

**Names:**

Brief History of  
Huntsville  
Coffee, John

Dickson, William  
Gilbreath, Alexander  
Hunt, John

Perkins, Peter  
Pope, Alexander  
Pope, LeRoy

Ward, Edward  
Williams, Robert  
Winston, Louis

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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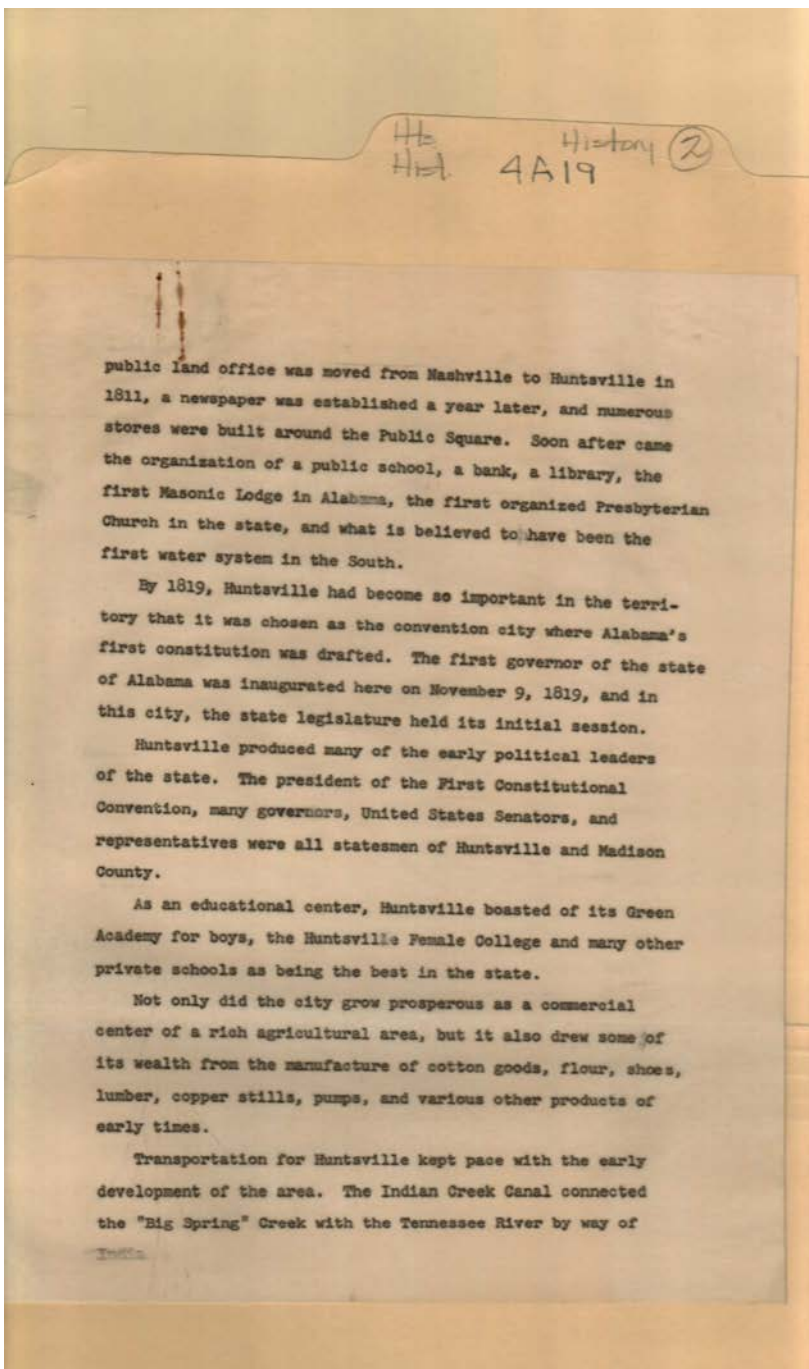
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**Names:**

Green Academy

Huntsville Female  
College

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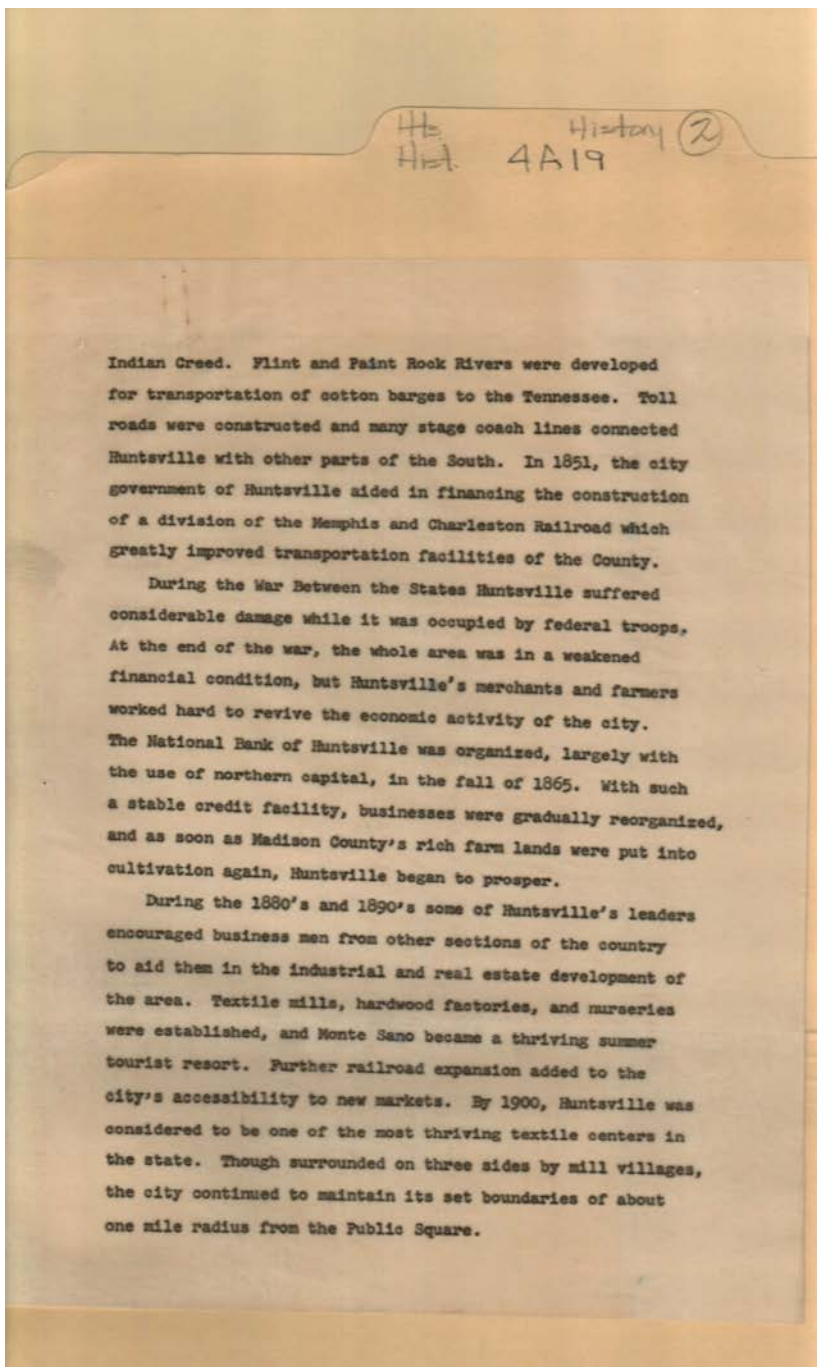
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Indian Creed. Flint and Paint Rock Rivers were developed for transportation of cotton barges to the Tennessee. Toll roads were constructed and many stage coach lines connected Huntsville with other parts of the South. In 1851, the city government of Huntsville aided in financing the construction of a division of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad which greatly improved transportation facilities of the County.

During the War Between the States Huntsville suffered considerable damage while it was occupied by federal troops. At the end of the war, the whole area was in a weakened financial condition, but Huntsville's merchants and farmers worked hard to revive the economic activity of the city. The National Bank of Huntsville was organized, largely with the use of northern capital, in the fall of 1865. With such a stable credit facility, businesses were gradually reorganized, and as soon as Madison County's rich farm lands were put into cultivation again, Huntsville began to prosper.

During the 1880's and 1890's some of Huntsville's leaders encouraged business men from other sections of the country to aid them in the industrial and real estate development of the area. Textile mills, hardwood factories, and nurseries were established, and Monte Sano became a thriving summer tourist resort. Further railroad expansion added to the city's accessibility to new markets. By 1900, Huntsville was considered to be one of the most thriving textile centers in the state. Though surrounded on three sides by mill villages, the city continued to maintain its set boundaries of about one mile radius from the Public Square.

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Memphis and  
Charleston RR

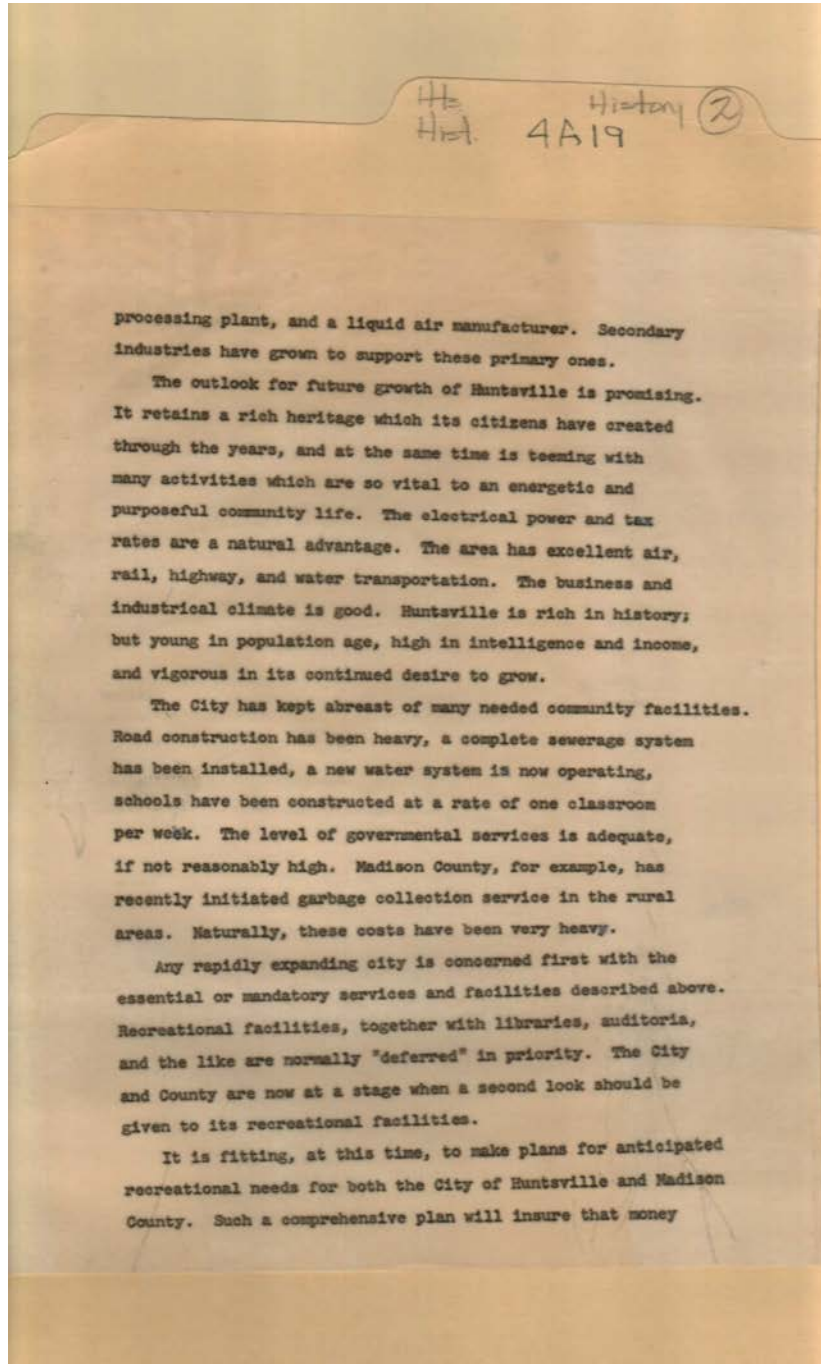
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Huntsville

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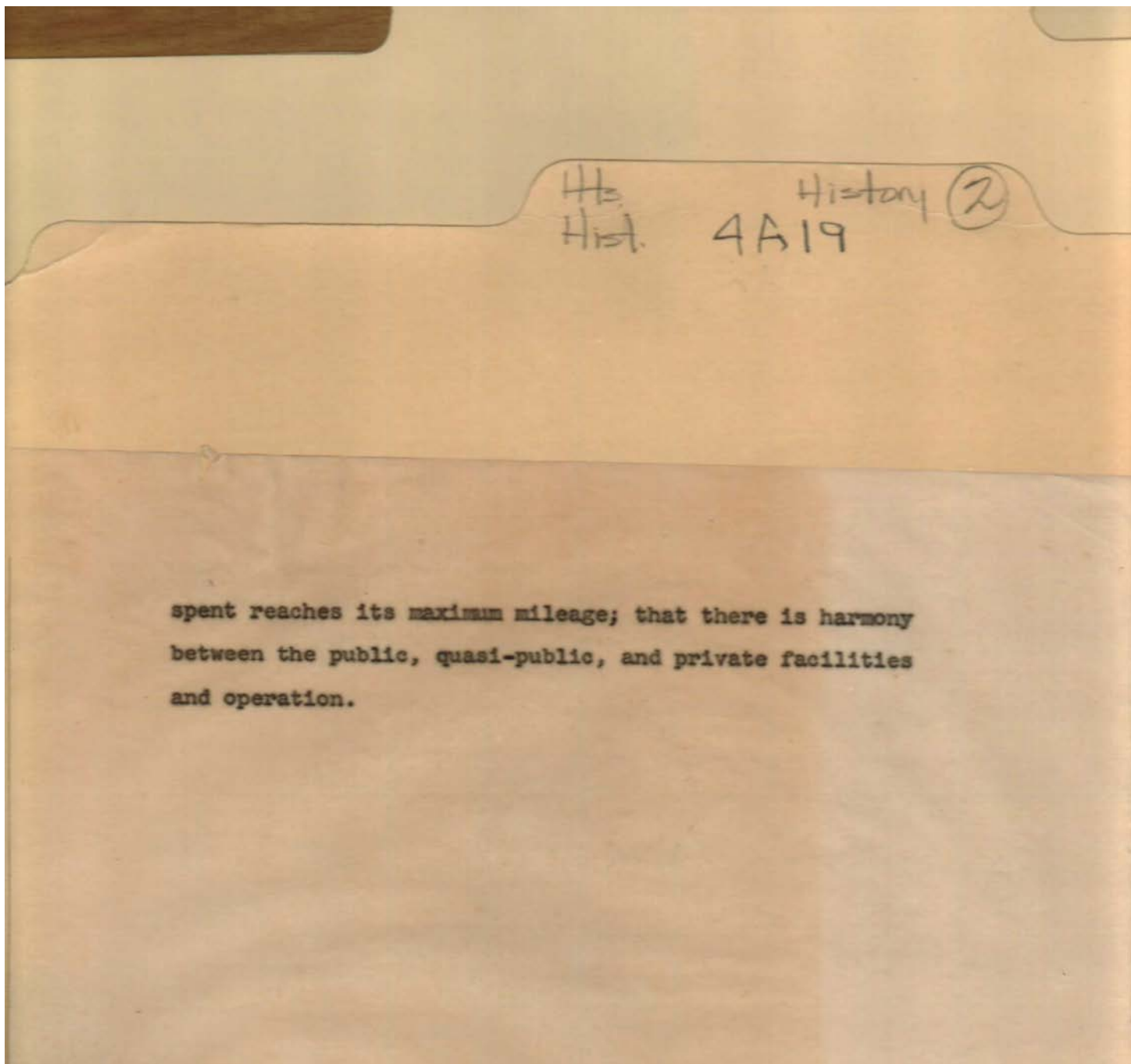


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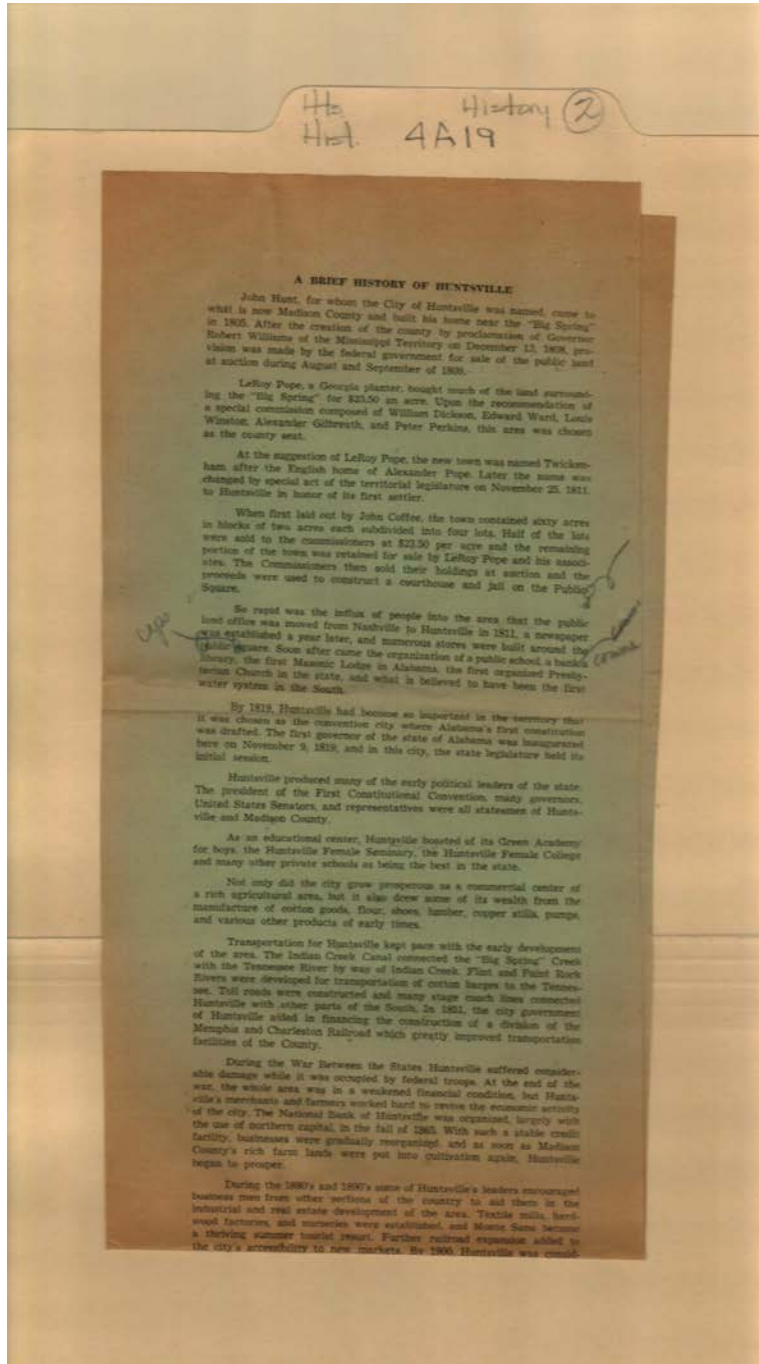


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Charleston RR  
National Bank of  
Huntsville  
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Winston, Louis

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

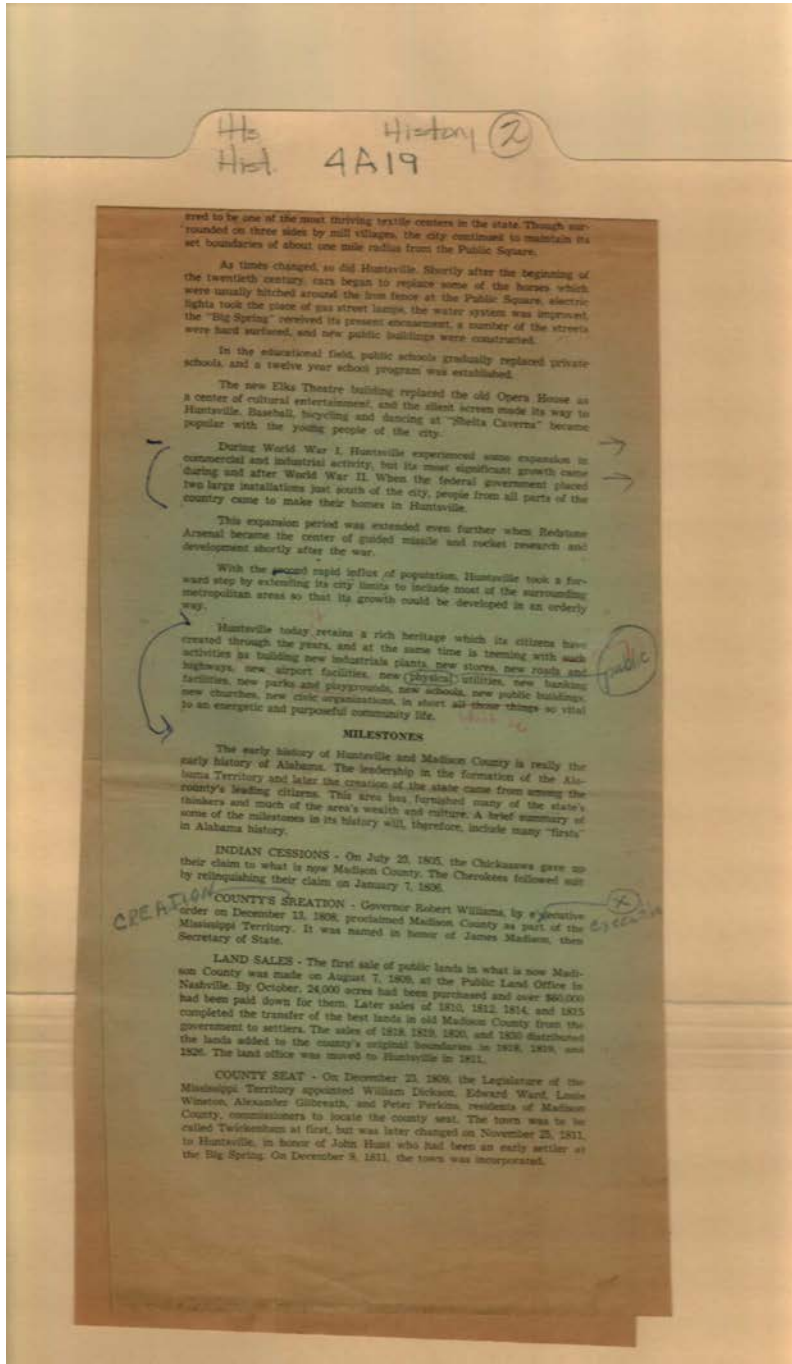
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Alabama Early  
History  
Counties Creation  
County Seat

Dickson, William  
Gilbreath, Alexander  
Hunt, John  
Indian Cessions

Land Sales  
Madison, James  
Perkins, Peter  
Ward, Edward

Williams, Robert  
Winston, Louis

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

Aug 07, 1809

Dec 13, 1808

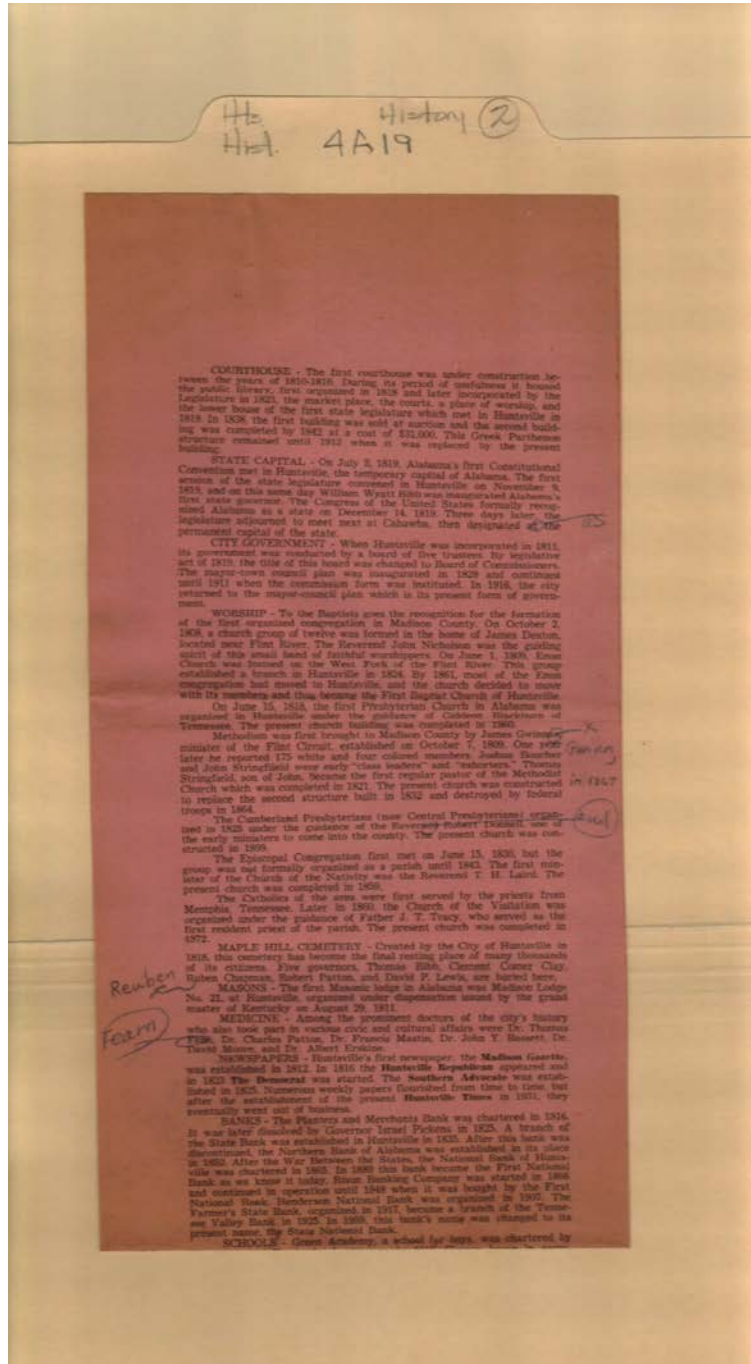
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Jan 07, 1806

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**Names:**

Banks,  
 Bassett, John Y., MD  
 Bibb, Thomas  
 Bibb, William Wyatt  
 Blackburn, Gideon  
 Boucher, Joshua  
 Chapman, Reuben  
 City Government  
 Clay, Clement Comer  
 Courthouse  
 Donnell, Robert ,  
 Rev.

Erskine, Albert, MD  
 Farmer's State Bank  
 Fearn, Thomas, MD  
 First National Bank  
 Green Academy  
 Gwinn, James  
 Henderson National  
 Bank  
 Laird, T. H., Rev.  
 Lewis, David P.  
 Maple Hill Cemetery  
 Masons

Mastin, Francis, MD  
 Medicine  
 Moore, David, MD  
 Newspapers  
 Nicholson, John, Rev.  
 Northern Bank of  
 Alabama  
 Patton, Charles, MD  
 Patton, Robert  
 Pickens, Israel  
 Rison Banking  
 Company

Schools  
 State Bank  
 State Capital  
 State National Bank  
 Stringfield, John  
 Stringfield, Thomas  
 Tennessee Valley  
 Bank  
 The Planters and  
 Merchants Bank  
 Tracy, J. T., Rev.  
 Worship



Huntsville  
Republican

Huntsville Times  
Madison Gazette

Southern Advocate  
The Democrat

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1811

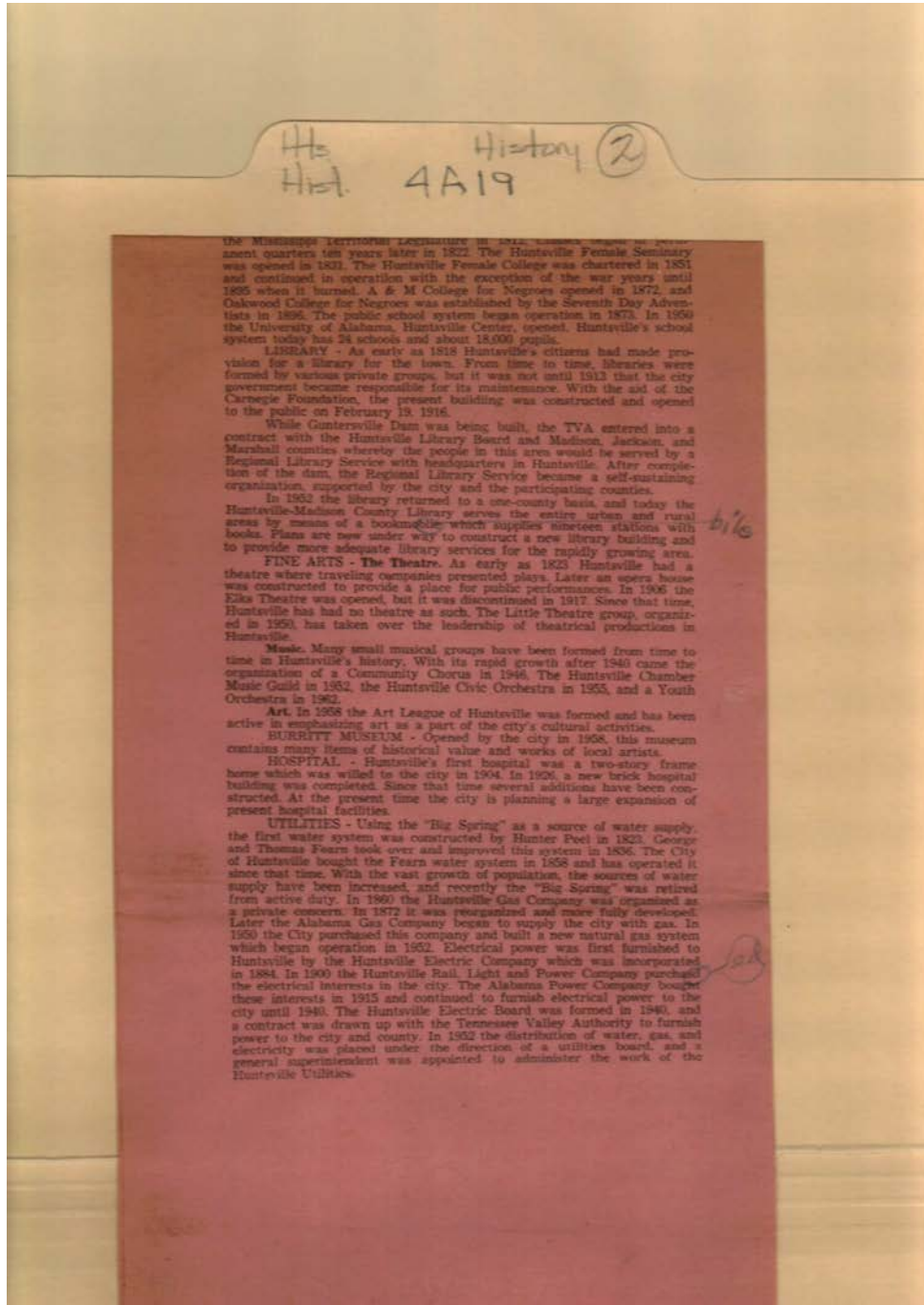
Dec 14, 1819

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**Names:**

A & M College for  
Negroes  
Alabama Gas  
Company  
Alabama Power  
Company  
Art League of  
Huntsville  
Burritt Museum  
Community Chorus  
Elks Theatre

Fearn, George  
Fearn, Thomas  
Fine Arts  
Hospital  
Huntsville Chamber  
Music Guild  
Huntsville Civic  
Orchestra  
Huntsville Electric  
Board

Huntsville Electric  
Company  
Huntsville Female  
College  
Huntsville Female  
Seminary  
Huntsville Gas  
Company  
Huntsville Rail, Light  
& Power Co.  
Huntsville Utilities

Library  
Little Theatre Group  
Oakwood College for  
Negroes  
Peel, Hunter  
Tennessee Valley  
Authority  
University of  
Alabama Huntsville  
Utilities  
Youth Orchestra

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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Hist. 4A19 History (2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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, 1809	On this day, after the town had been plotted (probably by John W. Leake, a local surveyor), the first town lots were sold by the commissioners. These 2 acre lots were plotted from the 30 acres obtained by these men from Leroy Pope and his associates for \$25 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 Kentucky	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

**Names:**

Betts,	Madison County	Mississippi Territory	Taylor,
Jones, Obidiah	Madison County	Pope, LeRoy	
Leake, John W.	History	Read, John	

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1809-1811

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Hts. History (2)  
Hist. 4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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 (Probably 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.

**Names:**

Betts, Carter's, Donnell, Robert, Gray, David, Captain, Jackson, General, Mosley, Jack, Captain, Taylor,

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1812-1813

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H.H. History 2  
Hist. 4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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	Bring 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 Greeks 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

**Names:**

Alabama Republican  
Betts,  
Bibb, William Wyatt

Jackson, Andrew  
Maple Hill Cemetery

Planters and  
Merchants Bank  
Pope, LeRoy

Taylor,

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1815-1820

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Hist. 4A19 History (2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1818	Green Bottom Inn, built in 1815 by John Connally, became a mecca 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 <u>Three Capitals</u> pp.
July 5, 1819	Alabama Constitutional Convention convened in Huntsville	Folder 3
Nov. 9, 1819	Gov. William Wyatt Bibb inaugurated	Folder 3
Dec. 17, 1819	First Alabama Legislature adjourned	Folder 3

**Names:**

Betts,  
Bibb, William Wyatt

Blackburn, Gideon  
Connally, John

Constitutional  
Convention

Green Bottom Inn  
Monroe, James

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1818-1819

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1820 - 1830

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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

**Names:**

Huntsville Fire Engine Co.

Indian Creek Navigation Co.  
McClung, James

Owens,  
Peel, Hunter  
Pope, LeRoy

Wills, Andrew  
Woodson, Phillip

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1820-1830



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Hs. History (2)  
Hist. 4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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

**Names:**

Ronalds, Thomas A.                      Shock, Robert

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1828

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1830 - 1840

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Hist. 4A19 History (2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Jan. 16, 1830	Huntsville Fire Engine Charter revised to include 100 stockholders	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 construction of new church on corner of Randolph and Green Streets	Folder 3
1835	"The Marble Place" 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 regulations 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	

**Names:**

Betts,  
Fearn's Canal

Madison Turnpike  
Co.

Steele, George

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

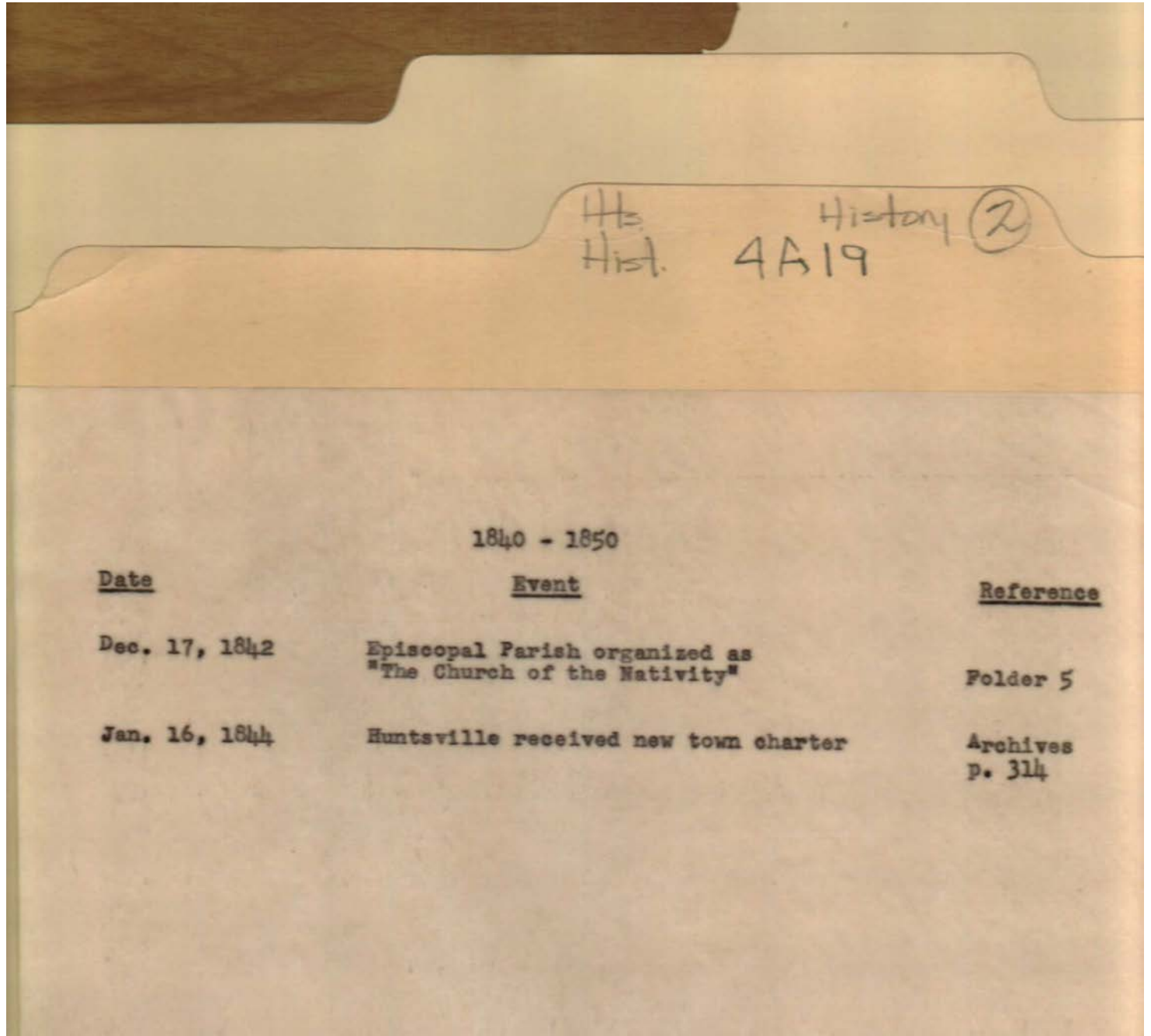
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1830-1840

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**Names:**

New Huntsville  
Charter

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**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1840-1850

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1850 - 1860

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Feb. 9, 1850	Legislature authorized city of Huntsville to be allowed to buy \$50,000 capital stock in Memphis & Charleston Railroad. A similar act was granted to county of Madison as well.	Archives page 315-16
Nov. 1851	First train arrives in Huntsville amid much excitement	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	Archives 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

**Names:**

Betts,  
Darnell, Robert

Madison County  
Rifles

Memphis and  
Charleston Railroad

Monte Sano Turnpike  
Co.

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1850-1860

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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 Presbyterian church completed	
1860	Huntsville's Population 3,634 - Madison County 25,716	Folder 6

**Names:**

Huntsville Gas  
Company

Lay, Henry C.,  
Bishop

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1858-1860

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1861 - 1875

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Mar. 9, 1861	100 gun salute to confederate flag on Courthouse square	Folder 6.
March 16, 1861	Enon 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, 1861	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	Hison 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

**Names:**

Chadick, W. D., Mrs.

Jones, Egbert,  
Captain

Mitchell, O. M.,  
General

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1861-1875

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1861 - 1875

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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

**Names:**

Heikes, Major  
Lewis, David P.

Moss, Mrs.

New Huntsville  
Charter

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1861-1875

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1875 - 1890

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Feb. 25, 1876	City limits reduced to 1 1/4 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 Manning Lowe colorful political figure in Greenback movement	Folder 6
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 existence.)	
1879	J. B. and D. T. Harrison Hardware organized on the south side of Square. (Still in existence.)	
1880	Huntsville Census = 4,977 - Madison Co. 37,625	
1881	Huntsville Cotton Mill Co. organized with capital stock of \$100,000. Run by steam power. A. S. Fletcher, president, H. 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		

**Names:**

Council, William  
Fletcher, A. S.  
Garth, W. W., Colonel  
Halsey, C. H.

Halsey, W. L.  
Harrison, D. T.  
Harrison, J. B.

Huntsville Cotton  
Mill  
Lowe, William  
Manning

Matthews, Luke  
Moore, Samuel N.,  
General  
Pulley, R. L.

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1875-1890



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H.H. History 2  
H.H. 4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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 existence.)	
1887	Electric Light plant operated by Charles Thomas on Miller St.	Folder 7
1887	New Huntsville Post Office authorized corner Bustis, 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 existence).	
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

**Names:**

Chase Brothers  
Hotel Monte Sano  
opens

Humphrey, J. D.  
Hutchens, W. T.  
James, Frank

North Alabama  
Improvement Co.  
Thomas, Charles

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1883-1889

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1890 - 1900

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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 bell. World champion butterfat producer. Made and all the trimmings	Folder 8
1892	Huntsville Land Co. incorporated under guidance of Oscar Goldsmith, W. R. Rison 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.	

**Names:**

Dallas, T. B.  
Fogg, G. N.  
Goldsmith, Oscar

Moore, Sam, General  
Nashville,  
Chattanooga &

St.Louis RR  
Pratt, Tracy  
Rison, W. R.

Shelby, D. D.  
Sugg, Cyrus F.

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1890-1900

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Hist. 4A19 History (2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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. Fletcher, 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. F. 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

**Names:**

Brouillette, P. L., MD  
Coons, J.  
Fletcher, A. S.  
Goldsmith, Oscar  
Halsey, Charles H.

Humes, Milton  
Hutchens, J. W.  
Matthews, James P.  
McCullough, A. W.  
Newman, W. P.

Rison, W. R.  
Taylor, Alberta C.,  
Mrs.  
Van Valkenburgh, W.  
R.

Wellman, W. X.

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1892-1898

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Hist.      History (2)  
4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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 Basliph 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, Ozro Steagall.	Folder 8
1899	Mr. S. P. Metcalfe, the tailor went into business (still in exdstance).	Folder 8
Feb. 17, 1899	Herrinac Manufacturing Co. authorized to own, build, construct, purchase and operate cotton mills in Madison Co., exempted from taxation for	

**Names:**

Humes, Milton

Metcalf, S. P.

Pratt, Tracy

Steagall, Ozro

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1898-1899

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1900 - 1910

H.H. History (2)  
Hist. 4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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. E. 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

**Names:**

McCormick, Cyrus  
McKinley, President

Pratt, T. W.  
Pulley, Charles

Struve, W. F.  
Welynsky, W. E.

Wheeler, Joseph,  
General

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1900-1910

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H.A. History ②  
4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1902	A. L. Hipp, Jeweler, founded (Still in existence)	
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 appoint- ed. Much interest is being shown through- out 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

**Names:**

Bankhead,  
Farmer's Club  
Horticultural

Society  
Griffity, John  
Hipp, A. L.

James, Frank  
Meaks,  
Ripley, Louise

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1902-1904

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Hist. 4A19 History (2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
June 15, 1904	A. A. McGregor met with serious accident yesterday, "in winding up the sparker on his automobile" a broken arm resulted.	
1907	W. F. Dilworth Lumber Company organized. (Still in existence)	
1907	A. M. Booth, Contractor for years died	
Feb. 17, 1908	James R. Mason Furniture Store organized. (Still in existence).	
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 Figneau 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.	

**Names:**

Baxter Brothers  
Booth, A. M.

Dilworth, W. P.  
Figneau, Oscar

Mason, James R.  
McGregor, A. A.

Weeden, Howard,  
Miss

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1904-1908

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Hb1. History (2)  
4A19

1910 - 1920

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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	Ast concerning fence around Court House repealed.	Inventory p. 361
July 4, 1915	Great celebration - Oscar W. Under- wood 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

**Names:**

American Red Cross

Underwood, Oscar W.

World War I Ends

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1910-1920



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H<sub>ts</sub>  
Hist. History (2)  
4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1920	Population of Huntsville 8,018 Madison County 51,268	Folder 11
July 5, 1920	Formal opening of Burns's Swimming Pool	Folder 11
Sept. 19, 1921	Fence torn down on Court House Sq. to be replaced by concrete wall. Landmark built 1859-61, & the cause of much controversy.	Folder 11
May 28, 1925	25 gallons of liquor captured near Meridianville.	Folder 11
Sept. 10, 1925	H <sub>ts</sub> ville Golf and Country Club formally opened	Folder 11
Dec. 24, 1925	New H <sub>ts</sub> ville Hospital opened - funds solicited	Folder 11
Dec. 25, 1925	McOee 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 Rustling Huntsville"	Folder 11

**Names:**

Golf and Country Club open

New Huntsville Hospital open

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1920-1930

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1930 - 1940

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H<sub>ist.</sub> 4A19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1930	Population of Huntsville 11, 554 " " Madison County 64, 623	Folder 11
January 2, 1930	Russel Erskine Hotel opened - 185,000	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 WHP 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 5.65 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 one-half funds needed to convert Monte Sano into State Park. Remainder to be raised by public subscription. \$18,000 needed.	Folder 12

**Names:**

Comer, Donald  
Fletcher Mill closed  
Lowe Mill sold

Monte Sano to be  
State Park

Russel Erskine Hotel  
open  
Street, Gabby

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1930-1940

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Hist. 4A19 History (2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
June 29, 1935	Two CCC Camp sites chosen. One on Monte Sano, the other at the end of McGung St.	Folder 12
July 4, 1935 <del>March 29, 1938</del>	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 5,008	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 Brudine. Francis Craig and orchestra. Men in overalls, ladies in cotton dresses.	Folder 12
June 16, 1939	Ervin 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

**Names:**

CCC Camp open

Craig, Francis

Nelson, F. G.

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

timeline

**Dates:**

1935-1939

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H<sub>2</sub> History (2)  
Hist. 4A19

1940 - 1955

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Reference</u>
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 Arsenal	Folder 13
1940-1945	Huntsville during World War II see	Folder 13
1950	Population 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

**Names:**

Arsenal's History

TVA Power available

World War II

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

1940-1955

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