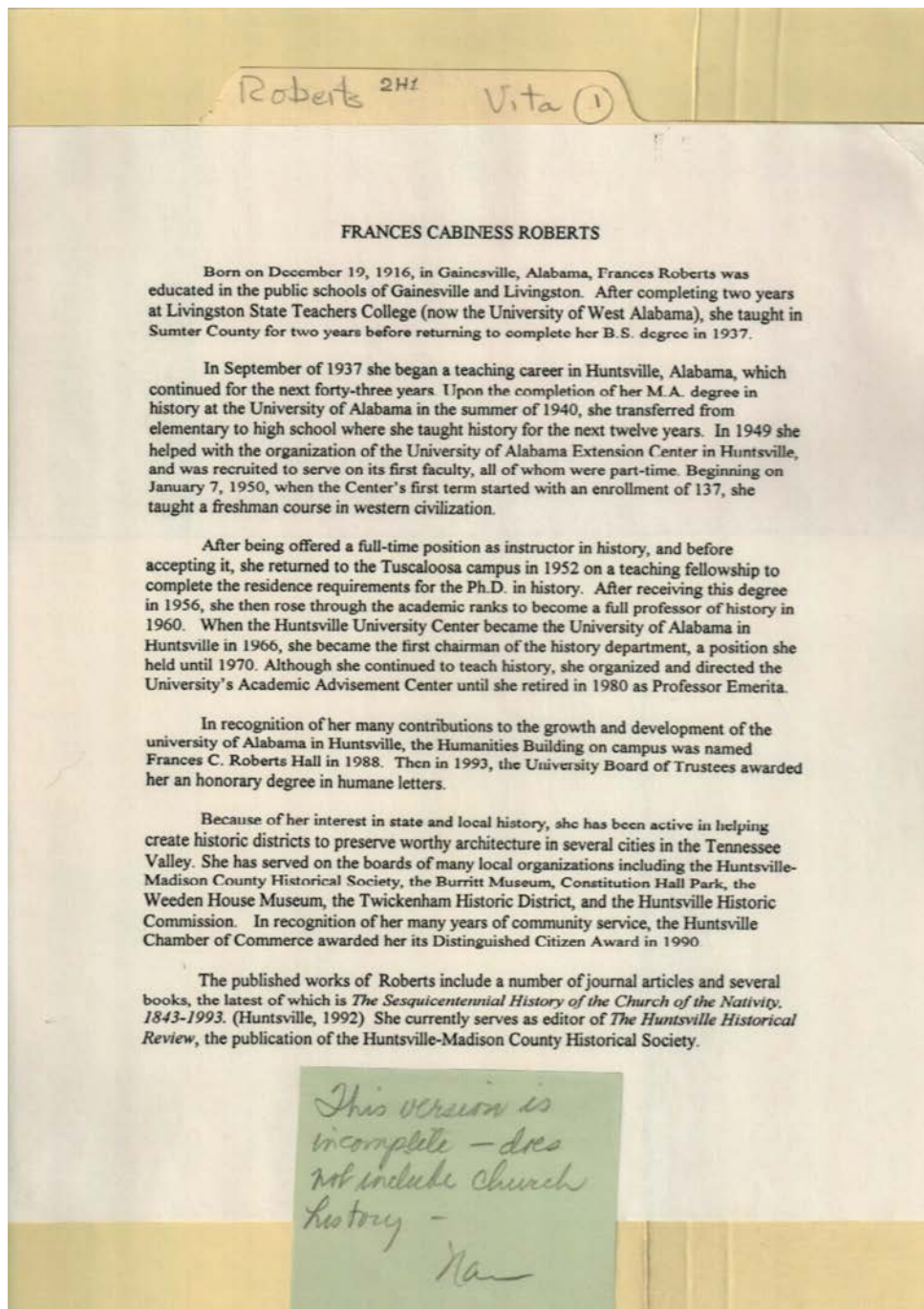


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FRANCES CABINESS ROBERTS

Born on December 19, 1916, in Gainesville, Alabama, Frances Roberts was educated in the public schools of Gainesville and Livingston. After completing two years at Livingston State Teachers College (now the University of West Alabama), she taught in Sumter County for two years before returning to complete her B.S. degree in 1937.

In September of 1937 she began a teaching career in Huntsville, Alabama, which continued for the next forty-three years. Upon the completion of her M.A. degree in history at the University of Alabama in the summer of 1940, she transferred from elementary to high school where she taught history for the next twelve years. In 1949 she helped with the organization of the University of Alabama Extension Center in Huntsville, and was recruited to serve on its first faculty, all of whom were part-time. Beginning on January 7, 1950, when the Center's first term started with an enrollment of 137, she taught a freshman course in western civilization.

After being offered a full-time position as instructor in history, and before accepting it, she returned to the Tuscaloosa campus in 1952 on a teaching fellowship to complete the residence requirements for the Ph.D. in history. After receiving this degree in 1956, she then rose through the academic ranks to become a full professor of history in 1960. When the Huntsville University Center became the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 1966, she became the first chairman of the history department, a position she held until 1970. Although she continued to teach history, she organized and directed the University's Academic Advisement Center until she retired in 1980 as Professor Emerita.

In recognition of her many contributions to the growth and development of the university of Alabama in Huntsville, the Humanities Building on campus was named Frances C. Roberts Hall in 1988. Then in 1993, the University Board of Trustees awarded her an honorary degree in humane letters.

Because of her interest in state and local history, she has been active in helping create historic districts to preserve worthy architecture in several cities in the Tennessee Valley. She has served on the boards of many local organizations including the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society, the Burritt Museum, Constitution Hall Park, the Weeden House Museum, the Twickenham Historic District, and the Huntsville Historic Commission. In recognition of her many years of community service, the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce awarded her its Distinguished Citizen Award in 1990.

The published works of Roberts include a number of journal articles and several books, the latest of which is *The Sesquicentennial History of the Church of the Nativity, 1843-1993*. (Huntsville, 1992) She currently serves as editor of *The Huntsville Historical Review*, the publication of the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society.

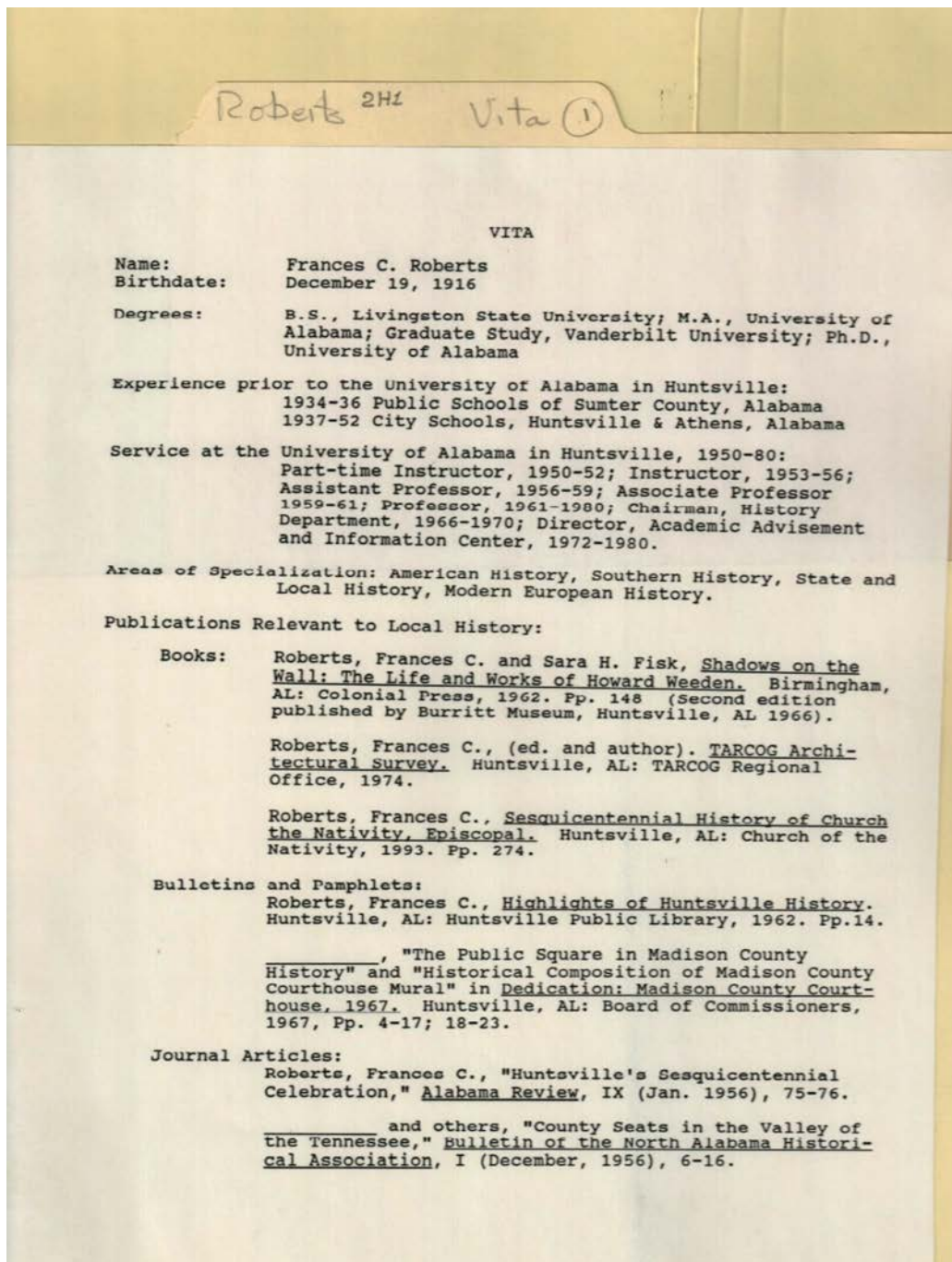
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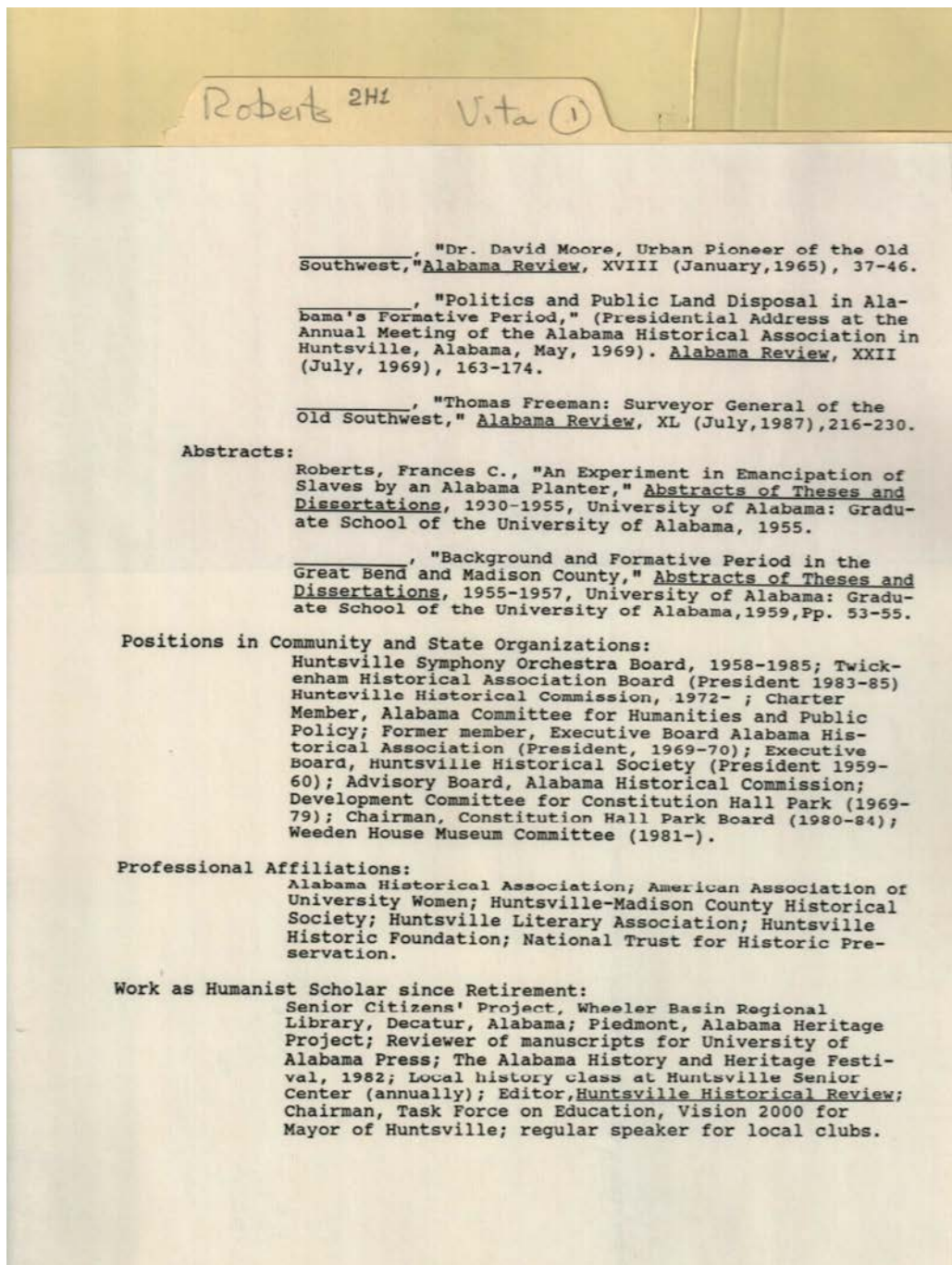
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