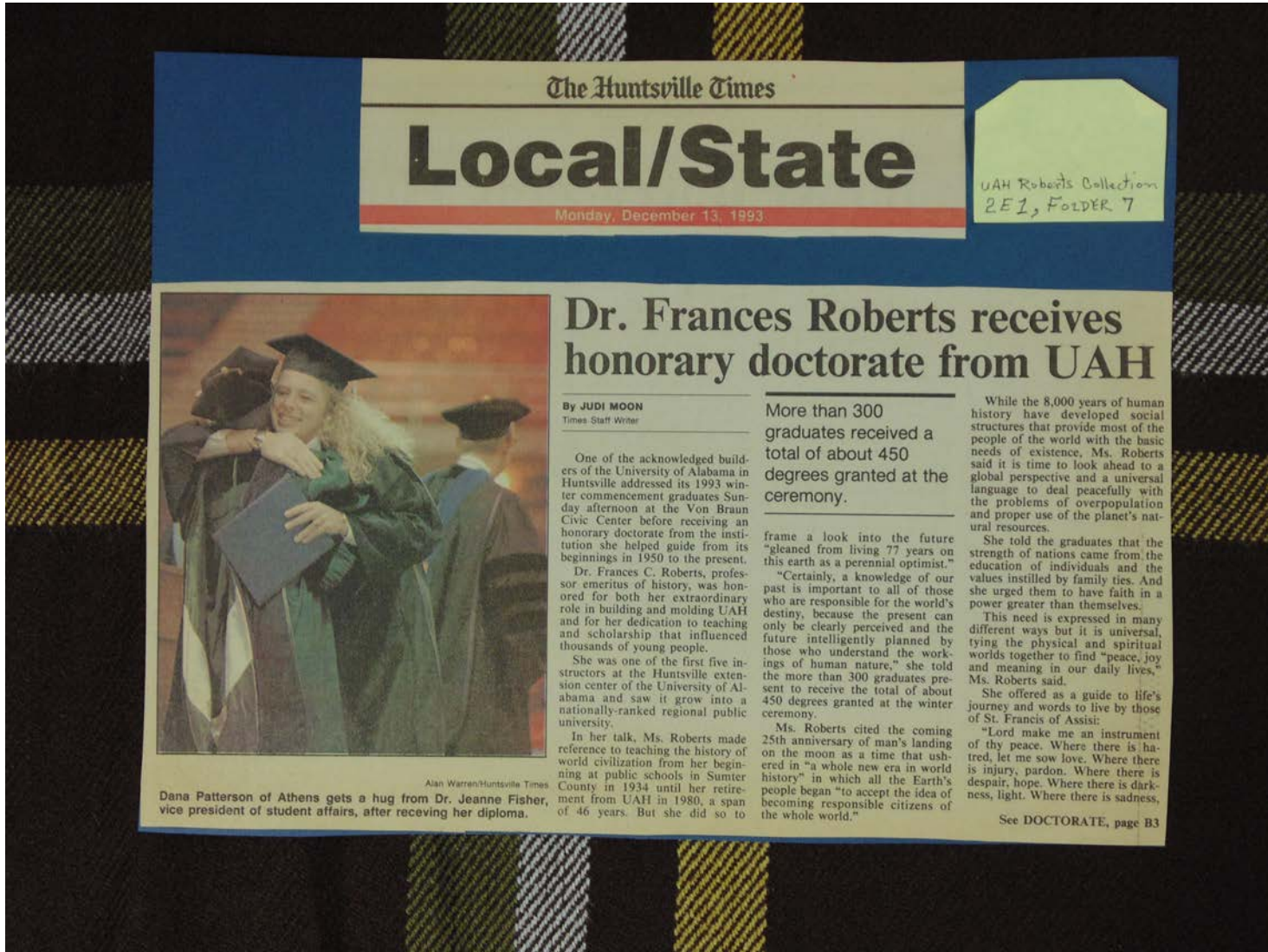
Huntsville, AL

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newspaper article

**Dates:**

May 13, 1970



**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

Times Staff writer

**Names:**

Fisher, Jeanne, Dr.  
Moon, Judi

Patterson, Dana

Roberts, Frances C.,  
Dr.

**Places:**

Athens, AL

Huntsville, AL

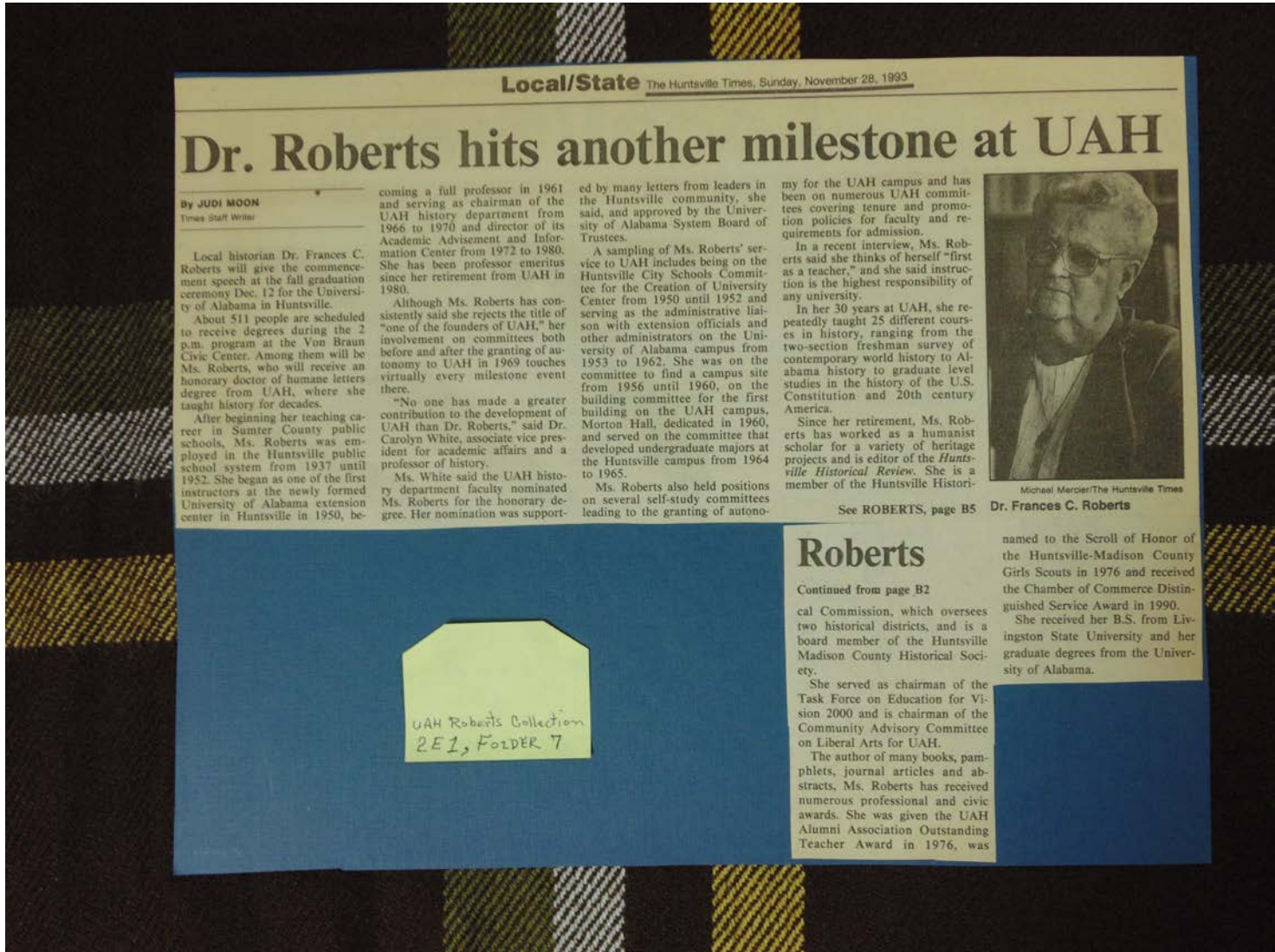
**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph

**Dates:**

Dec 13, 1993



**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

Times Staff writer

**Names:**

Moon, Judi

Roberts, Frances C.,  
Dr.

White, Carolyn, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

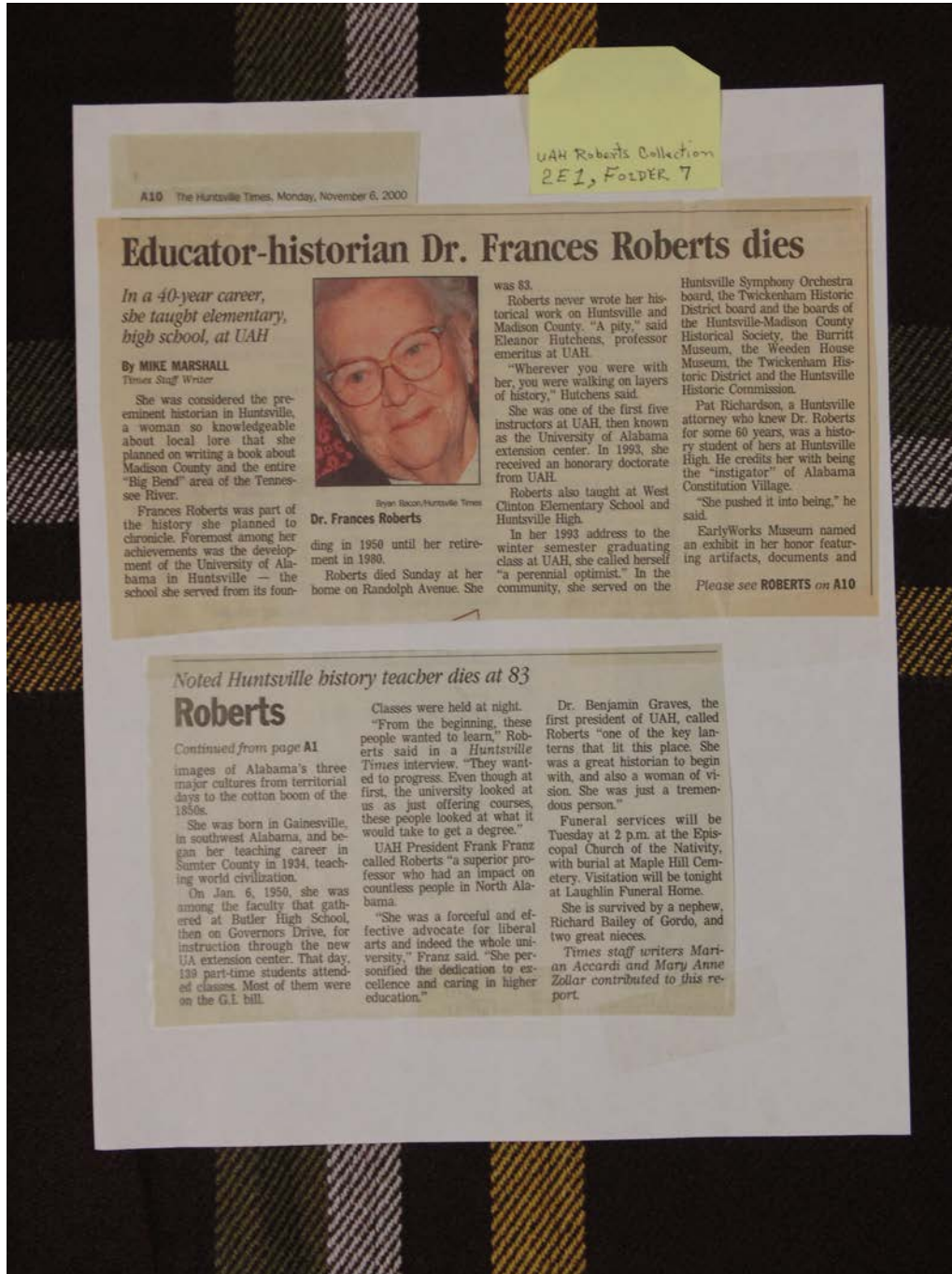
**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph

**Dates:**

Nov 28, 1993



**Topics:**

Dr. Roberts' nephew

Huntsville Times

Times Staff writer

UAH professor

**Names:**

Bacon, Bryan  
 Bailey, Richard  
 Franz, Frank

Graves, Benjamin,  
 Dr.  
 Hutchens, Eleanor

Marshall, Mike  
 Richardson, Pat  
 Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

Gordo, AL

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

obituary

**Dates:**

Nov 6, 2000



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**Names:**

Adair, Dorothy

Hall, Nan

Roberts, Frances

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph

**Dates:**

Jan 23, 1999

## Roberts

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Some of "these bright minds" couldn't afford to go away to college — a situation that led Frances and others to seek establishment of a university extension center in Huntsville.

Frances Roberts taught her first class in 1950 at that center, which would become the University of Alabama in Huntsville. It was the beginning of her 30-year association with the institution.

### Civic contribution

Some people have never known exactly what to make of Frances Roberts. Some think of her as, well, an oddity. A single woman in that big, fine old house. Coming to town with a ready-made, family social entree. But, my, wasn't she, well, remote?

"Yes," she admits, "I could have been more involved in social circles. My family has been here since 1859 when my great-great grandfather, Charles Cabaniss, bought several thousand acres around Huntsville.

"But while our generation of the family was never in a position to contribute a lot financially to the community, we always felt it important to make a contribution to civic and religious activities. Our family has always valued education and the type of relationships that involve professional people. I've never particularly enjoyed partying and chit-chat.

"I guess my friends consider me a bit odd because I didn't become more involved on the social scene. And some of them think I'm kind of crazy because I'm a professional person."

For years she had to field thinly veiled, and often blunt, questions of why she never married. "Why don't you get interested in household things?" they would ask. Or, "Why don't you have children of your own?"

"The real answer," she says, "is I've always been head of my family. That means marrying responsibilities which fill your life.

"I don't know if I've ever told anybody this before. But I think it explains something... Why I became a single, professional person..."

It was the summer of '36. Frances came home from school to find her sister — and all her clothes — gone. Next week came the explanation: a telegram announcing her sister's marriage. But not to the man to whom she had long been engaged.

"This man had been a part of our family for so long. It shocked us. I felt sorry for him. So I let him be nice to me. Take me places. We both enjoyed swimming, fishing. He was a businessman. Not an intellectual. Just a good person."

When Frances moved to Huntsville, he visited regularly. When she went home in the summers, they dated.

"I don't know why he was so patient, waiting for me. But down deep I knew if I... If I married him, all I would do is dominate

him the rest of my life. I wouldn't want a man I dominated. That would be boring. I've never met a man I didn't dominate. I can't help it."

He went to South America to work, returned, and again broached marriage. Again, says Frances, "I put him off."

After six years, she made her decision: "I told him, 'I am a domineering person. My mind makes me domineering. And I will just make you miserable.' Then I told him goodbye. I thought I ought to let him go on and do whatever he wanted to do with his life."

For the next few years, he would still meet her at the bus station back home.

The always-decisive Frances Roberts this time was wracked by indecision. She decided she would not marry until he married. "Then he would not have been turned down by my Roberts women."

He married. Frances didn't.

She would later regret her decision "to assume responsibility for his life after I had broken off the relationship. What I should have done was to cut it off earlier. You use people. And I think I did that to a point. It was one of the failures in my life. Maybe I would have found someone to share my life with. But by the time you're 35, you don't find people you want to live the rest of your life with."

"But I don't think I wasted my life. It doesn't bother me not having married. And those old questions aren't asked anymore. Who's going to ask a 71-year-old woman if I have a beau and when I'm gonna get married?"

### Decision shaper

So she made one questionable decision in her own life in 71 years. But for five decades in the classroom, Frances Roberts has helped to shape life's decisions for thousands of students.

She didn't make decisions for them. She showed them alternatives. And consequences.

"I am a teacher. I help people to learn. To think through. I point the ways for them to achieve their life's objectives. I help them do what they hope. That's what teaching is. Not pouring things into people's heads. But making it so interesting that even when it gets difficult, they keep on learning because they're motivated."

One decision: Frances Roberts made in 1980 she has never regretted. "I am happy in retirement," she says with not a hint of hesitancy. I like going back to UAH or to the Senior Center and teaching Alabama history from time to time.

"But as you get older, you find you don't have as much basic energy as you once had."

A central theme in my life has been getting things done. It goes back to that domineering trait of mine. I've been a catalyst. People give me credit for starting the Twickenham Historic District. Starting the Huntsville pilgrimage of homes. Starting Constitution Hall Park. But I couldn't possibly have done any of that by myself. I help get things done.

"But now I don't feel I need to

go on being a chief. I'd rather be an Indian."

But this Indian continues to wield influence in the community as well as at her university. This year much of her time has been consumed as a member of the advisory committee to select the new president of UAH. It is a task about which she is passionate.

Disturbed that UAH is perceived as a high-tech institution narrowly focused on engineering and science, she talks of the broader needs of higher education. While not opposed to a high-tech curriculum, she talks of a balanced university re-dedicated to provide broad-based, quality education to the entire community — to the future leaders in a full range of vocations, professions and social responsibilities of life. A narrow, parochial interest, she worries, is a danger that can limit not only the university, but the community it serves.

### Fight remains

There's a lot of fight left in Frances Roberts. That's been apparent for years. Even when others had written her off. That's what happened back in 1975. When her fingers and toes first began to tingle.

Soon she had to use her hands or feet. They ran tests, here and at Mayo Clinic but there was no explanation. She became weaker and weaker, then confined to a wheelchair.

But Birmingham's Spain Rehabilitation Center found the answer: Guillain Barre's Syndrome, an attack on the nerve endings. If it finds its way into the respiratory system, you're out. It didn't.

While others worried, Frances Roberts went on Teaching. Her boarder got her to the university. Her maid cooked her food. Her friends gave her support through months of agonizing physical therapy. It is the only medication for Guillain Barre. By '77 she was walking on crutches. By '78, she was walking herself — with the aid of braces.

But Guillain Barre gave Frances Roberts perspective.

"And I'll tell you what this interview has made me do. It's made me plan and organize the next 10 years. Or however many years I have left. And get my writing done. And leave a little more trail behind me to get into the stream of time. That's all that's necessary."

She flashes her little mischievous look: "You know, I carry Mother around on my shoulder. My mother's conscience. She reminds me to finish things I don't always do. To share what I have with others. And to mind my manners."

"Occasionally I become sad. I think back at all the recognitions I've gotten for one thing or another. I always gave them to Mother. She hung them in my back room. She always seemed so appreciative.

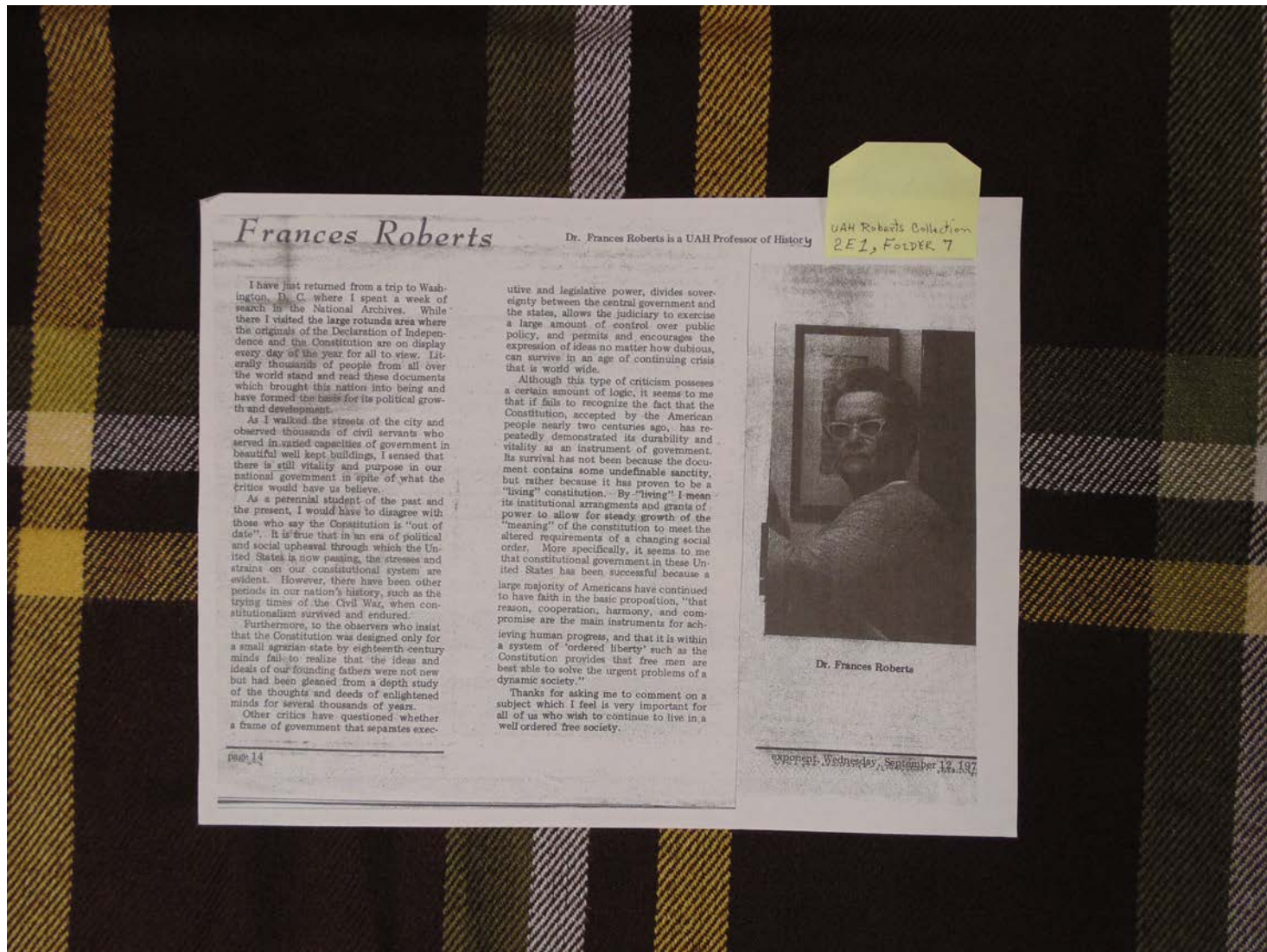
"But when Mother died, I didn't have anyone to pass those recognitions on to. And they never seemed to be as important to me anymore."

UAH Roberts Collection  
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Roberts, Frances, Dr.

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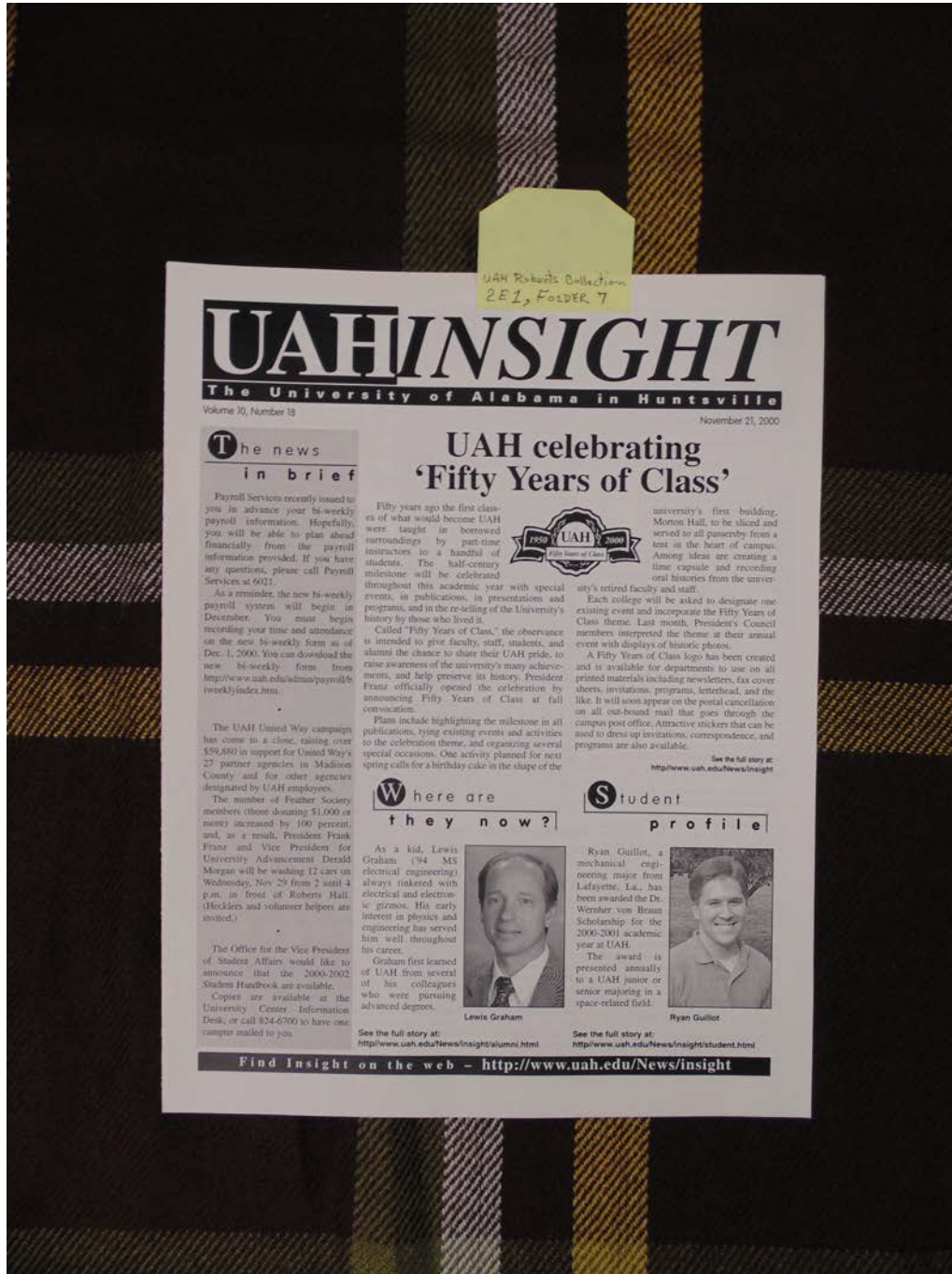
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph & article

**Dates:**

Sep 12, 1977



**UAH Insight**

**Names:**

Franz, Frank

Graham, Lewis

Guillot, Ryan

Morgan, Derald

**Places:**

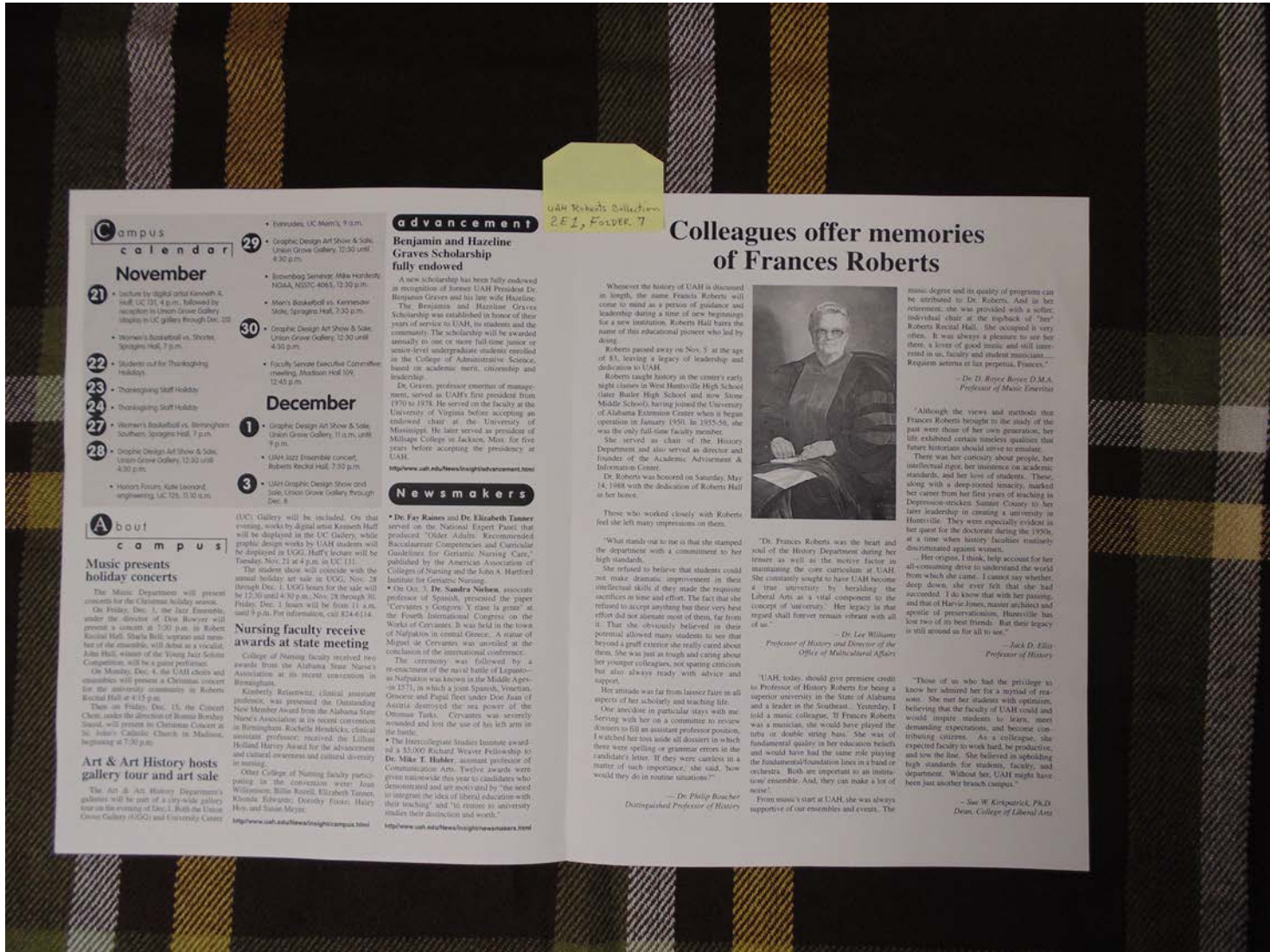
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Nov 21, 2000



**Campus calendar**

**November**

- 21 Inauguration of the new UAH building, 10 a.m. Followed by reception in Lynch Grove Gallery lobby in UC gallery through Dec. 23
- 22 Women's Basketball vs. Shores, Spanglers Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 Students out for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 24 Thanksgiving Staff Holiday
- 27 Women's Basketball vs. Birmingham Southern, Spanglers Hall, 7 p.m.
- 28 Graphic Design Art Show & Sale, Lynch Grove Gallery, 12:30 until 4:30 p.m.
- Honors Forum, Nite Leonard Engineering, LC 126, 12:30 until 4:30 p.m.

**About campus**

**Music presents holiday concerts**

The Music Department will present concerts for the Christmas holiday season. On Friday, Dec. 1, the Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Don Bowyer will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Robert Russell Hall. Sheila Bell, soprano and member of the ensemble, will debut as a vocalist. On Monday, Dec. 4, the UAH choir and ensembles will present a Christmas concert for the anniversary assembly in Robert Russell Hall at 4:15 p.m.

Then on Friday, Dec. 15, the Concert Choir under the direction of Ronald Bondy Sneed, will present its Christmas Concert at St. John's Catholic Church in Madison, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Art & Art History hosts gallery tour and art sale**

The Art & Art History Department's galleries will be part of a one-day gallery tour on the evening of Dec. 1. Both the Lynch Grove Gallery (LGG) and University Center

• Extracurricular, UC Main's, 9 a.m.

• Graphic Design Art Show & Sale, Lynch Grove Gallery, 12:30 until 4:30 p.m.

• Bowling, UAH, 10:30-11:30 p.m.

• Men's Basketball vs. Kennesaw State, Spanglers Hall, 7:30 p.m.

• Graphic Design Art Show & Sale, Lynch Grove Gallery, 12:30 until 4:30 p.m.

• Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting, Mellon Hall 104, 12:45 p.m.

**December**

1 Graphic Design Art Show & Sale, Lynch Grove Gallery, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

2 UAH Jazz Ensemble concert, Robert Russell Hall, 7:30 p.m.

3 UAH Graphic Design Show and Sale, Lynch Grove Gallery through Dec. 8

(UC) Gallery will be included. On that evening, works by digital artist Kenneth Huff will be displayed in the UC Gallery, while graphic design works by UAH students will be displayed in UGA. Huff's lecture will be Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. in UC 111.

The student show will coincide with the annual holiday art sale in UGA. Nov. 28 through Dec. 1. UGA hours for the sale will be 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. Nov. 28 through 30; Friday, Dec. 1 hours will be from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. For information, call 824-6114.

**Nursing faculty receive awards at state meeting**

College of Nursing faculty received two awards from the Alabama State Nurses' Association at its recent convention in Birmingham.

Kimberly Reiterwitz, clinical assistant professor, was presented the Outstanding New Member Award from the Alabama State Nurses' Association at its recent convention in Birmingham. Rochelle Henricks, clinical assistant professor, received the Lillian Holman-Harvey Award for the Advancement of Nursing Education and Cultural Diversity in nursing.

Other College of Nursing faculty participants in the convention were: Joan Williamson, Billie Rowell, Elizabeth Tanner, Rhonda Edwards, Dorothy Foster, Harry Hix, and Susan Meyer.

**advancement**

**Benjamin and Hazeline Graves Scholarship fully endowed**

A new scholarship has been fully endowed in recognition of former UAH President Dr. Benjamin Graves and his late wife Hazeline. The Benjamin and Hazeline Graves Scholarship was established in honor of three years of service to UAH, its students and the community. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one or more full-time junior or senior-level undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Administrative Science, based on academic merit, citizenship and leadership.

Dr. Graves, professor emeritus of management, served as UAH's first president from 1970 to 1978. He served on the faculty at the University of Virginia before accepting an endowed chair at the University of Mississippi. He later served as president of Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., for five years before accepting the presidency at UAH.

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**Newsmakers**

• **Dr. Fay Raines and Dr. Elizabeth Tanner** served on the National Expert Panel that produced "Older Adults: Recommended Baccalaureate Competencies and Curricular Guidelines for Geriatric Nursing Care," published by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the John A. Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing.

• **Dr. Sandra Nelson**, associate professor of Spanish, presented the paper "Cervantes y Góngora: Y una la gran" at the Fourth International Congress on the Works of Cervantes. It was held in the town of Nafplion in central Greece. A statue of Miguel de Cervantes was unveiled at the conclusion of the international conference.

The ceremony was followed by a re-enactment of the naval battle of Lepanto in Nafplion was known in the Middle Ages in 1571, in which a joint Spanish, Venetian, Genoese and Papal fleet under Don Juan of Austria destroyed the sea power of the Ottoman Turks. Cervantes was severely wounded and lost the use of his left arm in the battle.

• The Intercollegiate Studies Institute awarded a \$5,000 Richard Weaver Fellowship to **Dr. Mike T. Hubler**, assistant professor of Communication Arts. Twelve awards were given nationwide this year to candidates who demonstrated and are motivated by "the need to integrate the idea of liberal education with their teaching" and "to return to university studies their distinction and worth."

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**Colleagues offer memories of Frances Roberts**



music, degree and its quality of programs can be attributed to Dr. Roberts. And to her retirement, she was provided with a softer, individual chair at the topback of "her" Roberts Recital Hall. She occupied it very often. It was always a pleasure to see her there, a lover of good music and still interested in us, faculty and student musicians. Requiescat in pace, Frances."

—Dr. D. Royce Boyer, D.M.A., Professor of Music Emerita

"Although the views and methods that Frances Roberts brought to the study of the past were those of her own generation, her life exhibited certain timeless qualities that future historians should strive to emulate.

There was her courtesy about people, her intellectual rigor, her insistence on academic standards, and her love of students. These, along with a deep-seated tenacity, marked her career from her first years of teaching in Huntsville. They were especially evident in her quest for the doctorate during the 1950s, at a time when history faculties routinely discriminated against women.

Her origin, I think, help account for her all-consuming drive to undertake the work from which she came. I cannot say whether, deep down, she ever felt that the 'Yale' succeeded. I do know that with her passing, and that of Harvie Jones, master archivist and apostle of preservationism, Huntsville has lost two of its best friends. But their legacy is still around us for all to see."

—Jack D. Ellis, Professor of History

"Dr. Frances Roberts was the heart and soul of the History Department during her tenure as well as the motive factor in maintaining the core curriculum at UAH. She constantly sought to have UAH become a true university by heralding the Liberal Arts as a vital component to the concept of university. Her legacy in that regard shall forever remain vibrant with us."

—Dr. Lee Williams, Professor of History and Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs

"UAH today should give premiere credit to Professor of History Roberts for being a superior university in the State of Alabama and a leader in the Southeast. Yesterday, I told a music colleague, Dr. Frances Roberts was a musician, she would have played the tuba or double string bass. She was of fundamental quality in her education beliefs and would have had the same role playing the fundamental/foundation lines in a band or orchestra. Both are important to an institute ensemble. And, they can make a lot of noise!"

From music's start at UAH, she was always supportive of our ensembles and events. The

—Sue W. Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Whatever the history of UAH is discussed in length, the name Frances Roberts will come to mind as a person of guidance and leadership during a time of new beginnings for a new institution. Roberts Hall bears the name of this educational pioneer who led by doing.

Roberts passed away on Nov. 5 at the age of 83, leaving a legacy of leadership and dedication to UAH.

Roberts taught history in the center's early night classes in West Huntsville High School (later Butler High School) and now Stone Middle School, having joined the University of Alabama Extension Center when it began operation in January 1950. In 1955-56, she was the only full-time faculty member.

She served as chair of the History Department and also served as director and founder of the Academic Advancement & Information Center.

Dr. Roberts was honored on Saturday, May 14, 1968 with the dedication of Roberts Hall in her honor.

Those who worked closely with Roberts felt she left many impressions on them.

"What stands out to me is that she stamped the department with a commitment to her high standards.

She refused to believe that students could not make dramatic improvement in their intellectual skills if they made the requisite sacrifices in time and effort. The fact that she refused to accept anything but their very best did not abate most of them, far from it. That she obviously believed in their potential allowed many students to see that beyond a graft exterior she really cared about them. She was just as tough and caring about her younger colleagues, not sparing criticism but also always ready with advice and support.

Her attitude was far from laissez faire in all aspects of her scholarly and teaching life.

One anecdote in particular stays with me. Serving with her on a committee to review donors to fill an assistant professor position, I watched her toss aside all dossiers in which there were spelling or grammar errors in the candidate's letters. If they were careless in a matter of such importance," she said, "how would they do in routine situations?"

—Dr. Philip Boycher, Distinguished Professor of History

- Topics:**
- Asst. Professor School of Nursing
- Names:**
- Bell, Sharla
  - Boucher, Philip, Dr.
  - Bowyer, Don
  - Boyer, D. Royce, D.M.A., Dr.
  - Edwards, Rhonda
  - Ellis, Jack D.
  - Foot, Dorothy
- Places:**
- Huntsville, AL
- Types:**
- UAH newspaper

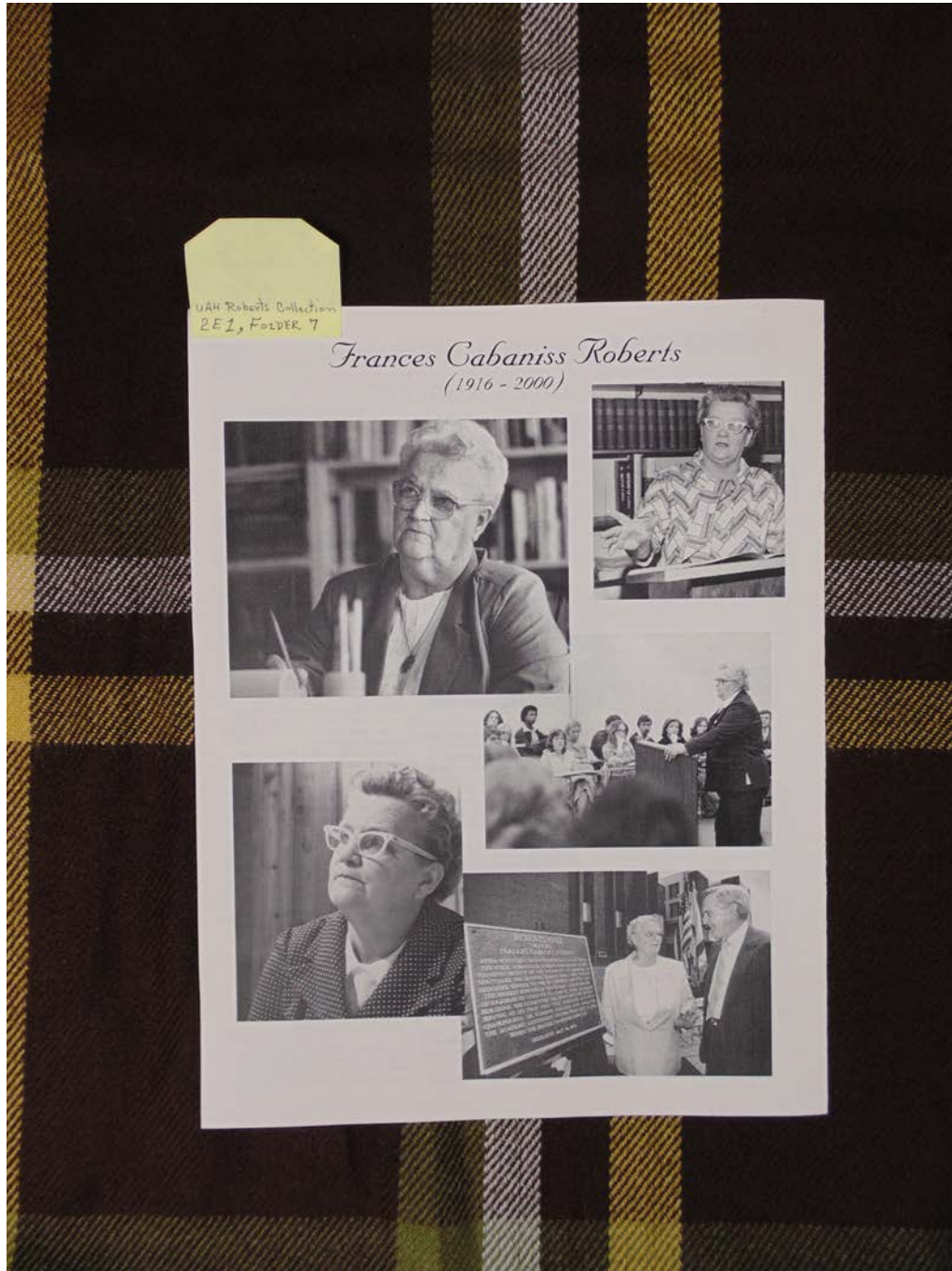
- scholarship committee**
- Graves, Benjamin, Dr.
  - Graves, Hazeline
  - Hay, Haley
  - Henricks, Rochelle
  - Hubler, Mike T., Dr.
  - Huff, Kenneth
  - Hull, John

- Jones, Harvie
- Kirkpatrick, Sue W., Ph.D.
- Memories of Frances Roberts
- Meyer, Susan
- Nielson, Sandra, Dr.
- Raines, Fay, Dr.

- Reisenwitz, Kimberly
- Rozell, Billie
- Sneed, Bonnie
- Borshaw
- Tanner, Elizabeth
- Tanner, Elizabeth, Dr.
- Williams, Lee, Dr.
- Williamson, Joan

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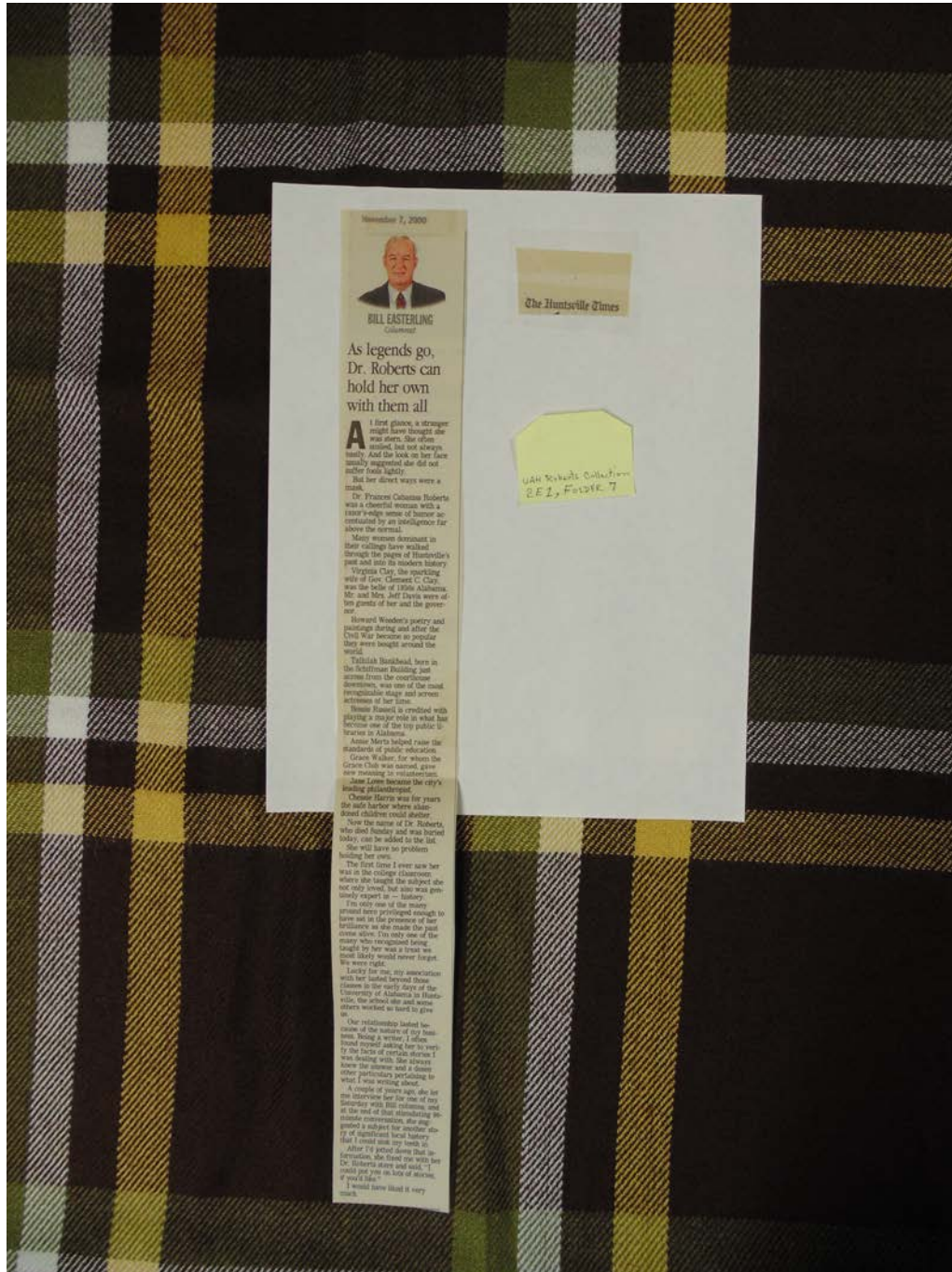
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**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

Huntsville Times  
columnist

NOT wife of Gov.  
Clement C. Clay,

but his Dau-in-Law

**Names:**

Bankhead, Tallulah  
Clay, Virginia  
Davis, Jeff, Mr. and  
Mrs.

Easterling, Bill  
Harris, Chessie  
Lowe, Jane  
Merts, Annie

Roberts, Frances  
Cabaniss, Dr.  
Russell, Bessie  
Walker, Grace

Weeden, Howard

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Nov 7, 2000





**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

Times Art Writer

painter

**Names:**

Lane, Albert

Roberts, Frances

Martin, Ann Marie

Cabaniss

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph

**Dates:**

Apr 25, 1993



**Topics:**

10th rector of church  
 1st rector of church  
 2nd rector of church  
 British architect  
 Church History  
 Committee

Huntsville mayor  
 church leader 1860-  
 1905  
 members of church  
 minister  
 minister 1950-1956

minister 1957-1986  
 minister of church  
 1938-1949  
 occupied Huntsville  
 1862

painted watercolor of  
 church  
 rector  
 rector 1847-1859  
 rector 1909-1937

**Names:**

Averett, Ray H., Jr.  
 Banister, John Monro  
 Bonner, John Hare, Jr.  
 Bounds, Etheline

Claiborne, Randolph  
 Royall, Jr.  
 Claybrook,  
 Willoughby  
 Cochran, Ann

Davis, Joe  
 Dudley, Henry  
 Fleming, Jim  
 Gamble, Cary  
 Hall, Nan G.

Harris, Ellen  
 History of Nativity  
 Episcopal Church  
 Joffrion, Alban Emile  
 Laird, F. H. L.

Lane, Albert H.  
(1917-1983)  
Lay, Henry  
Lay, Henry Champlin  
Mabie, Elizabeth  
Mahoney, George, Jr.

McCabe, Alexander  
Mitchell, Armsby,  
Gen.  
Murray, Roderic  
Lafayette, III  
Pitts, Jane

Roberts, Ms.  
Smith, W. C.  
Southworth, Marie  
Wikle, Pam  
Wills, Frank

von Braun, Wernher,  
Dr. & Mrs.  
von Tiesenhausen,  
Gerg, Dr. & Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

church history



Times Staff writer

**Names:**

Burr, Eugene E.  
 Chapin, Don  
 Davis, Joe, Mayor  
 Howard, Milo B.  
 Jenkins, William H.

Matthews, David, Dr.  
 Moore, Albert B.  
 Roberts, Frances,  
 Miss  
 Roberts, Miss

Sparkman,  
 Sparkman, John,  
 Senator  
 Steele, George  
 Tyler, Robert E.

Unpingco, Bert

**Places:**

Decatur, AL

Huntsville, AL

Montgomery, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph



Huntsville Times

**Names:**

Akens, David S., Mr.  
& Mrs.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Summersell, Charles  
G., Dr.

Summersell, Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph



Huntsville Times

**Names:**

Douthard, Frances,  
Miss

Payne, Beverly, Mrs.  
Roach, Merle, Mrs.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Strein, Gregor, Mrs.

Yates, Robert, Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Apr 10, 1969



**Topics:**

Charter Honoree  
 Huntsville News

NASA  
 US Senator from AL

Women's Editor  
 dau. of Hugh &

Willie Love Taylor  
 new officer

**Names:**

, Lynda  
 Armstrong, May  
 Sylvia  
 Brown, Debbie  
 Chase, Anna  
 Chase, Beverly (Mrs.  
 Henry, Jr.)  
 Chase, Henry B., Mr.  
 & Mrs (dec'd)

Cole, Margaret  
 Culps, Daisy  
 Doud, Loxie  
 Doud, Loxie, Mrs.  
 Frady, Phyllis  
 Green, Myrtle, Judge  
 Gwaltney, Kim  
 Harris, Chessie  
 Lethonia (Walker)

Lane, Albert  
 Parker, Elizabeth  
 Parks, Aneta  
 Roberts, Frances  
 Roberts, Frances  
 Cabiness  
 Smith, Billy  
 Smith, Martha Will  
 Burlison (dec'd)

Stamper, Marge  
 Stewart, Donald,  
 Honorable  
 Taylor, Kathy Love  
 Thomas, E'Claire  
 Weeden, Maria  
 Howard  
 Welch, Sara  
 Wilson, Judy

Wine Tasting Festival

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph

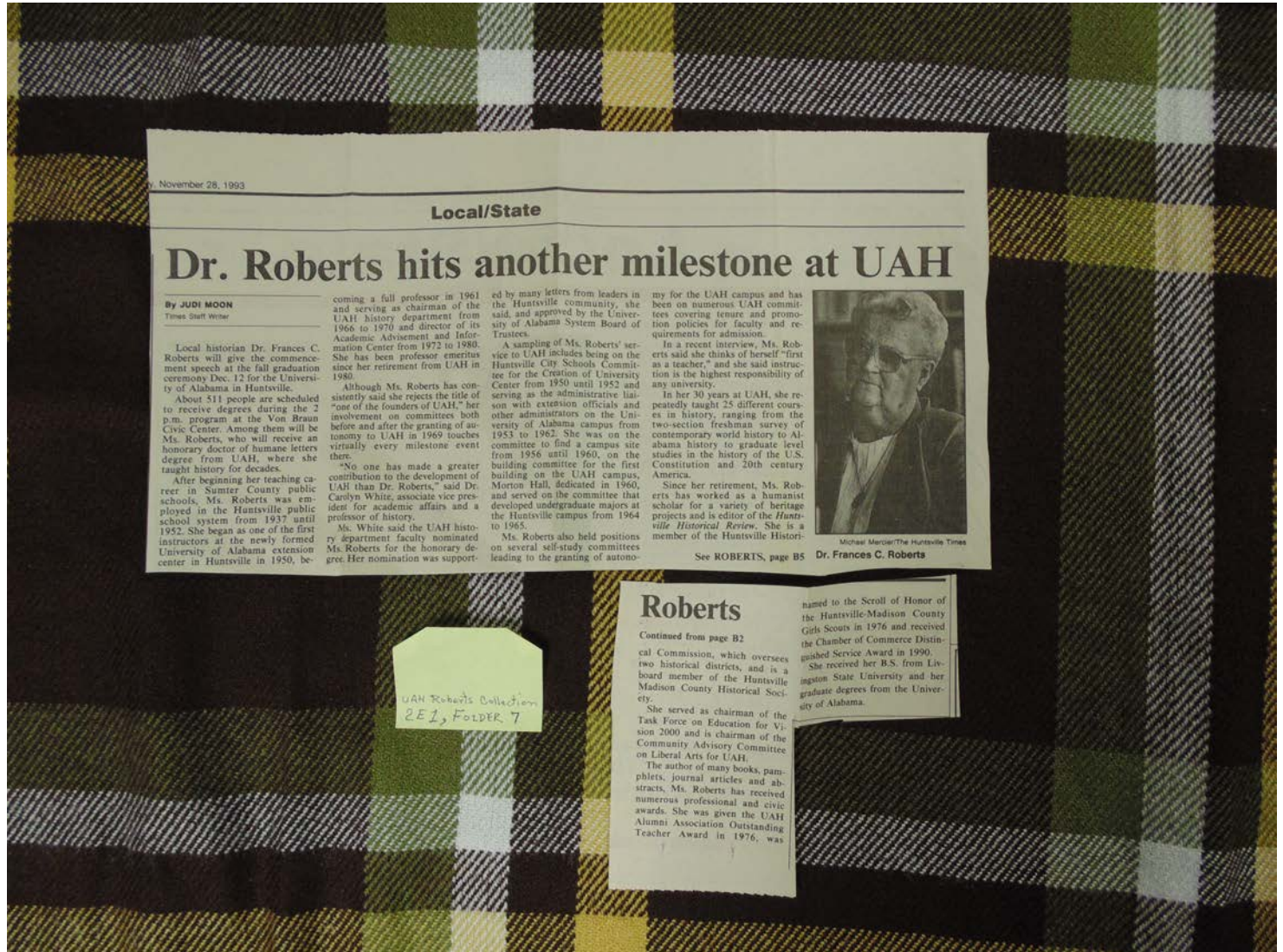
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Huntsville Times photographer

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Mercier, Michael

Roberts, Frances C.,  
Dr.

White, Carolyn, Dr.

**Places:**

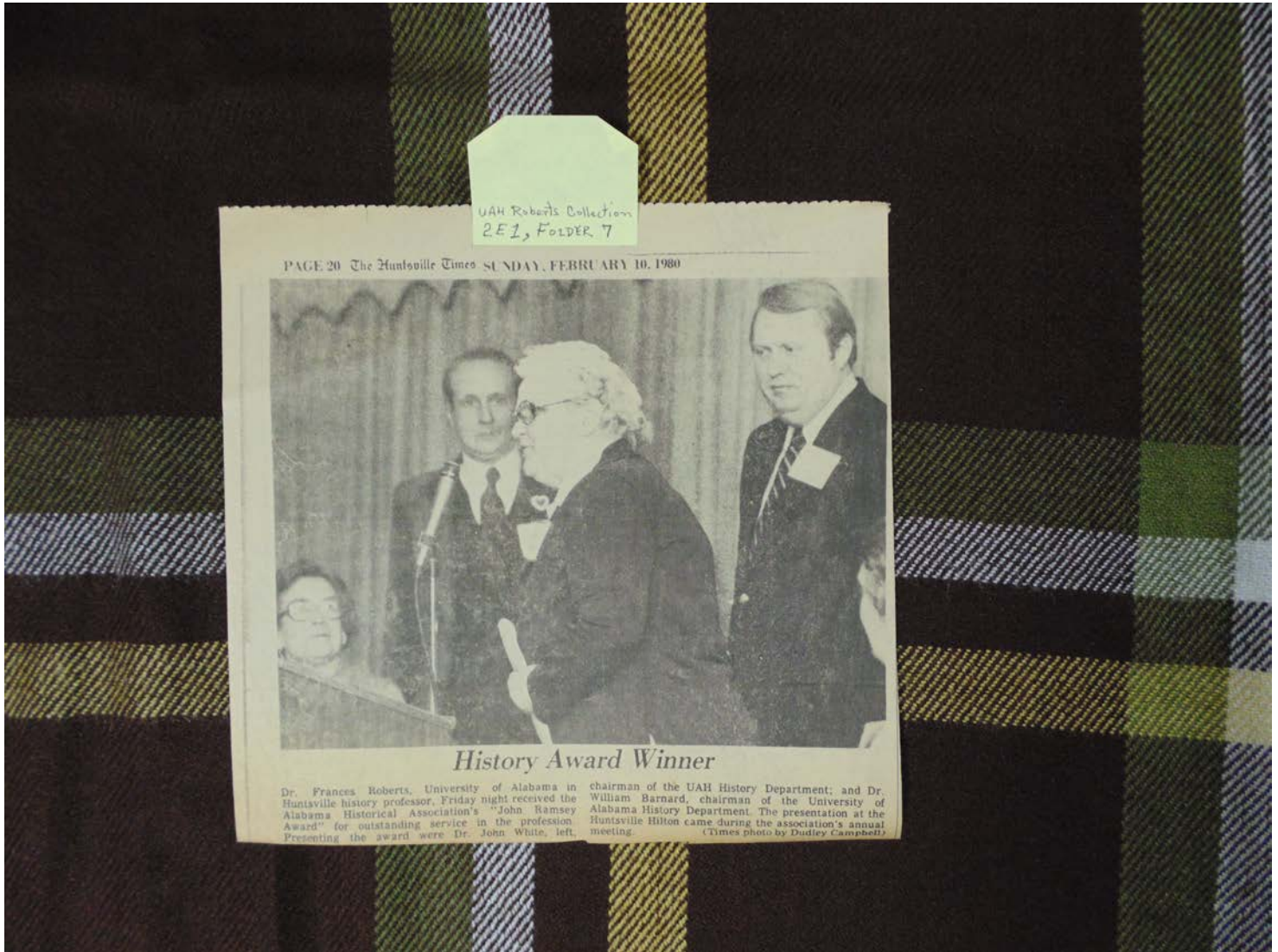
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Nov 28, 1993



**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

Times photographer

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Barnard, William, Dr.

Campbell, Dudley

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

White, John, Dr.

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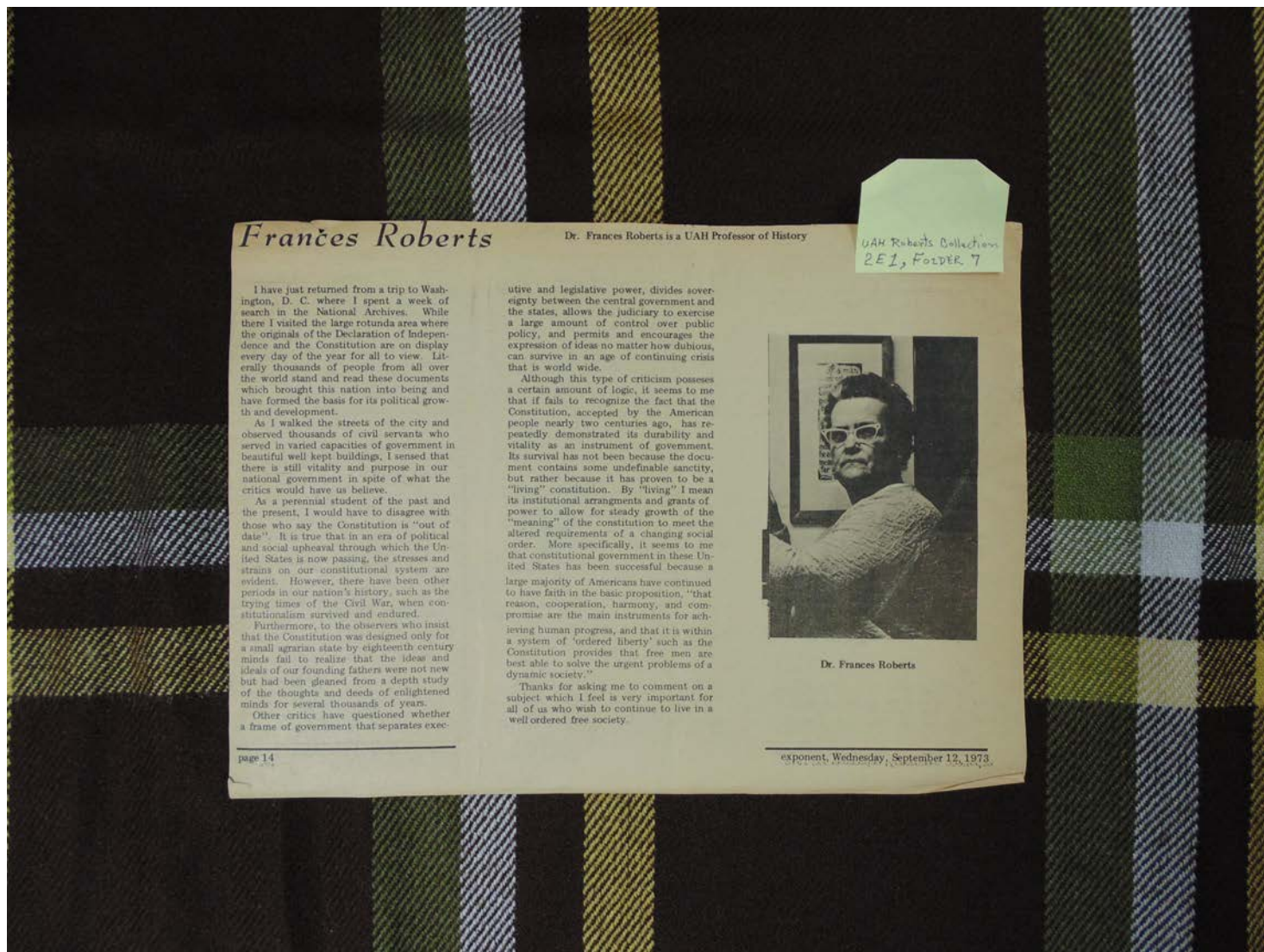
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photograph

**Dates:**

Feb 10, 1980



Exponent

**Names:**

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph

**Dates:**

Sep 12, 1973

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**Names:**

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph & article



Women's Editor

**Names:**

Armstrong, Mary  
Sylvia

Few, Clara  
Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

article

photograph & article



**Topics:**

Chamber of Commerce Chairman

Chamber of Commerce Officer for 1991

Coca Cola Chairman of Board Huntsville Times

outgoing Chairman

**Names:**

, Christel  
 , Frances  
 Batts, Hundley, Sr.  
 Brock, Harry B., III  
 Carden, Joe

Grainger, Charles E.  
 Green, William C., Jr.  
 Maner, Charles  
 Monger, Steve  
 Moore, Beck

O'Farrell, Dean  
 Pledger, Gary  
 Roberts, Frances C.  
 Segrest, Mike  
 Smith, Mark C.

Waller, Larry J.  
 Wilkinson, Robert

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

note

**Dates:**

Jan 18, 1991



speaker  
**Names:**

Berry, Carol, Miss  
Brooks, Lee Allen,  
Mrs.  
Bryant, Hall, Mrs.  
Bryant, Paul, Mrs.  
Bunn, Wiley, Mrs.

Estes, William A.,  
Mrs.  
Geron, R. P., Mrs.  
Harn, Glenn, Mayor  
Koenig, Frederick,  
Mrs.

Miller, H. E., Mrs.  
Morring, Carl, Sr.,  
Mrs.  
Morris, L. J., Mrs.  
Nilsson, John D.,  
Mrs.

Pettus, W. E., Mrs.  
Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Schulte, Henry A.,  
Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph & article

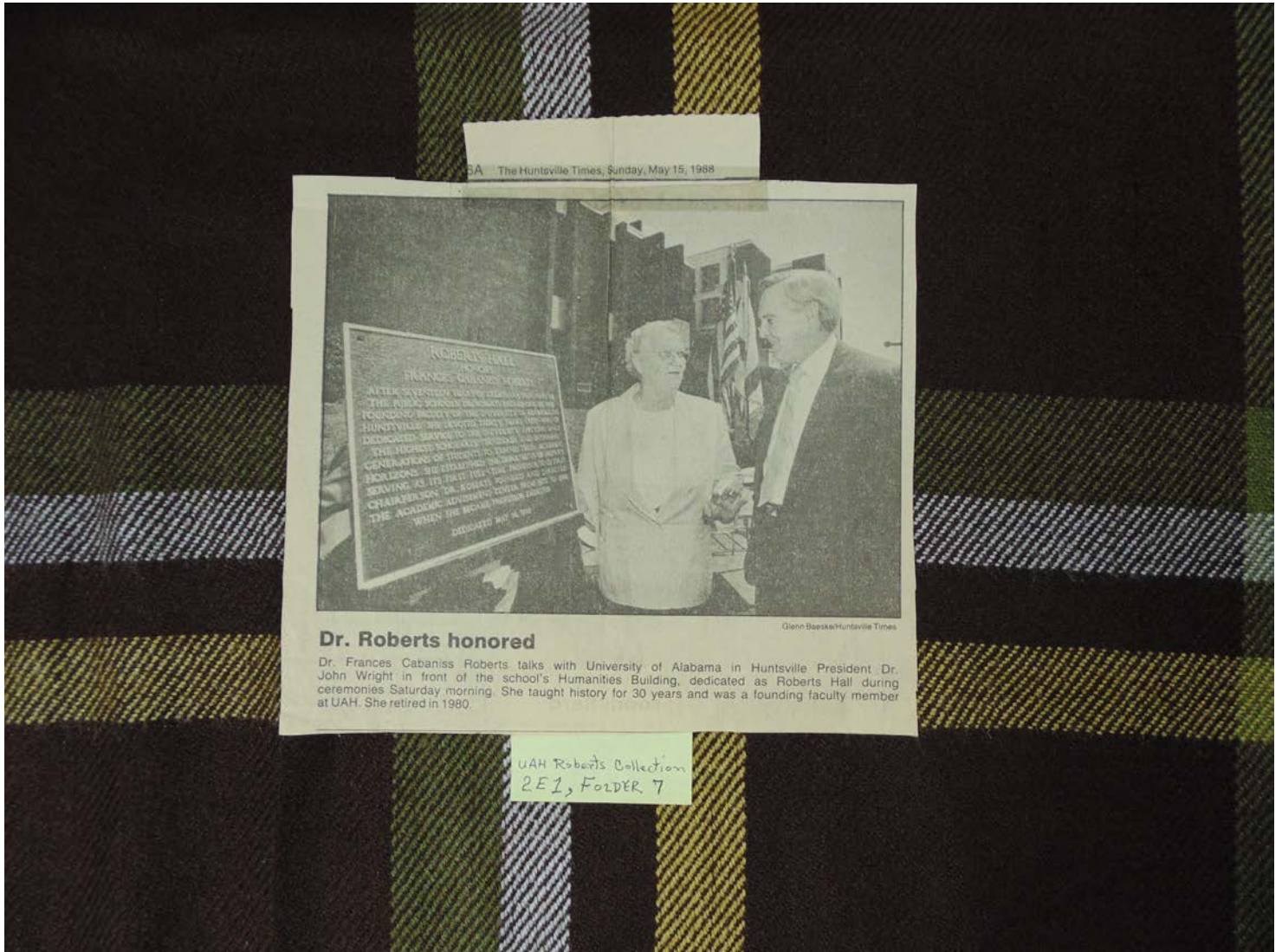


**Dates:**

Feb 11, 1965

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**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

Times photographer

**Names:**

Baeske, Glenn

Roberts, Frances  
Cabaniss, Dr.

Wright, John, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph

**Dates:**

May 15, 1988



**Topics:**

2nd owner of house  
Cabaniss home  
photograph  
built Cabaniss home

built Cabaniss home  
in 1832  
dau. of Lucy  
Cabaniss Roberts

dau. of Septimus &  
Virginia Cabaniss  
died 1937

father of Septimus  
Cabaniss  
married June 20,  
1843

**Names:**

Cabaniss, Charles  
Cabaniss, Colonel  
and Ma  
Cabaniss, Fannie  
Shepard, Miss

Cabaniss, Septimus  
D.  
Cabaniss, Virginia  
Shepard  
Roach, John C.

Roberts, Ellen  
Douglas, Miss  
Roberts, Frances,  
Miss

Roberts, Lucy  
Cabaniss  
Steele, George

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

Lunenburg Co., VA

**Types:**

newspaper article

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**AAUW presentation**

**Names:**

Campbell, Miss  
Lienan, Mrs.

Richard, Mrs.  
Roberts, Dr.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph



**Topics:**

Huntsville Times

Times Society  
 Columnist

musician

**Names:**

Aldendeger, Nancy  
 Allen, Steve  
 Baerg, Clara  
 Basch, William C.  
 Berg, Ernestine, Dr.  
 Berg, Gena  
 Berg, Sally  
 Brown, Kenneth  
 Brown, Sheila

Burgoynes, Caleb  
 Burritt, William  
 Henry, Dr.  
 Callaway, Nathalee  
 Cattadoris, Mary,  
 Mrs.  
 Cioccio, Jane  
 Cobb, Ann  
 Cobb, Doug

Dreger, Alvin  
 Foshee, James E.  
 Foshee, Renee  
 Frederick, Arthur  
 Frederick, Janet  
 Goodwin, Karen  
 Goodwin, William  
 Hadaway, Janet  
 Hadaway, William

Hawkins, Sadie  
 Herrington, Barbara  
 Kulas, Christopher  
 Kulas, Kim  
 Martinec, Sara  
 McMurtrie, Maxine  
 Michener, James  
 Murphree, Mary  
 Coral

Murphree, May Coral  
Murray, Karen, Mrs.  
Norman, Janice, Ms.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.  
Smith, Eugenia, Miss  
Stewart, W.

Ward, Bob  
Weeden, Howard  
Williams, Marion

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph

**Dates:**

Oct 19, 1980



**Topics:**

Madison County  
 Commission

nominations

**Names:**

Camp, Ruth  
 Camp, Ruth Marie  
 Boham, Mrs.  
 Latham, Lillie  
 Latham, Lillie, Miss

Record, James  
 Roberts, Frances  
 Roberts, Frances  
 Cabaniss, Dr.  
 Roberts, Jane

Roberts, Jane Grote,  
 Mrs.  
 Scroll of Honor  
 award  
 Simms, Martha

Simms, Martha  
 Holliman, Mrs.  
 Weeden, Howard  
 Weeden, Marie  
 Howard, Miss

**Places:**

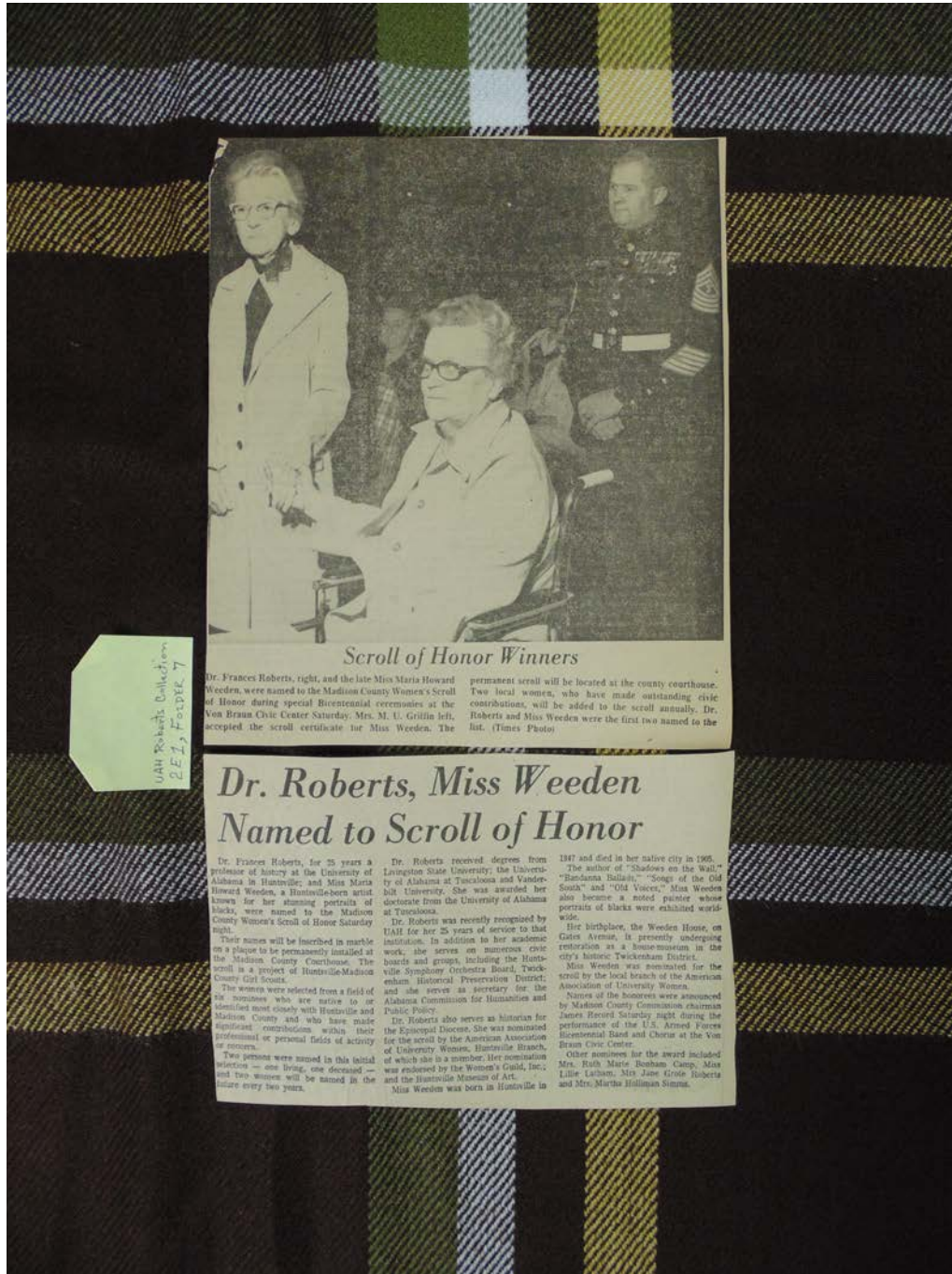
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Scroll of Honor Winners

Dr. Frances Roberts, right, and the late Miss Maria Howard Weeden, were named to the Madison County Women's Scroll of Honor during special Bicentennial ceremonies at the Von Braun Civic Center Saturday. Mrs. M. U. Griffin left, accepted the scroll certificate for Miss Weeden. The permanent scroll will be located at the county courthouse. Two local women, who have made outstanding civic contributions, will be added to the scroll annually. Dr. Roberts and Miss Weeden were the first two named to the list. (Times Photo)

### Dr. Roberts, Miss Weeden Named to Scroll of Honor

Dr. Frances Roberts, for 25 years a professor of history at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Miss Martha Howard Weeden, a Huntsville-born artist known for her stunning portraits of blacks, were named to the Madison County Women's Scroll of Honor Saturday night.

Their names will be inscribed in marble on a plaque to be permanently installed at the Madison County Courthouse. The scroll is a project of Huntsville-Madison County Girl Scouts.

The women were selected from a field of 24 nominees who are native to or Madison County and who have made significant contributions within their professional or personal fields of activity or careers.

Two persons were named in this initial selection — one living, one deceased — and two women will be named in the future every two years.

Dr. Roberts received degrees from Livingston State University, the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and Vanderbilt University. She was awarded her doctorate from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

Dr. Roberts was recently recognized by UAIH for her 25 years of service to that institution. In addition to her academic work, she serves on numerous civic boards and groups, including the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Board, Twickenham Historical Preservation District, and she serves as secretary for the Alabama Commission for Humanities and Public Policy.

Dr. Roberts also serves as historian for the Episcopal Diocese. She was nominated for the scroll by the American Association of University Women, Huntsville Branch, of which she is a member; her nomination was endorsed by the Women's Guild, Inc., and the Huntsville Museum of Art.

Miss Weeden was born in Huntsville in 1847 and died in her native city in 1965. The author of "Shadows on the Wall," "Bandana Ballads," "Songs of the Old South" and "Old Voices," Miss Weeden also became a noted painter whose portraits of blacks were exhibited worldwide.

Her birthplace, the Weeden House, on Gates Avenue, is presently undergoing restoration as a house museum in the city's historic Twickenham District.

Miss Weeden was nominated for the scroll by the local branch of the American Association of University Women.

Names of the honorees were announced by Madison County Commission chairman James Record Saturday night during the performance of the U.S. Armed Forces Bicentennial Band and Chorus at the Von Braun Civic Center.

Other nominees for the award included Mrs. Ruth Marie Bonham-Camp, Miss Lillie Latham, Miss Jane Elvira Roberts and Mrs. Martha Holliman Simms.

**Topics:**

Committee Chairman nominee for award

**Names:**

Camp, Ruth Marie	Record, James	Scroll of Honor	Weeden, Maria
Bonham, Mrs.	Roberts, Frances, Dr.	Winners	Howard, Miss
Griffin, Mrs. M. U.	Roberts, Jane Grote,	Simms, Martha	
Latham, Lillie, Miss	Mrs.	Holliman, Mrs.	

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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**Names:**

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Graves, Benjamin,  
Dr.

Richardson, Bette  
Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Smith, Louis  
Tison, Lele

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

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**Names:**

Bailey, Sylvia Nell  
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Craig, Annelle  
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Roberts, Frances, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

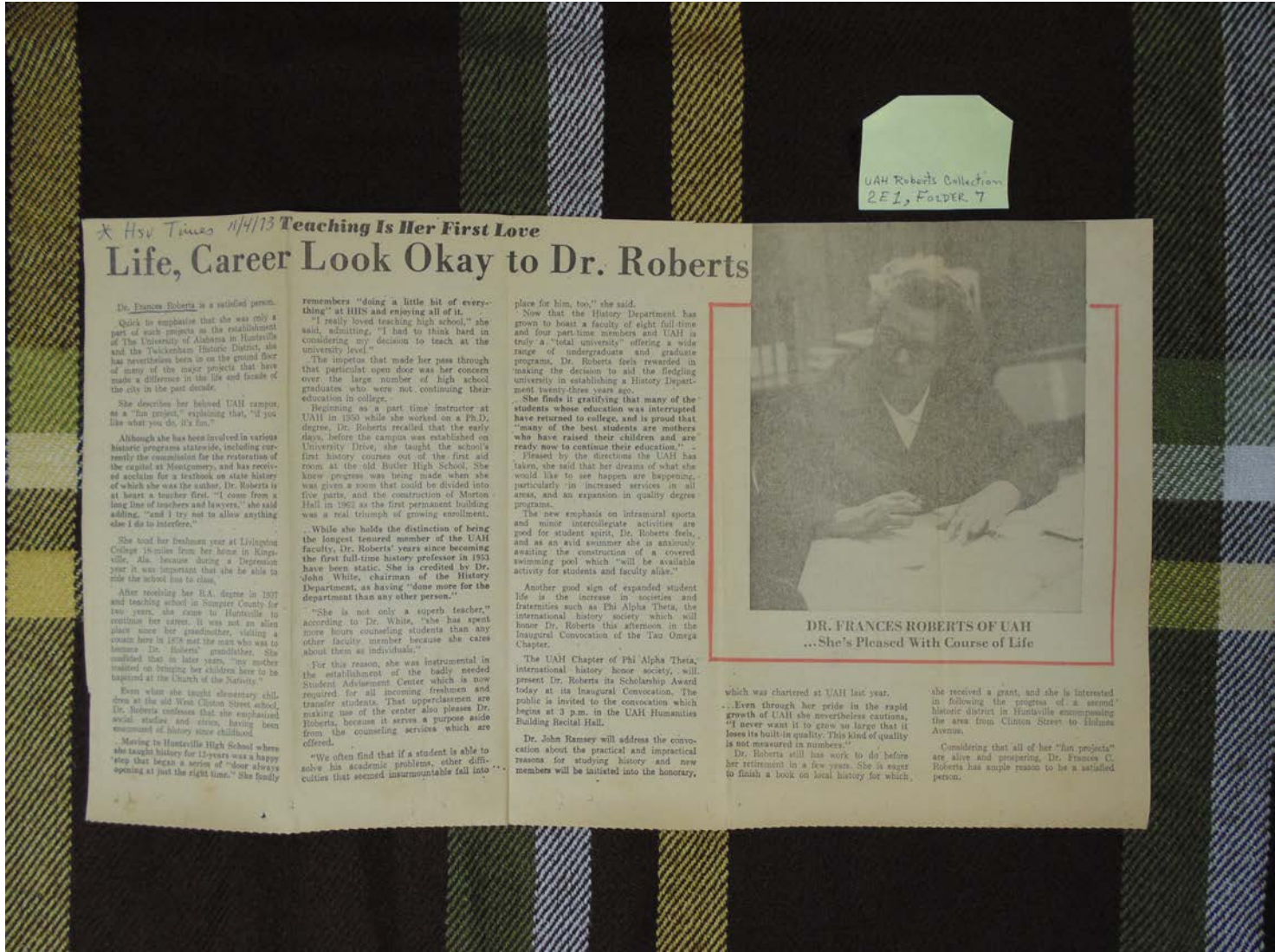
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**Dates:**

May 8, 1986



Huntsville Times

Names:

Ramsey, John, Dr.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

White, John, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

newspaper article

photograph

Dates:

Nov 4, 1973



**Topics:**

AL Journey writer &

photographer

**Names:**

, Fanny, Aunt

Cabaniss, Septimus D.

Roberts, Frances Stallworth, Clarke

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

**Dates:**

Oct 23, 1985



**Topics:**

Rotary Club president

Times

**Names:**

, Christel  
 Noojin, Frank

Roberts, Dr.  
 Wilkinson, Bob

Wilkinson, Robert L.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

newspaper article

photograph & article

**Dates:**

March 8, 1978



CONSTITUTION HALL Park was the setting Monday afternoon for a reception honoring Dr. Frances Roberts and Sarah Fisk for their many years of service on the Constitution Hall Park board of directors.

City officials, Constitution Hall Park board members, the Park's executive advisory council and Park volunteers and staff gathered to pay tribute to the retiring board members.

Constitution Hall Park Director Dana Lee Tatum and Dr. John White, chairman of the board commended the honorees for their dedication and service to the Park. Frances was presented with an engraved pewter Jefferson cup and Sarah received a framed color photograph of Constitution Hall.

Guests enjoyed apple cider punch served in a crystal bowl, cheese straws, assorted nuts and a variety of finger cakes arranged on brass platters. Centering the reception table was a variety of fall flowers including crepe myrtle, chrysanthemums, ivy and other greenery, arranged in a silver vase. 10-2-84

### CHP retirees feted

(Staff Photo by Jim Taylor)

CHP OFFICIALS CONGRATULATE RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS  
... Dr. John White, Mrs. Sarah Fisk, Dana Lee Tatum, Dr. Frances Roberts

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**Names:**

Fisk, Sarah, Mrs.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Tatum, Dana Lee

White, John, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph & article

**Dates:**

Oct 2, 1984





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### Frances Roberts To Receive Ph. D.

Degree Is Being Given  
Today To Instructor  
At University Center

Frances Cabaniss Roberts received her Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Alabama today.

She will be the first woman in the history of the University of Alabama to receive a doctorate from the College of Arts and Sciences in the field of history.

Miss Roberts is currently teaching at the University of Alabama, Huntsville Center. She has had wide teaching experience in Huntsville, having taught at the West Clinton School and the Huntsville High School, prior to joining the faculty of the University of Alabama.

She is a graduate of Livingston State Teachers College with a B.S. degree, and of the University of Alabama with a M.A. degree. The dissertation for her Ph.D. at the University is "Background and Formative Period in The Great Bend and Madison County." Publication of this work represents an important historical contribution to the history of this area.

Miss Roberts is a member of the executive board of the Alabama Historical Association, and of the executive and publications boards of the North Alabama Historical Association. She has served as president of the Alabama Council for Social Studies, the Huntsville Branch of the American Association of University Women, and president of the Huntsville Teachers Association. She has served on the editorial board of the Alabama Review, a historical quarterly. She holds

membership in Phi Alpha Theta (history honorary), the Huntsville Historical Society, Kappa Delta Pi, the North Alabama Historical Association and Alabama Historical Association.

She is an Episcopalian, and has served as youth advisor for the YPSL.

She has published numerous articles in historical and educational journals.

She is a descendant of the Cabaniss family, which has occupied the home in which she now resides, at 602 Randolph Street, since 1913.

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—Photos by DAYTON STUDIO  
DR. FRANCES ROBERTS — Frances Cabaniss Roberts (above) will receive her Ph. D. degree in history today at the University of Alabama. She is the first woman to receive the degree there in this field.

Huntsville Times

**Names:**

Roberts, Frances  
Cabaniss, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

photograph & article

**Dates:**

May 27, 1956



**Topics:**

American Red Cross,  
1955

Campaign Chairman  
Chairman

**Names:**

Harrison, E. Roland

Roberts, Frances,  
Miss

Taylor, Jimmie

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

award

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