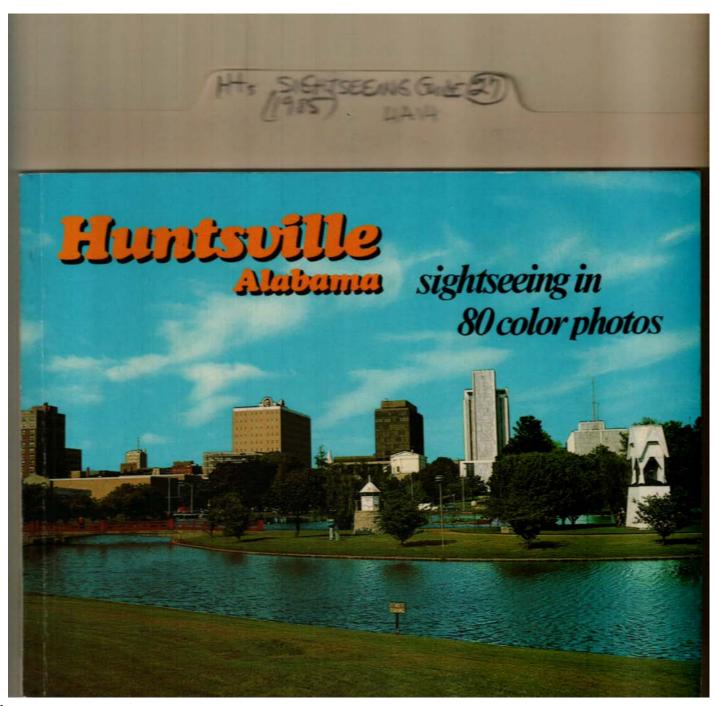
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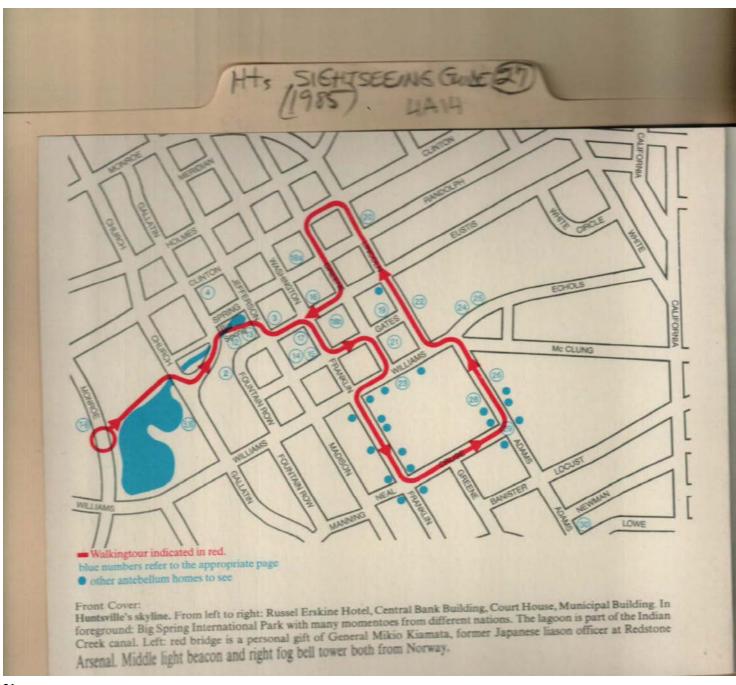
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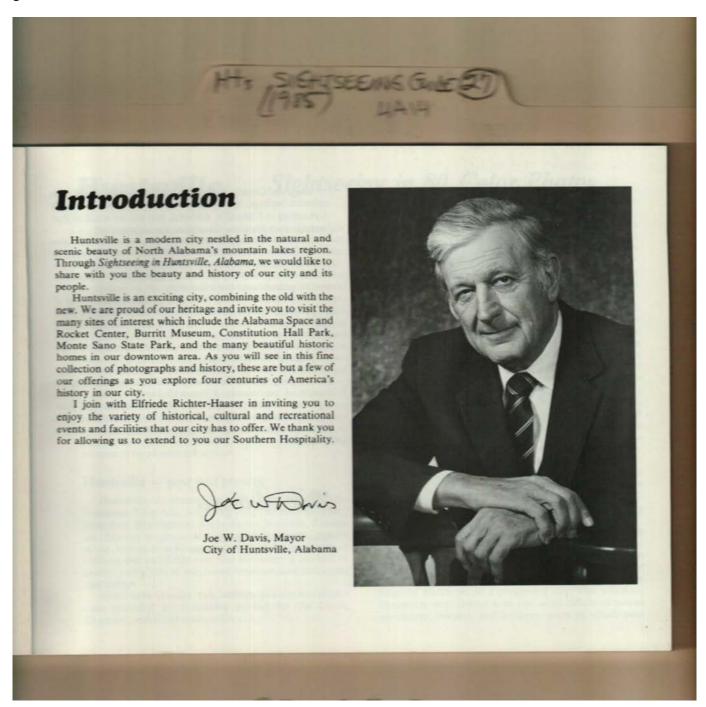
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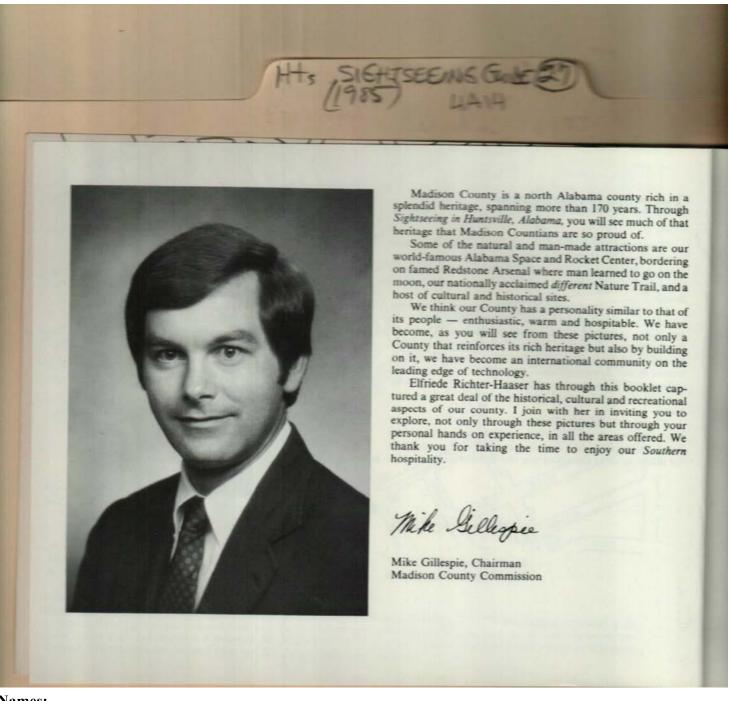
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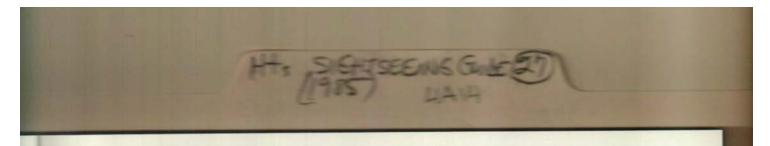
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Huntsville Sightseeing in 80 Color Photos

First of all we would like to welcome you to Huntsville and thank you for coming. We hope that this booklet will be useful in discovering this city where you can encounter romantic antebellum mansions and experience the excitement of the nation's most important space rockets on exhibition in the Alabama Space and Rocket Museum.

East of Big Spring, the old city is still alive; Twickenham and Old Town are beautifully restored. Their characters are additionally protected by a registration in the National Register of Historic Places. In Twickenham District one finds the largest concentration of antebellum homes in the South, spanning 160 years of building styles. Sixty residences have been carefully restored, and many are occupied by the descendants of the original owners.

How to find your way? Inside the front cover you will find a map on which a downtown city tour is marked with a red line. Inside the back cover, you will find an overall map of Huntsville. The blue numbers on both maps as well as the bold numbers in the introduction refer to the corresponding pictures in the photograph section.

Huntsville - past and present

Huntsville is situated in the Great Bend of the Tennessee River near Interstate I-65, 100 miles (170 km) from both Birmingham, Alabama and Nashville, Tennessee. The city is surrounded on three sides by the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains which reach an altitude of between 600 and 1,800 feet. The landscape is marked by gently rolling hills of weathered limestone and fertile, red clay valleys.

Giant trees of cedar, oak, walnut, hickory, and poplar once provided good hunting ground for the Creek, Cherokee, and Chickasaw Indians. John Hunt, a westward moving pioneer from East Tennessee, settled in 1804 with other squatters around the Big Spring (3a), then called Hunt's Spring. This was to become the center of Huntsville — the first English-speaking community in Alabama. In 1809 5,000 people, mostly from Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, had already moved there.

One year earlier, in 1808, Madison County was created by the governor of the Mississippi territory who named it after President James Madison (1751-1836). To raise money for its development, the U.S. government almost immediately ordered land sales in the northern part of Alabama Territory. In 1811 the land office was moved from Nashville to Huntsville, attracting many people from the eastern states to buy land in the Tennessee Valley. Hunt's Spring and the surrounding acreage were bought at a price of \$23 an acre by the influential Georgian capitalist LeRoy Pope. As a result of his efforts the settlement was selected as County seat and its name changed to Twickenham - after the English town his forefathers came from. This name, however, never became popular, and in 1811 the territorial legislature decided to revert to the old name Huntsville. In 1814 Pope's house (24) was completed on the city's highest hill, a site which provided him with a view over the growing community.

Soon Huntsville became a frontier metropolis — a flourishing cultural, commercial, and social center of King Cotton's realm. One thousand pounds of cotton per acre could be consistently harvested by the farmers of Madison County (40). The high cotton price was the financial backbone of a prospering city. The streets of Huntsville were dotted with the small offices of cotton merchants, lawyers, and bankers, most of which were

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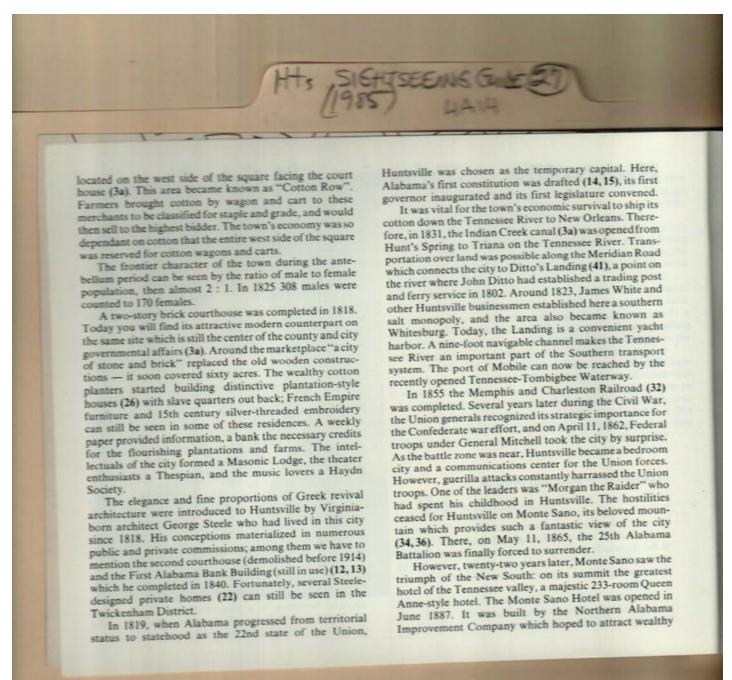
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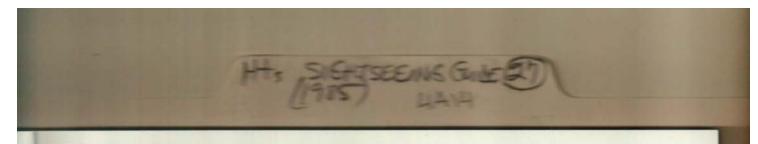
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men for the benefit of local business. Many prominent personalities signed their names in the register, including William H. Vanderbilt, William Waldorf Astor, Walter Damrosch, Jay Gould and Helen Keller. The hotel succeeded in gaining the city a wide reputation as a health resort before it was destroyed by fire.

Industrialization gained momentum in Huntsville and Madison County with the completion of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway. Northern and western capitalists invested in real estate, and the processing of cotton was enlarged. The oldest textile mill in the state was the Huntsville Bell factory which started in 1809 and continued functioning until 1885. Its 3,000 spindles and 100 looms were powered by a waterwheel. After the Civil War, bigger establishments like the Dallas and Merrimack Mill, and Huntsville Oil Mill, which processed cotton seed, were opened. Lower pay gave them a competitive advantage over the New England factories. To a smaller degree, commerce, banking, and textiles were cornerstones of the city's economy. On the agricultural side, nurseries and fruit orchards provided an additional source of income. Later, watercress from the cold springs was sold all over the East. Huntsville could proudly advertise herself as "The Watercress Capital of the World".

In 1901 electric streetcars appeared, replacing horses and mules. Thirty years later, two skyscrapers, the Times Building and the Russel Erskine Hotel (4b) dominated the downtown area. In 1920 Huntsville had a population of 8,018, increasing to 13,150 by 1940.

Between these years, Huntsville's farmers and textile industry were hard hit by the Depression. The Agricultural Adjustment Act within President Roosevelt's New Deal program helped to stabilize the cotton prices. On the other hand, a series of strikes in the years 1933/34 led to numerous walkouts, shutouts, and shutdowns in the Huntsville textile industry. Again the programs of the New Deal provided some relief for the unemployed

workers. Along the Tennessee river many power plants were erected by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). These provided the energy for big industrial initiatives and created a chain of lakes, the nearest to Huntsville being the Guntersville lakes (64), a watersports paradise.

The Depression was followed by the dark clouds of war over Asia and Europe which eventually reached America. Facing the imminent threat, America gradually became the "arsenal of democracy".

In 1941, Huntsville was chosen to play an important role within the war effort of the United States. The Huntsville Arsenal, a chemical warfare plant, and the Redstone Ordnance Plant which was to manufacture conventional artillery shells were constructed on 40,000 acres of fertile cotton land and useless swamps a few miles north of the Tennessee River.

Huntsville's small town tranquility disappeared when thousands of workers moved in seeking well-paid government jobs. After the war, the Huntsville Industrial Expansion Committee was formed to attract both large and small businesses to this area to take advantage of the trained labor force.

In June 1949, Huntsville Arsenal closed down. The Department of the Army even posted "For Sale" signs on it. But it was never sold — fortunately! The conquest of space was to be planned here. In November 1949, the Army missile program was concentrated in the new Redstone Arsenal under the name "Ordnance Guided Missile Center". The center was formed by merging the Huntsville Arsenal with the sister ordnance plant, the Redstone Arsenal.

In the spring of 1950, a team of 118 German scientists under the direction of Wernher von Braun was brought from Fort Bliss (near El Paso, Texas) to Huntsville to work for the Army rocket program. Here, the Appalachian foot hills resembled the German forests more than the White Sands Proving Grounds of New Mexico did, where many rocket tests were carried out.

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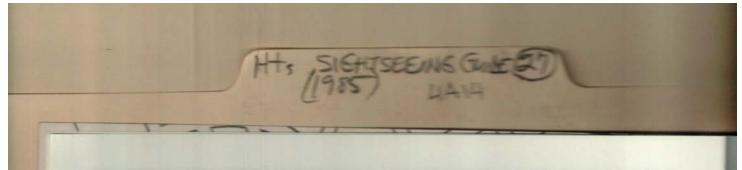
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One of the first tasks given to Dr. von Braun's team was the development of a surface-to-surface missile that later became the famous Redstone Rocket. Backed by only little government funding, the Redstone Rocket Team used all their ingenuity and talent of improvisation converting parts of a former army hospital into a Guidance and Control Laboratory and adapting a railroad tank car to be used as an observation center. The Poor Man's Test Stand (62a) of the Redstone rocket has survived: it is still standing at the Redstone Arsenal and can be seen on a conducted tour that can be booked in the Alabama Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville.

Most members of the German group quickly integrated into the Huntsville community. This process was certainly helped by the warm hospitality that they encountered practically everywhere. They were active in church life, helped to organize St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, took the initiative in building the Monte Sano Planetarium, and joined the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra (9) which is without parallel for a city of its size. In 1955, most of them became American citizens.

In the same year, Memorial Parkway was completed and numerous shopping malls built on both sides of it.

Dr. von Braun's team modified and adapted the Redstone missile that was to become the Jupiter-C. On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched its first satellite into orbit! America was deeply shaken! The navy rocket Vanguard failed! The nation looked to Huntsville to provide a vehicle for the American Explorer I. On January 31, 1958, after a dramatic count-down, a Jupiter-C took the satellite successfully into orbit. This event was not only followed by spontaneous celebrations in Huntsville but also by the founding of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

In 1960 NASA's largest field installation, the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) (60) was organized at the Redstone Arsenal. It was named after George C. Marshall (1880-1959), American general and statesman. Dr. von Braun was its first director.

Within the Apollo Program, President Kennedy promised that America would send a man to the moon. The NASA engineers were given the task of designing a large space booster that could lift very heavy payloads into orbit — the result was the Saturn Rocket. In the spring of 1960, Huntsville could hear for the first time the roaring sound of the new engine, feel the ground tremble, and see huge white clouds over the test area. On July 16, 1969, with the aid of a Saturn V rocket, President Kennedy's promise was fullfilled.

In 1970, state and local government joined the American space industry — partners in progress — to establish, with advice from Dr. von Braun, the Alabama Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville. It became not only in respect of its objects but also in its philosophy, one of the most modern museums in the world: hands-on experience of 60 active exhibits are an important part of this educational and recreational complex. Here you can be the astronaut. The newest addition to the Space Center is the Space Camp. Here our youth have a chance to train and find out what it is like to become an astronaut (59).

In the Redstone Arsenal, the US Army maintains training facilities for NATO and other allied military personnel. Some have made personal contributions to the city. The Big Spring International Park (see front cover, p. 5) came to life in 1966 when the Japanese government planted approximately 60 Yoshino cherry trees and Gen. Mikio Kiamata, former Japanese liaison officer, donated the red footbridge which spans the lagoon. Other nations stationed in Huntsville due to the NATO training program followed suit: West Germany donated a sundial, Britain a park bench, Norway a lightbeacon and a fog bell tower, Switzerland roses arranged as the Swiss flag, a group of German exchange students some of their native trees.

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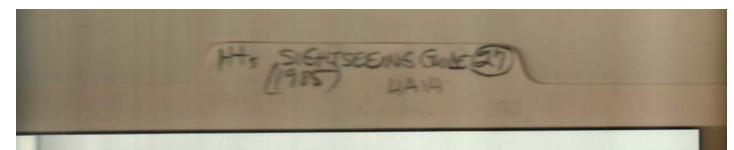
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An annual May event in the Big Spring Park is the Arts Council's regional outdoor festival, "Panoply" (6), which brings a variety of exhibitions and performing art shows. It attracts approximately 100,000 people of all ages and lasts four days, closing with a display of fireworks.

The Huntsville multi-purpose civic center (7,8) was opened and dedicated to Dr. von Braun on March 14, 1975. The Von Braun Civic Center is one of the most modern and functional complexes in the United States. Many conventions are held here. In the Playhouse most of the performances are presented by local cultural organizations such as the Huntsville Opera Theater, The Little Theater, the Phantasy Playhouse and the Twickenham Repertory Co. In the concert hall our own Symphony Orchestra delights the audience with fine music and famous artists. The Community Chorus stages enjoyable musicals and concerts, and the Community Ballet's Christmas performance of the Nutcracker Suite provides an evening of entertainment. We also have the future musicians for the Symphony — our own Youth Orchestra. Season membership can be obtained for all these performances.

The Museum of Art, which is also a part of the complex, features a permanent collection of prints, works of national and local artists, and traveling exhibitions.

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (48) was imitiated with academic programs as early as 1950. It was envisioned by city leaders both as a community resource where the state's youth could be prepared to reach its full potential and as a catylist to move the area into the future. In 1962 Dr. von Braun appealed to the Alabama legislature to make the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) a major research institution. Subsequently, the mathematics, physics, chemistry, and engineering departments were considerably expanded, providing support for the army missile programs as well as for the NASA space efforts.

The Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (45), which was founded in 1873 as a "Colored Normal School at Huntsville", established besides other departments, a School of Technology.

Oakwood College is a Seventh-Day Adventist College. There are, furthermore, several trade schools in Huntsville.

The extensive university libraries, the Redstone Scientific Information Center with one of the largest collections of scientific and technical data, the Metric Information Office of the UAH, the NASA Technology Utilization Office, and the collection of International Standards at the NASA Center make important contributions to Huntsville's economic development.

In 1984 nearly 200 firms in Huntsville and Madison County worked in the field of high technology. The slow-down of space related initiatives was forseen by the city. A well-planned effort to attract high-tech industries, mostly in the field of computer related electronics, was successful. Since 1970 the most important progress has been in the field of private industries not related to government contracts. The Chamber of Commerce points out that the capabilities of Huntsville industries represent a highly desirable mixture of products and diversity in manufacturing, testing, development, research, and supporting services.

There are still productive cotton fields to be seen in Madison County. Soybeans and livestock are additional major commodities.

The Huntsville-Madison County Airport, the Jetplex, provides excellent air travel facilities. The airport complex includes 1,300 acres of zoned industrial property administered by the Huntsville-Madison Airport Authority. Other industrial parks are also located in this area.

Huntsville is a U. S. Customs port of entry (Code 1910). The Airport Authority is also the Grantee (Operator) of Foreign Trade Zone No. 83.

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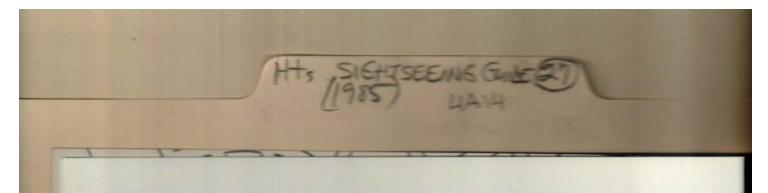
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In 1950 at the beginning of its career as Rocket City, USA, Huntsville had a population of 17,500. After almost 35 years of development, 150,000 residents were counted in the city and 200,000 in Madison County, originating in more than 40 countries. The city limits have been expanded from their original sixty acres to 114 square miles (1 sq. mile = 640 acres).

Northern Alabama enjoys complete seasonal cycles with pleasant spring and fall seasons. Variety in weather patterns is caused by changes between cool northern highs and more humid movements from the Gulf of Mexico, 300 miles to the south. The average annual temperature is 59.5 °F, July being the warmest month with an average 88.7 °F, and January the coolest month, averaging 35.1 °F. Total average precipitation is 64.90 inches per year. Snowfall is negligible.

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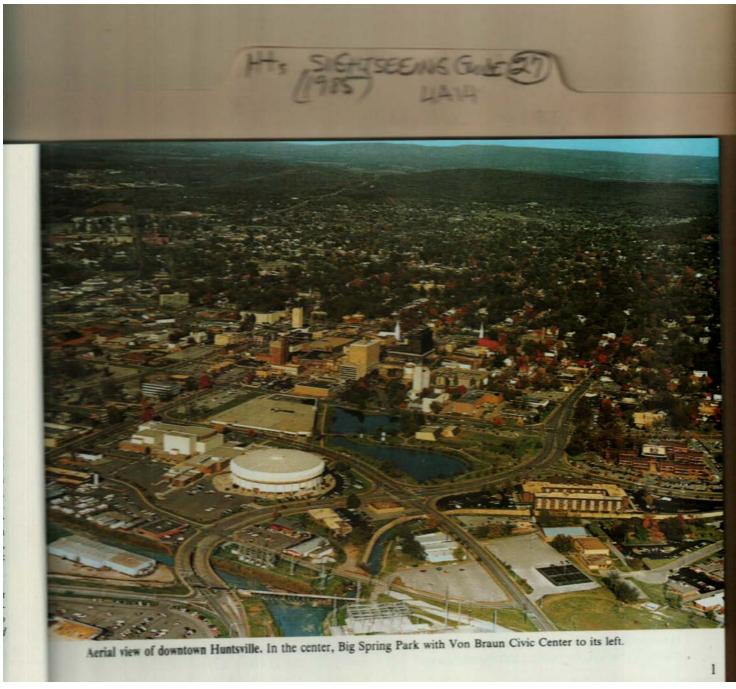
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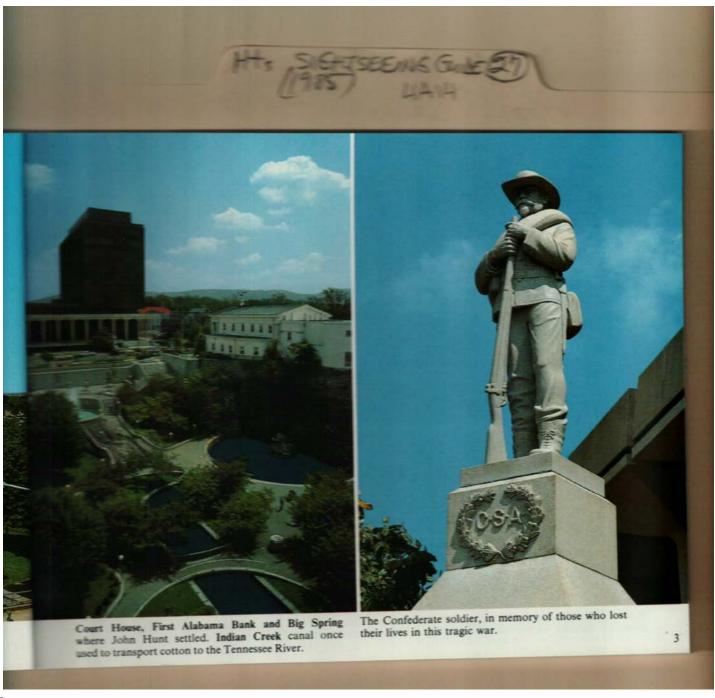
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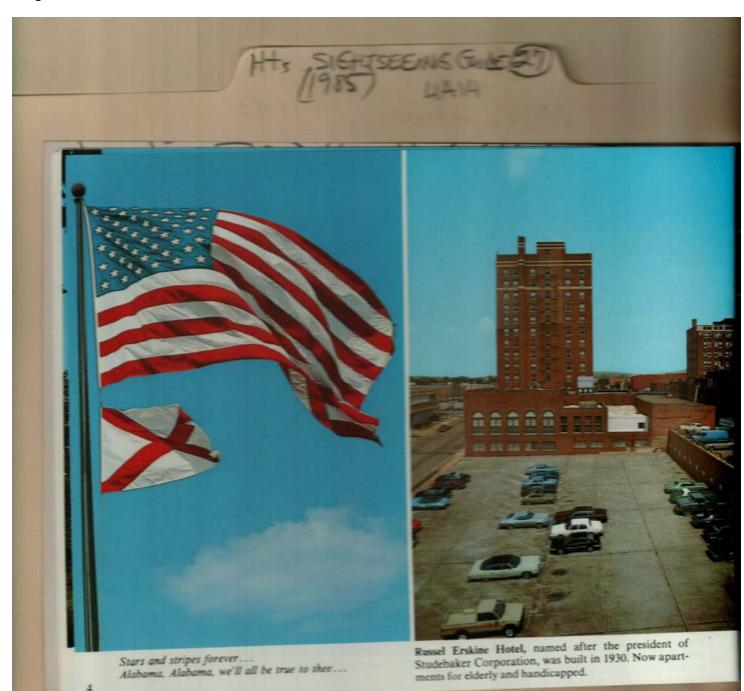
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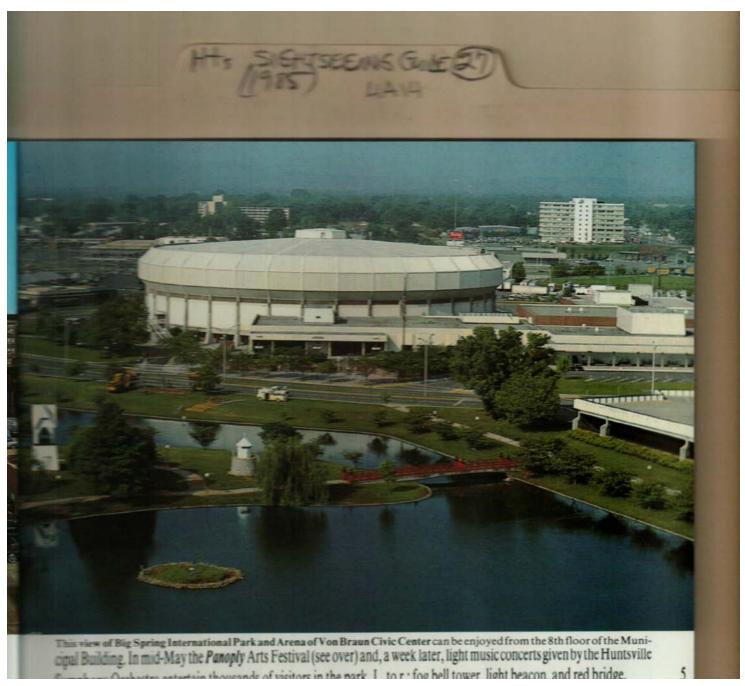
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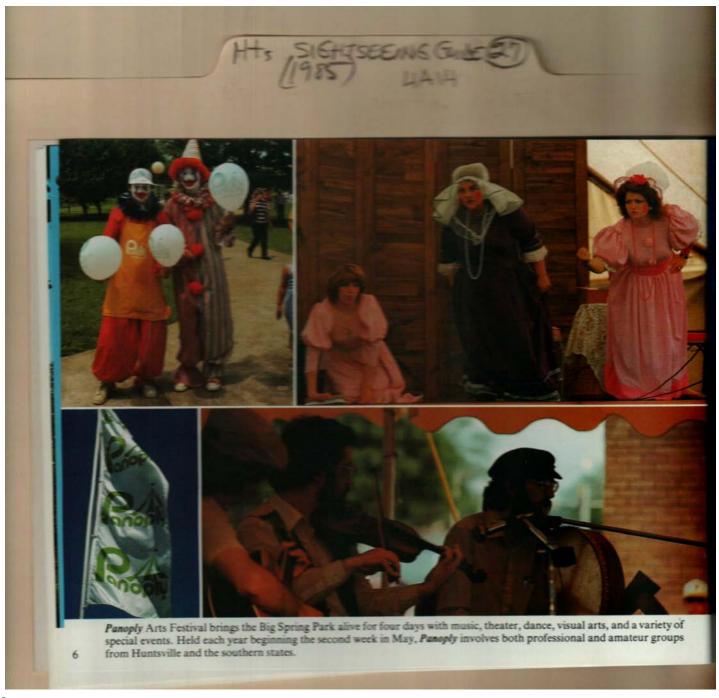
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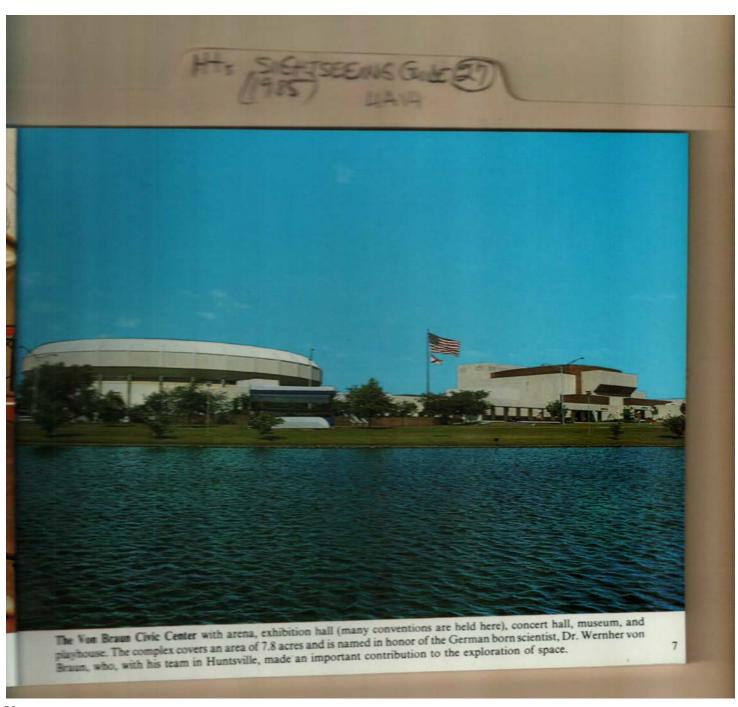
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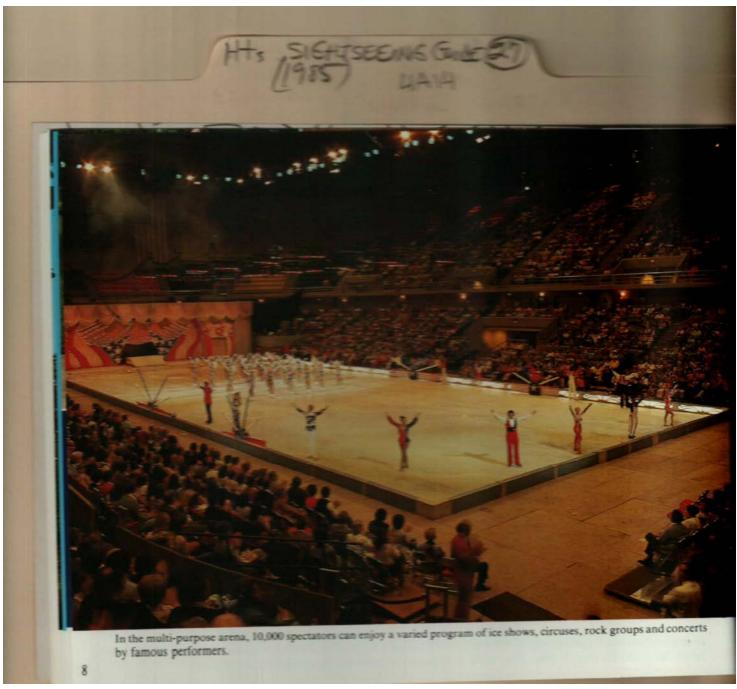
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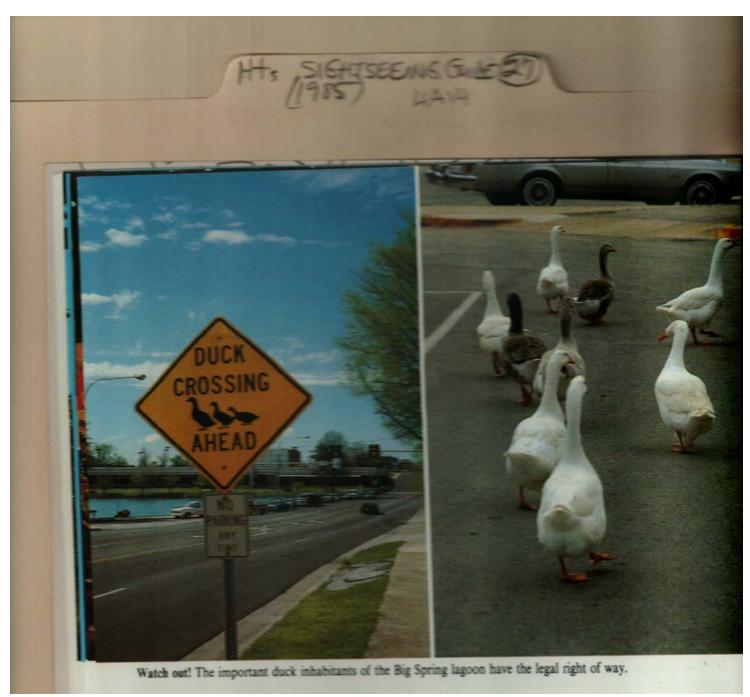
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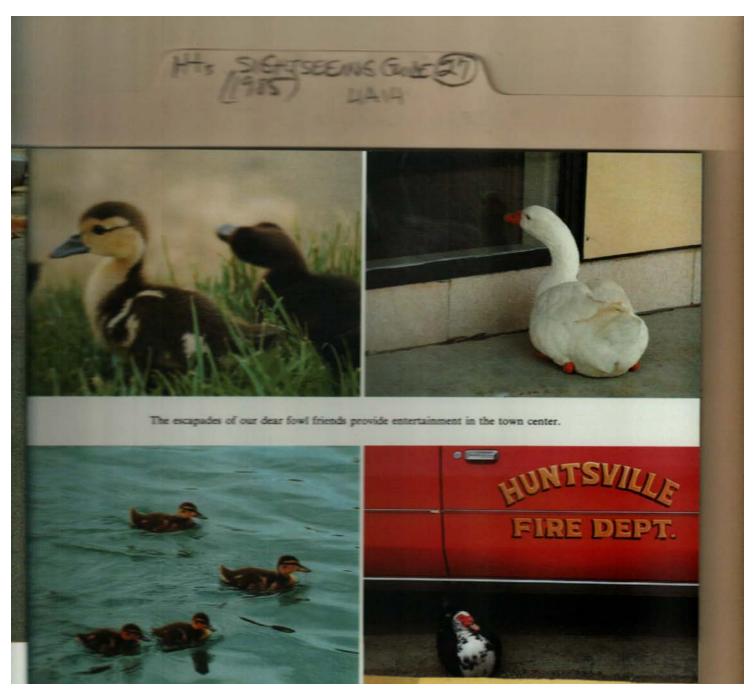
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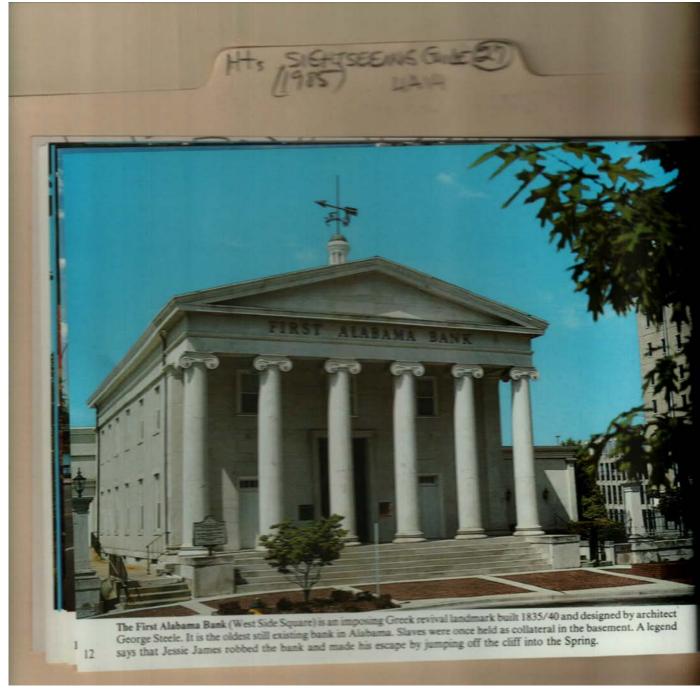
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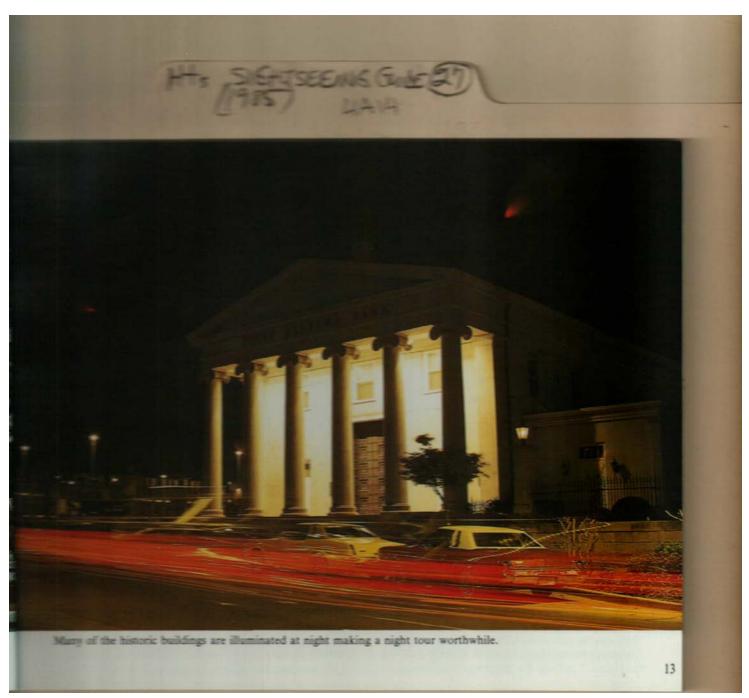
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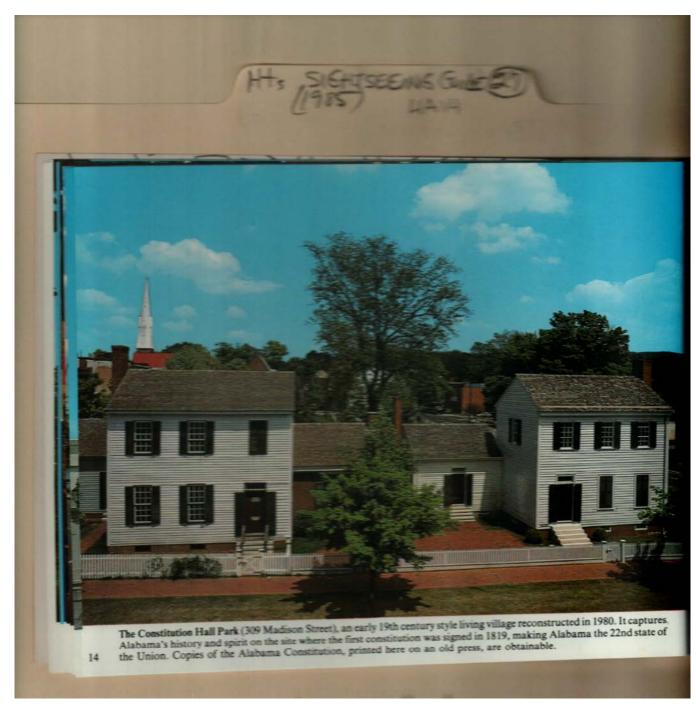
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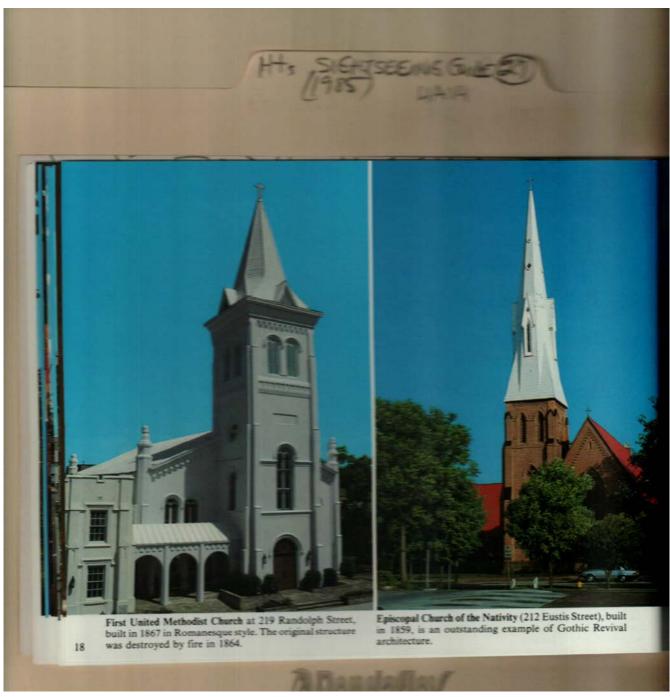
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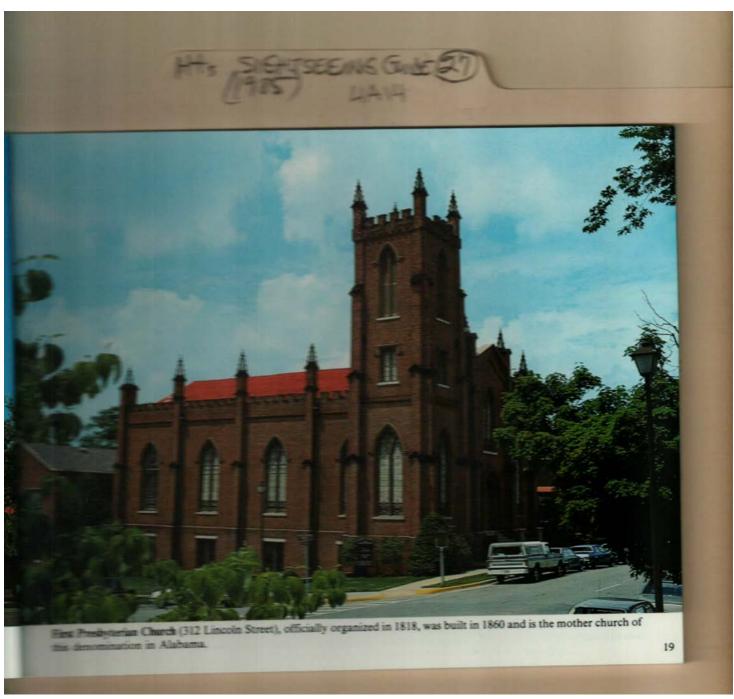
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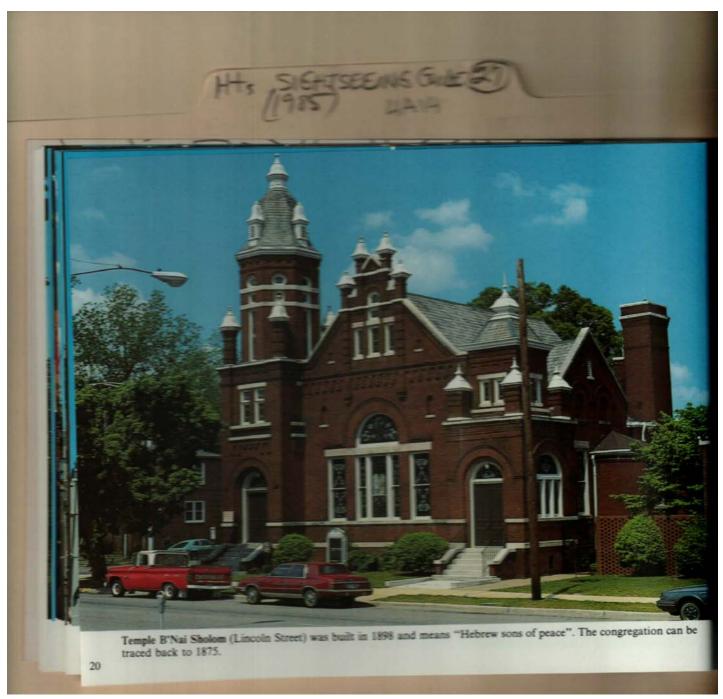
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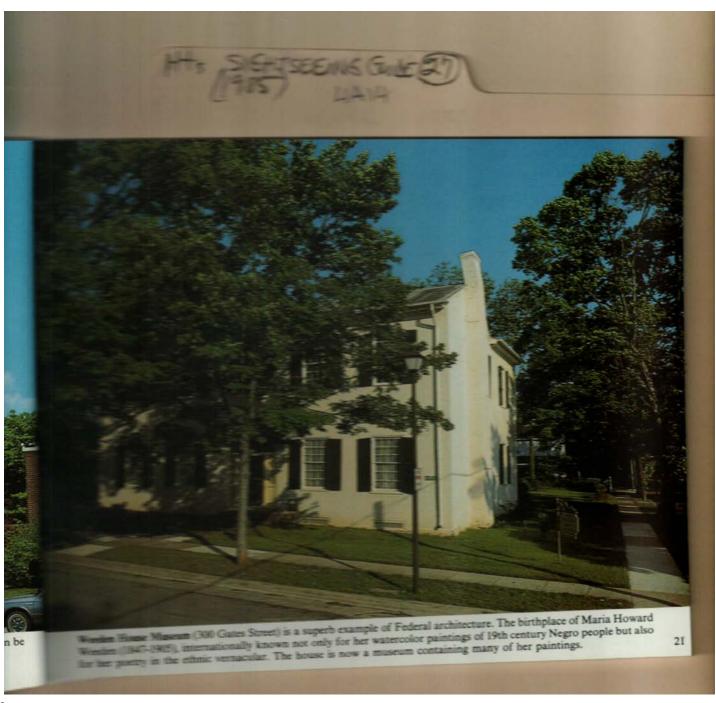
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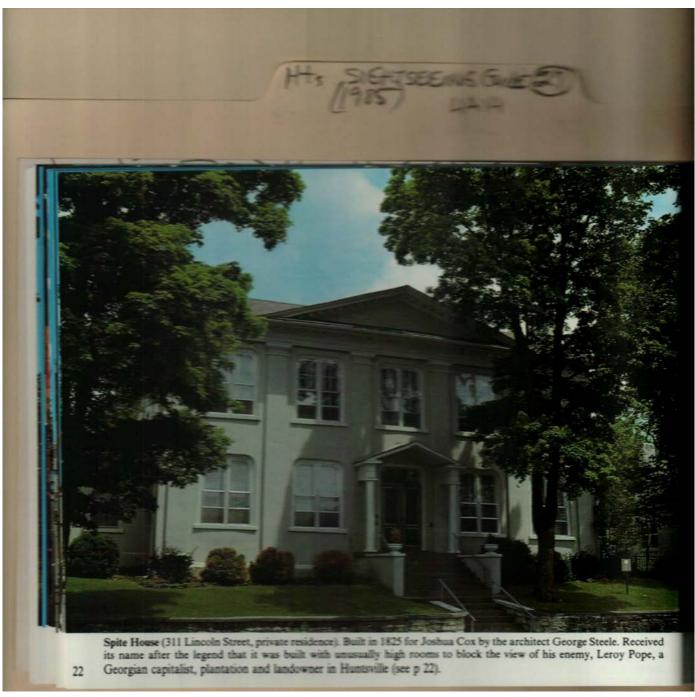
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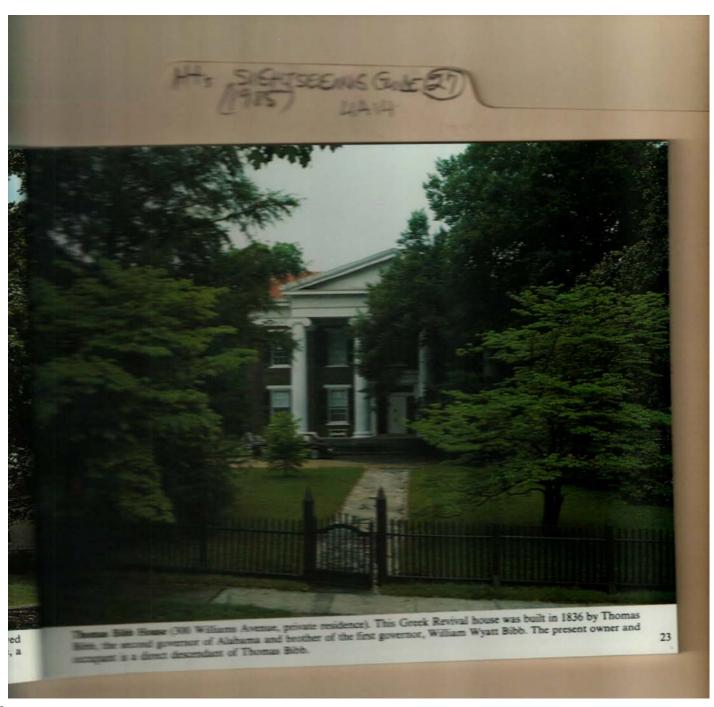
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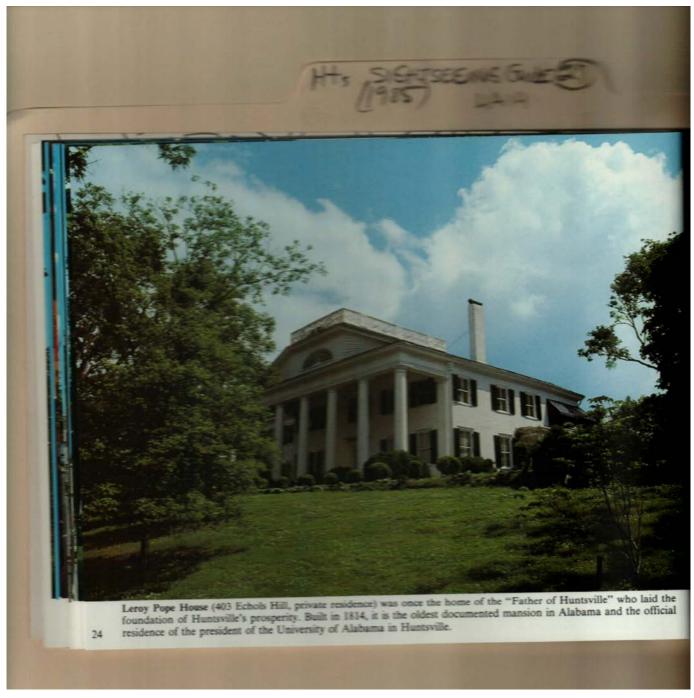
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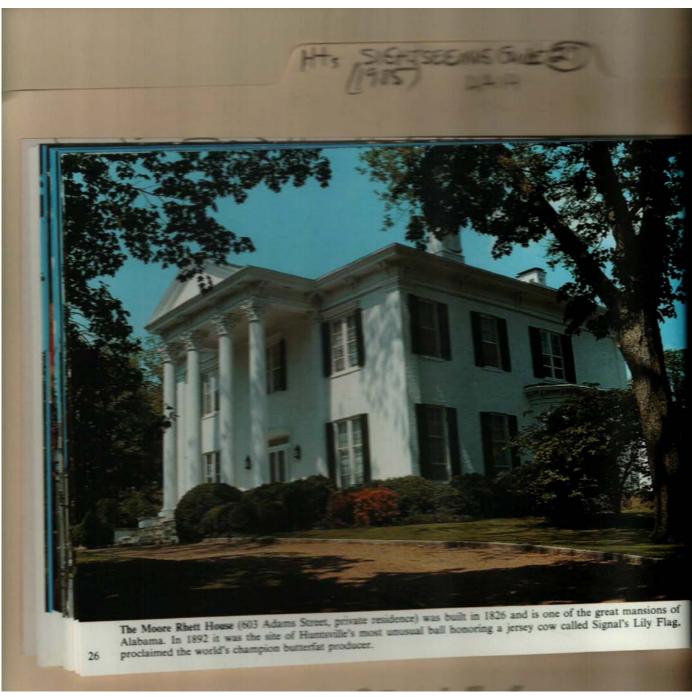
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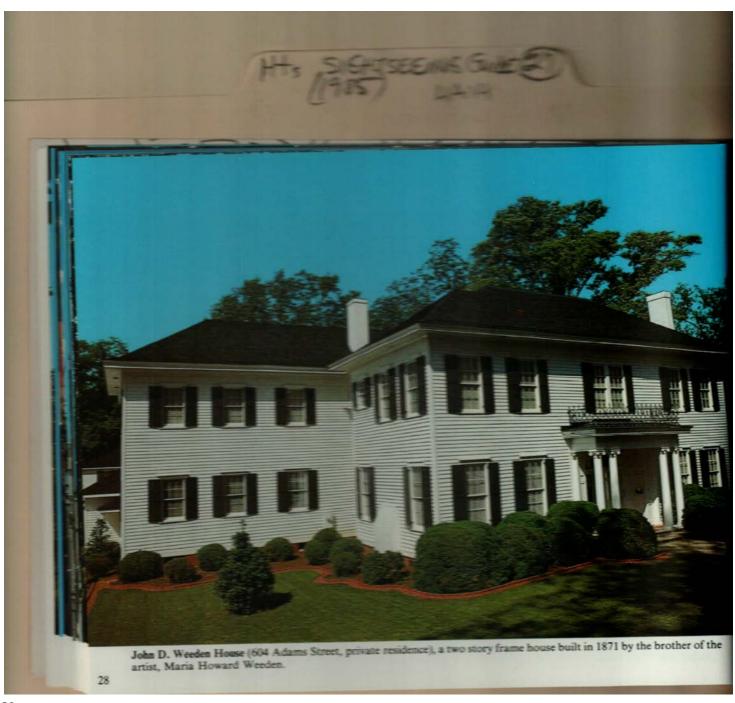
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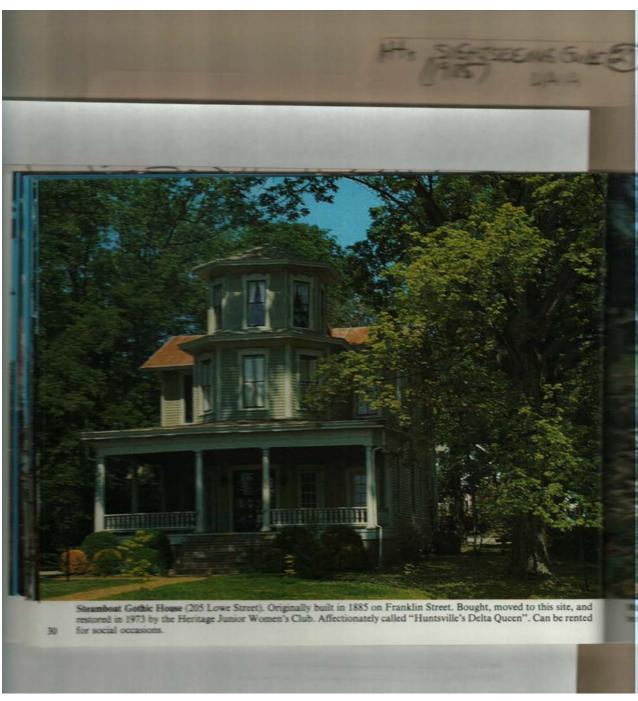
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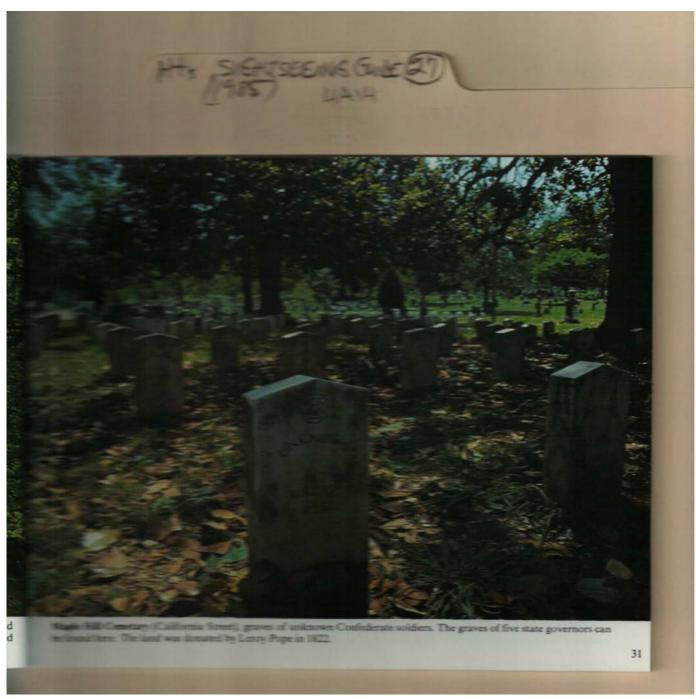
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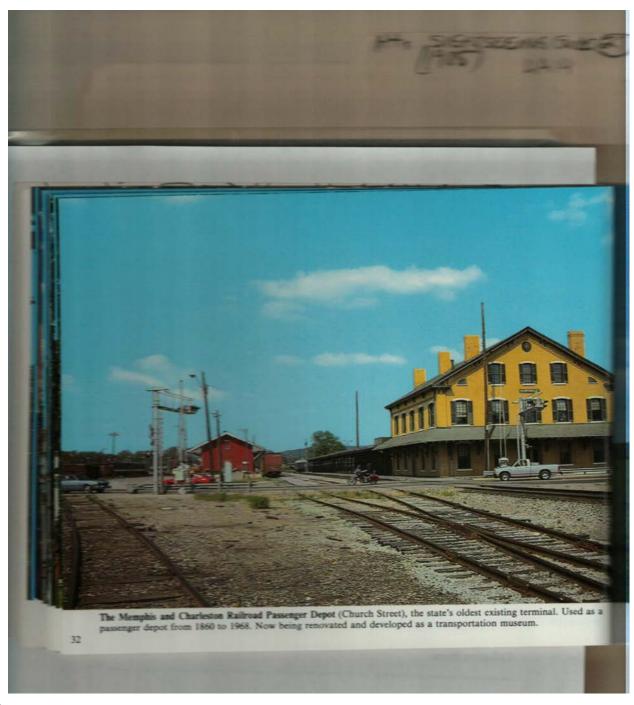
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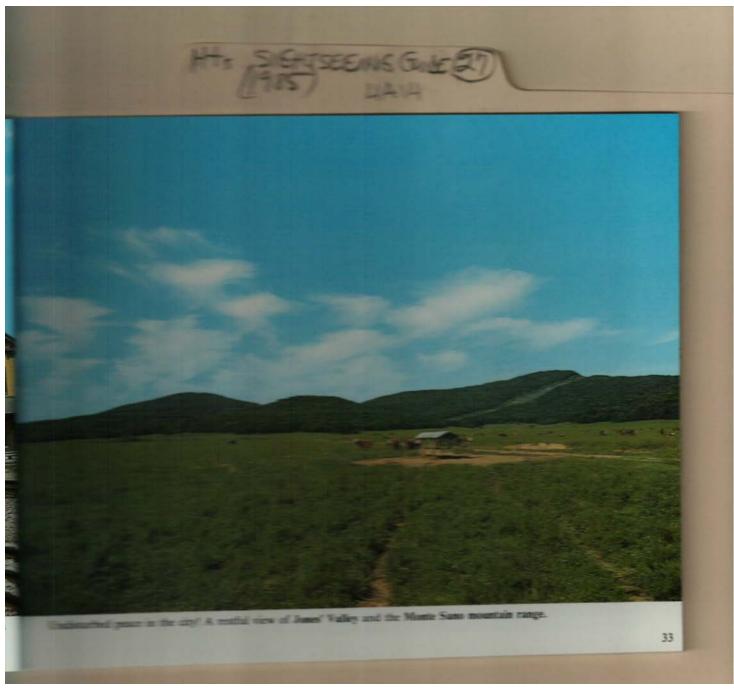
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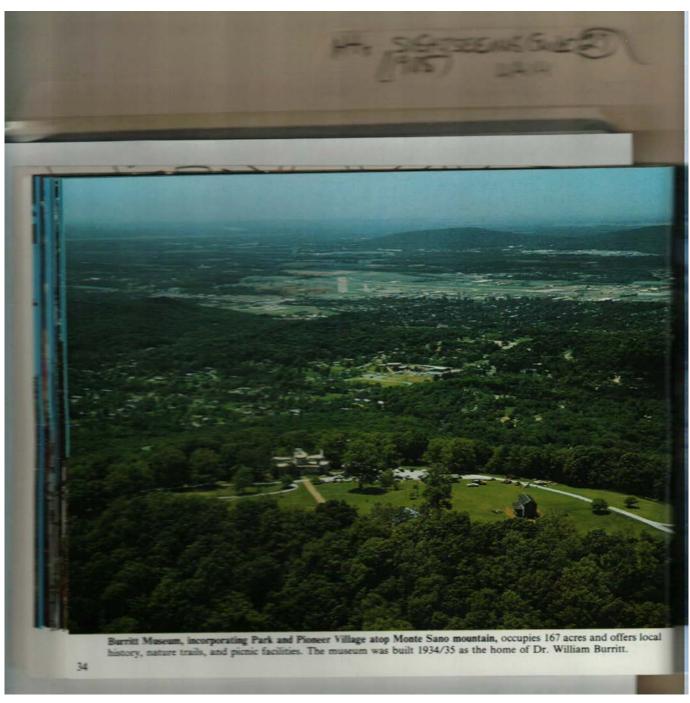
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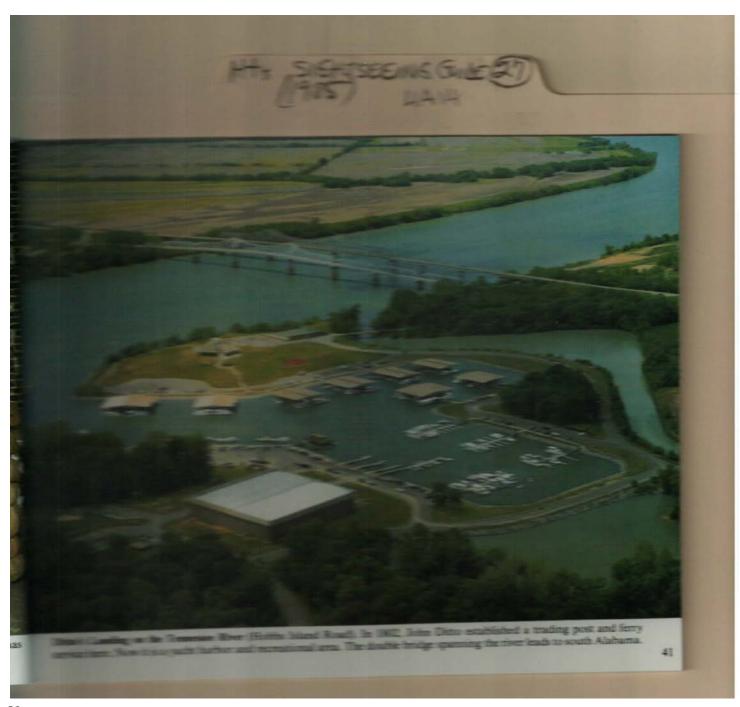
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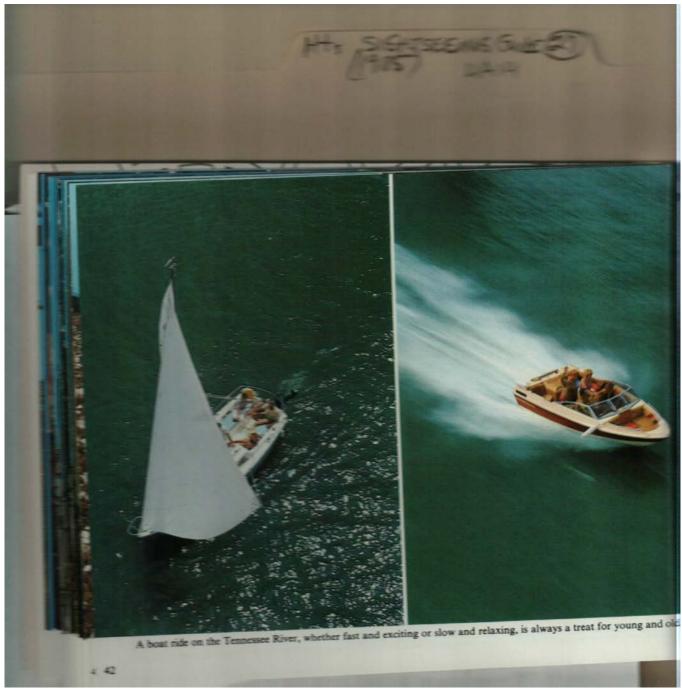
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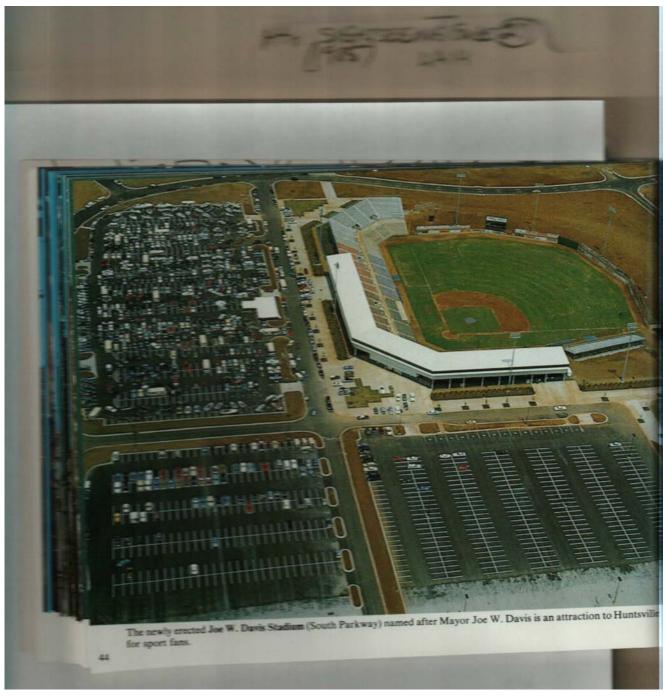
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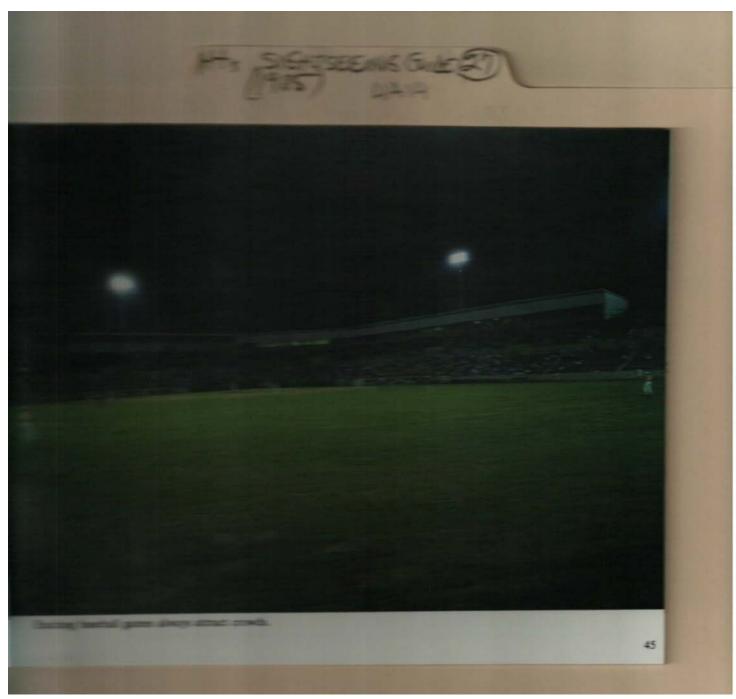
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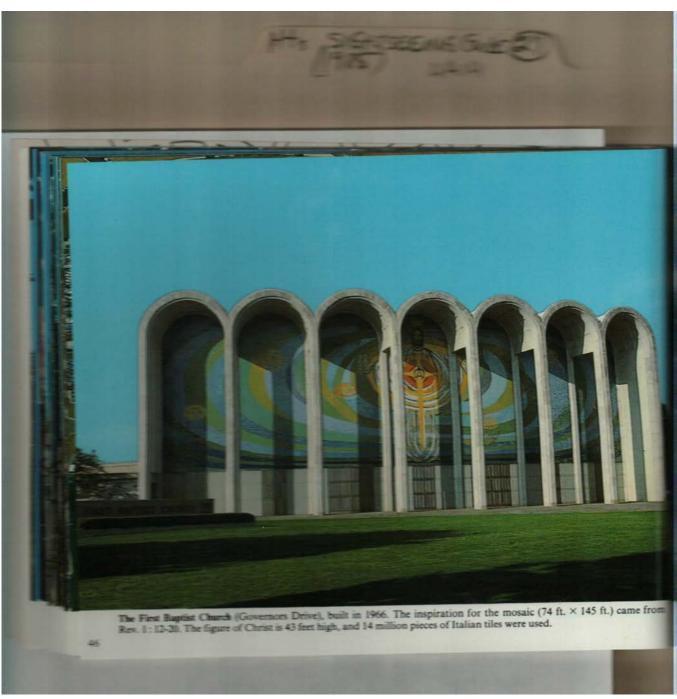
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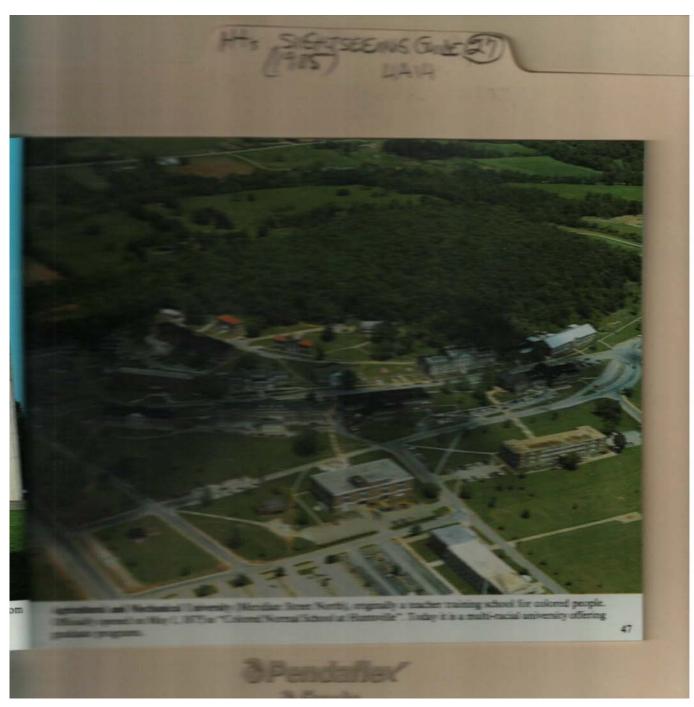
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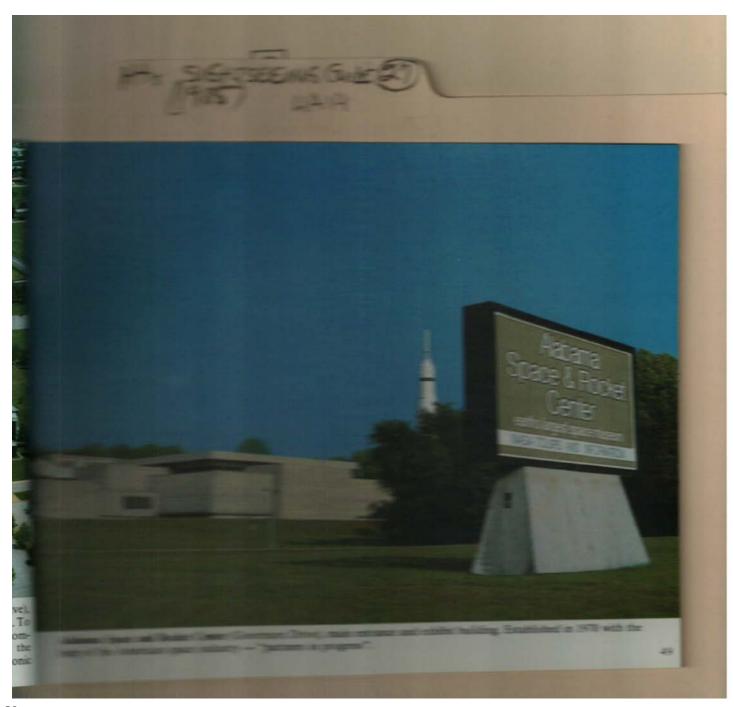
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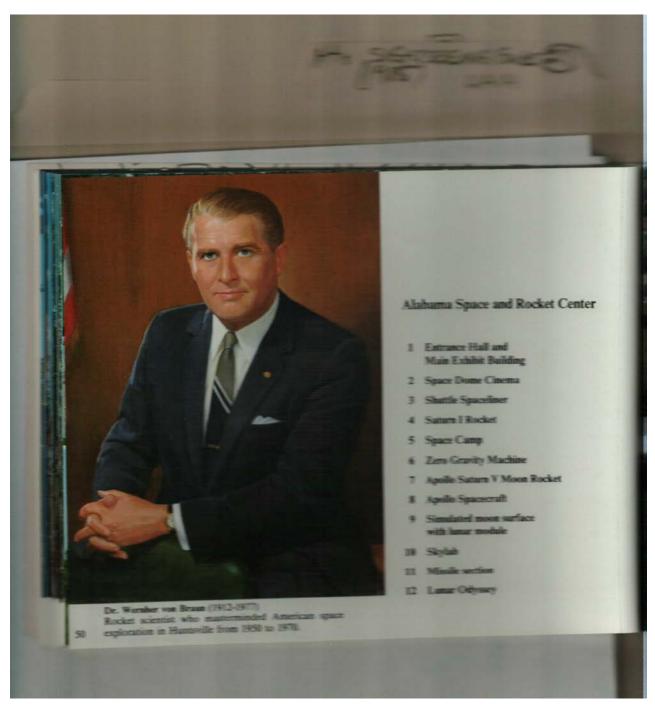
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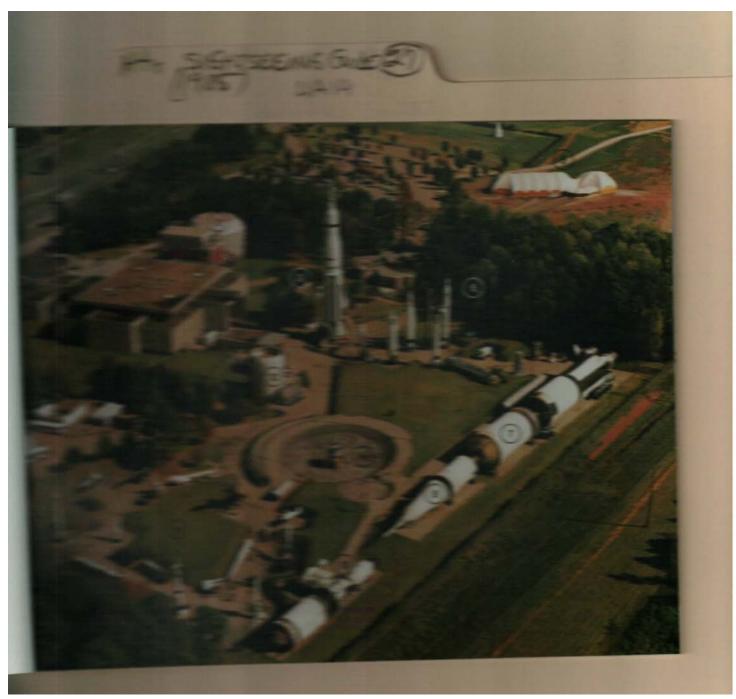
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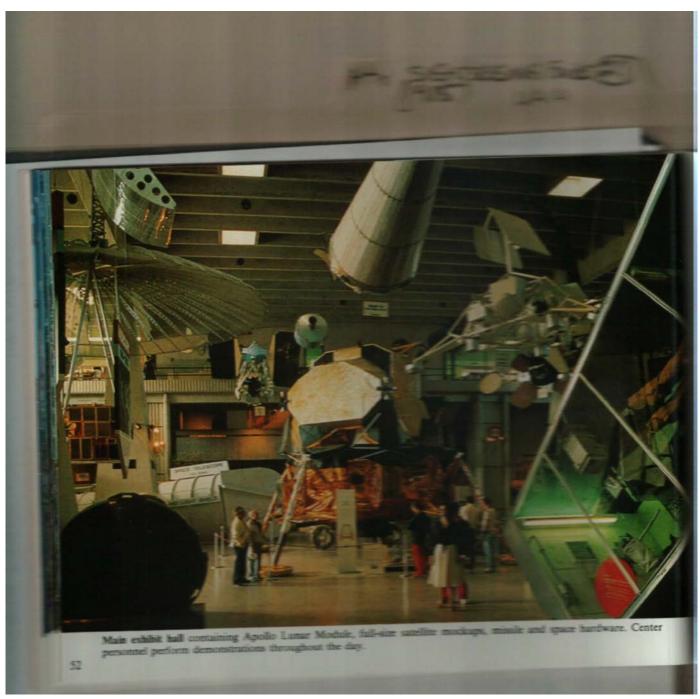
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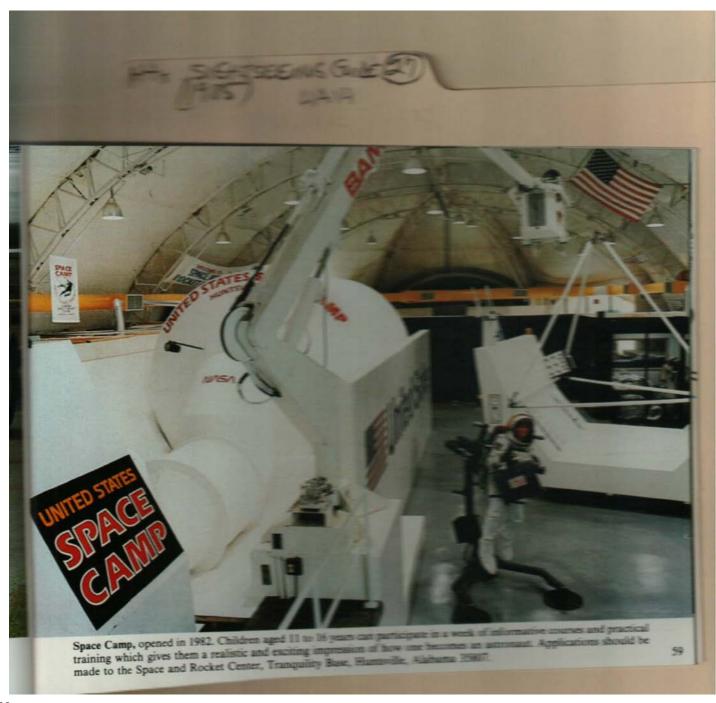
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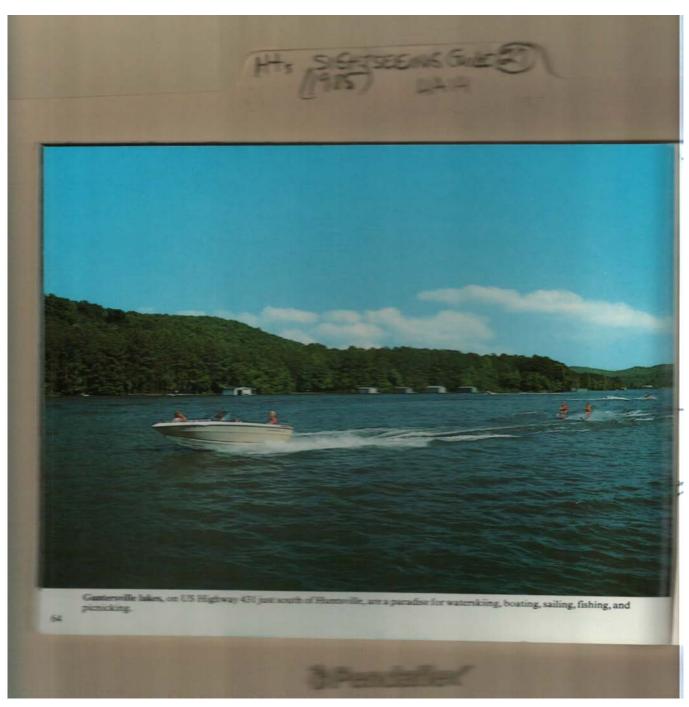
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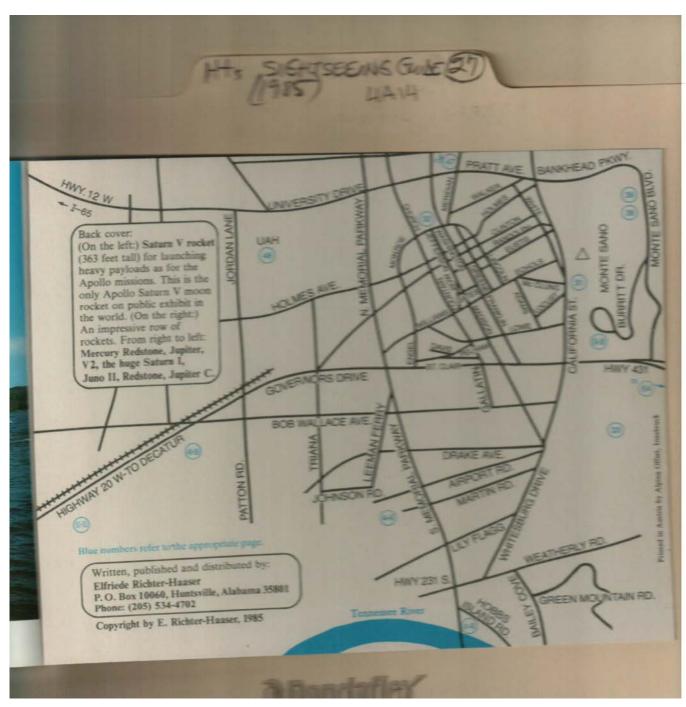
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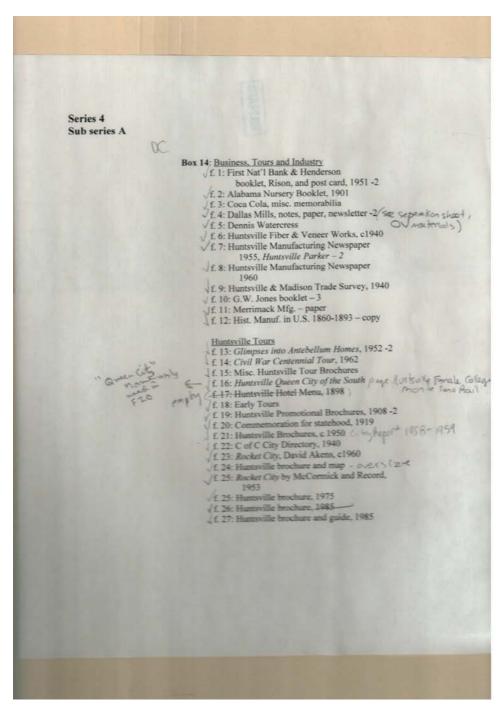
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