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Dr. Roberts hits another milestone at UAH

By JUDI MOON Times Staff Writer

Local historian Dr. Frances C. Roberts will give the commence-ment speech at the fall graduation ceremony Dec. 12 for the Universi-ty of Alabama in Huntsville.

About 511 people are scheduled to receive degrees during the 2 p.m. program at the Von Braun Civic Center. Among them will be Ms. Roberts, who will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from UAH, where she taught history for decades.

After beginning her teaching career in Sumter County public schools, Ms. Roberts was employed in the Huntsville public school system from 1937 until 1952. She began as one of the first instructors at the newly formed University of Alabama extension center in Huntsville in 1950, be-

coming a full professor in 1961 and serving as chairman of the UAH history department from 1966 to 1970 and director of its Academic Advisement and Information Center from 1972 to 1980. She has been professor emeritus since her retirement from UAH in 1980.

Although Ms. Roberts has con-sistently said she rejects the title of "one of the founders of UAH," her involvement on committees both before and after the granting of au-tonomy to UAH in 1969 touches virtually every milestone event

virtually every milestone event there.

"No one has made a greater contribution to the development of UAH than Dr. Roberts," said Dr. Carolyn White, associate vice pres-ident for academic affairs and a professor of history.

Ms. White said the UAH histo-ry department faculty nominated Ms. Roberts for the honorary de-gree. Her nomination was support-

ed by many letters from leaders in the Huntsville community, she said, and approved by the Univer-sity of Alabama System Board of Trustees.

Trustees.

A sampling of Ms. Roberts' service to UAH includes being on the Huntsville City Schools Committee for the Creation of University Center from 1950 until 1952 and serving as the administrative liaison with extension officials and other administrators on the University of Alabama campus from 1953 to 1962. She was on the committee to find a campus site from 1956 until 1960, on the building committee for the first building on the UAH campus, Morton Hall, dedicated in 1960, and served on the committee that developed undergraduate majors at the Huntsville campus from 1964 to 1965.

Ms. Roberts also held positions on several self-study committees leading to the granting of autono-

my for the UAH campus and has been on numerous UAH commit-tees covering tenure and promo-tion policies for faculty and re-quirements for admission.

In a recent interview, Ms. Rob-erts said she thinks of herself "first as a teacher," and she said instruc-tion is the highest responsibility of

tion is the highest responsibility of any university.

In her 30 years at UAH, she re-peatedly taught 25 different cours-es in history, ranging from the two-section freshman survey of contemporary world history to Al-abama history to graduate level studies in the history of the U.S. Constitution and 20th century America.

Since her retirement, Ms. Rob-erts has worked as a humanist scholar for a variety of heritage projects and is editor of the Hunts-ville Historical Review. She is a member of the Huntsville Histori-



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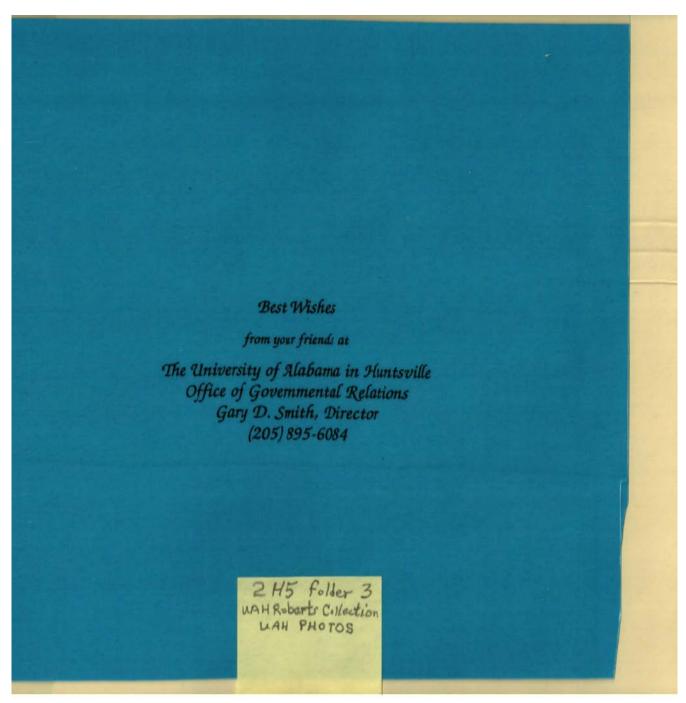
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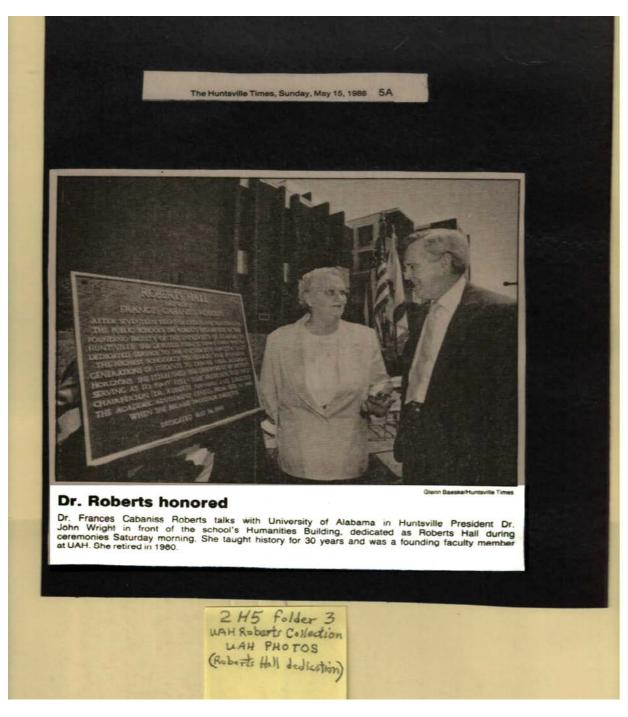
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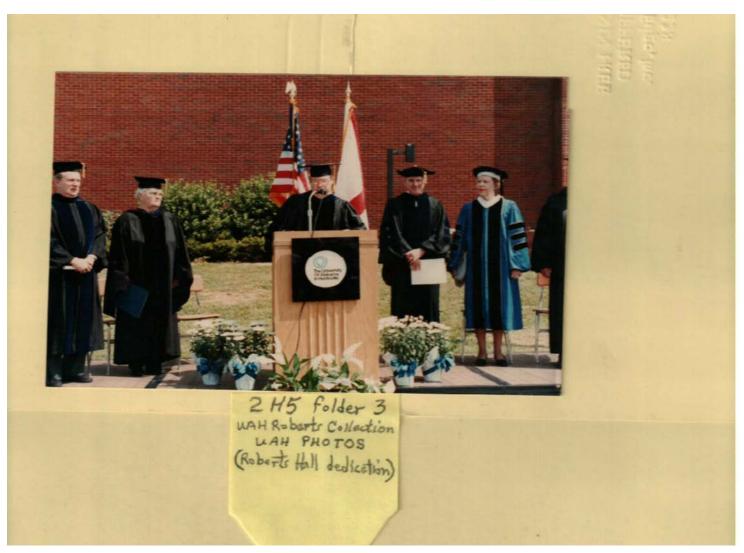
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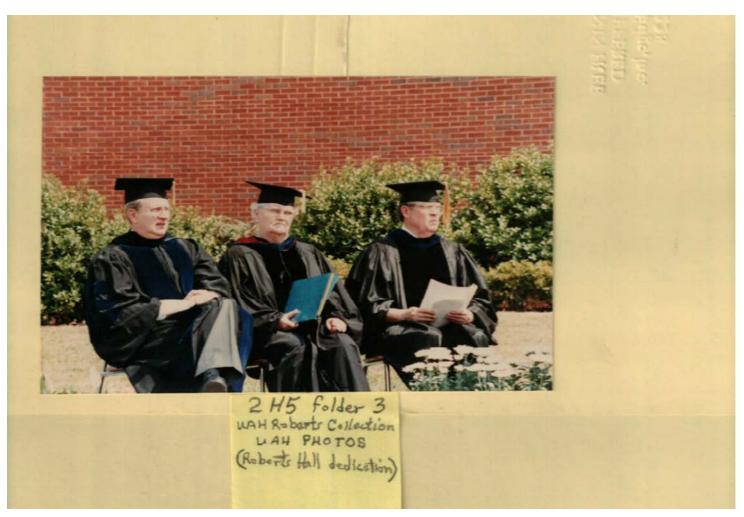
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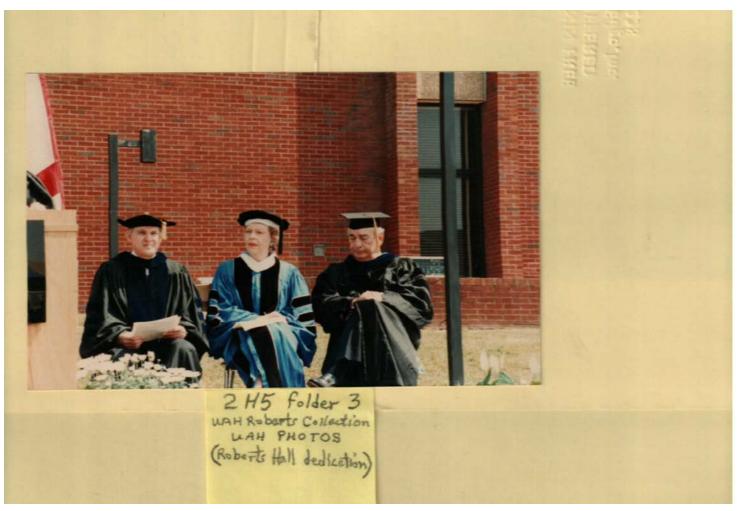
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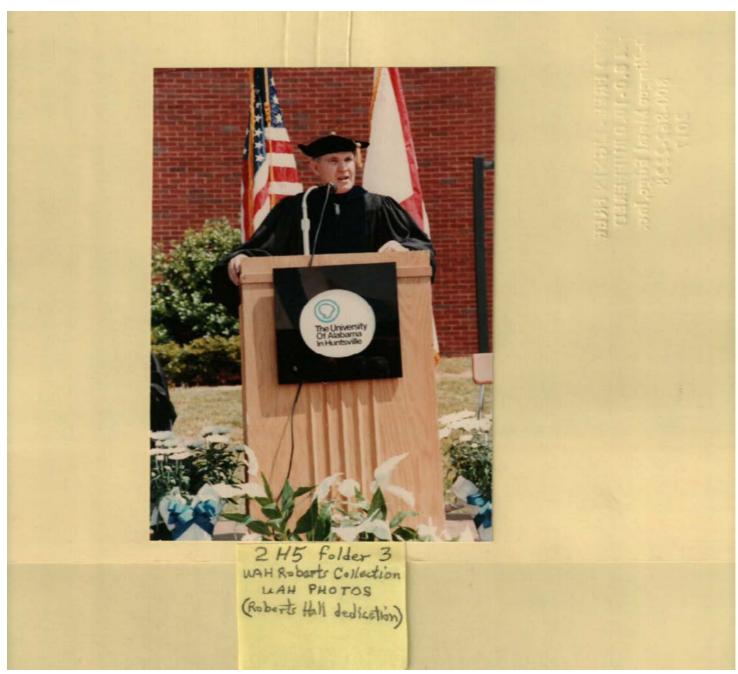
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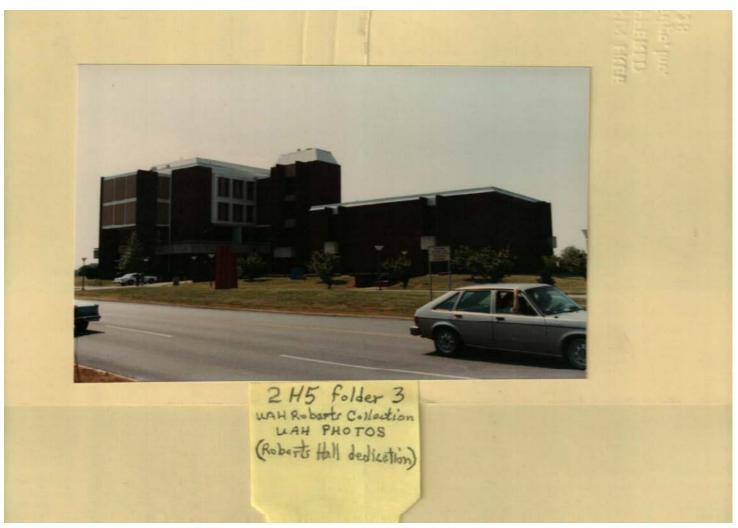
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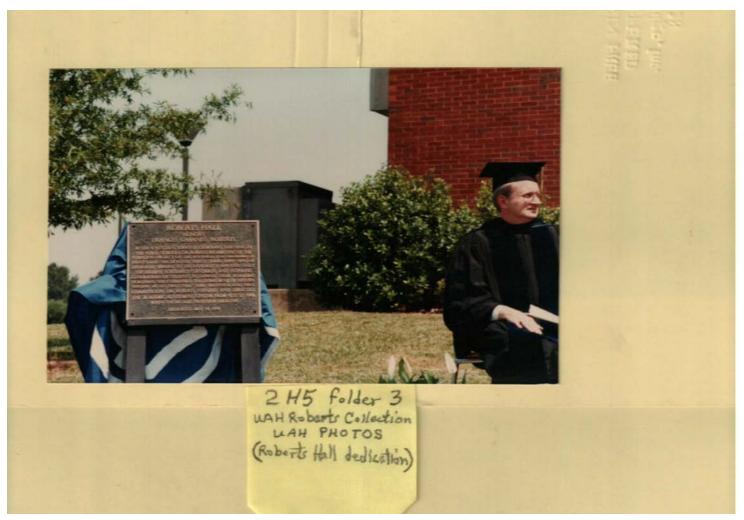
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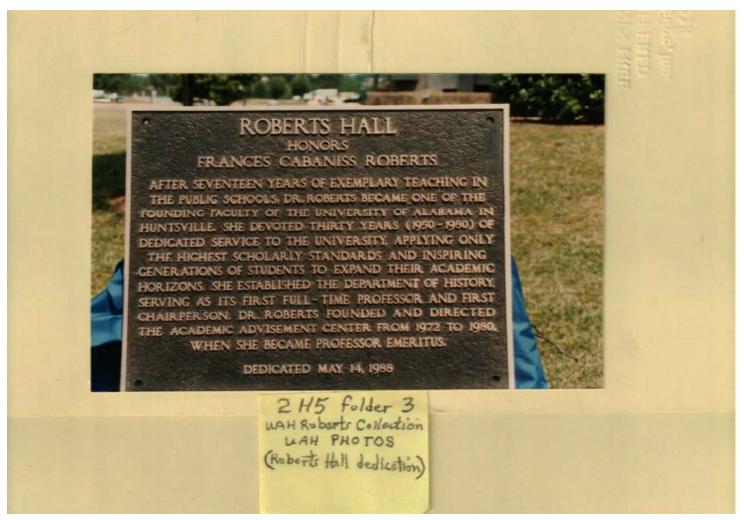
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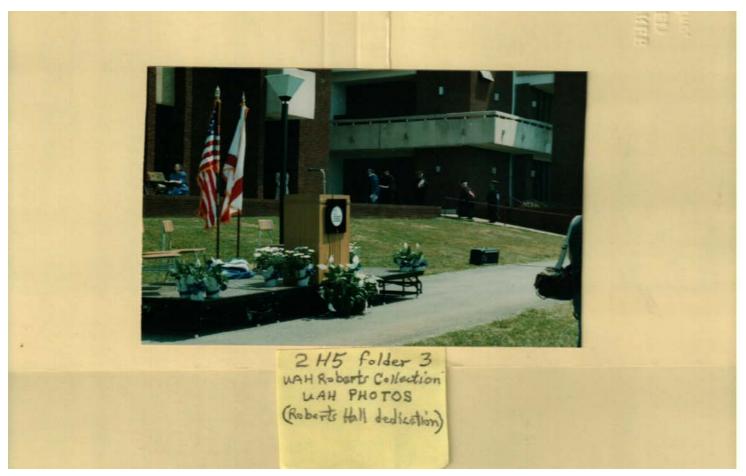
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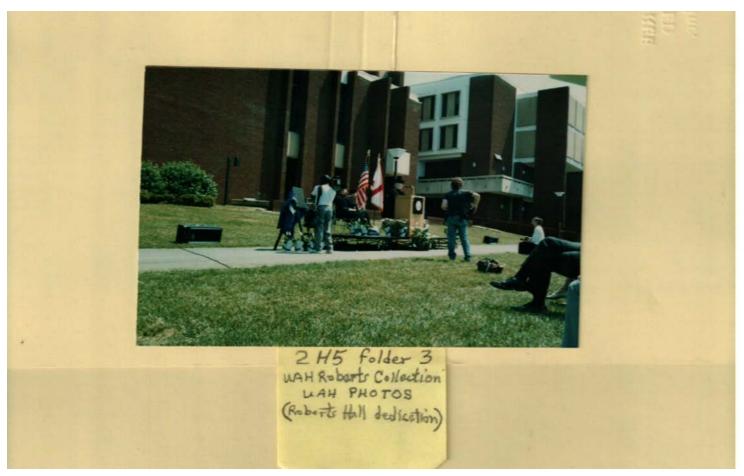
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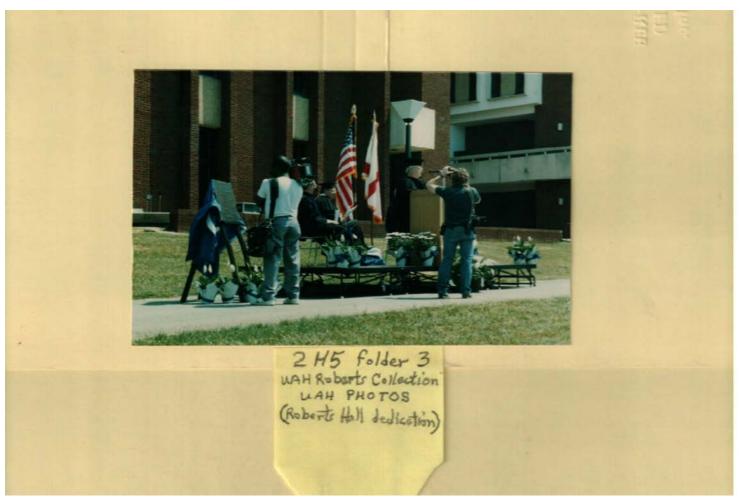
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