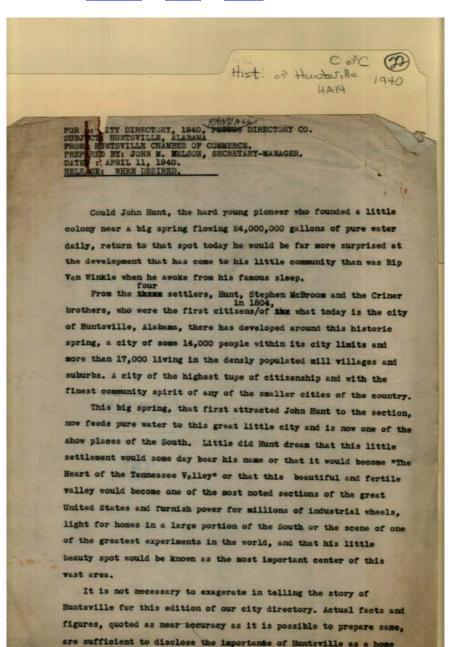
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CofC Hist. of Hundre Me HAIY city first and foremost, as one of the South's greatest industrial centers, as the shopping center for more than 300,000 people, with more old colonial and beautiful new homes, churches unsurpassed, schools that do credit to a city many times the size of Huntsville and every facility that goes to make up the ideal community. Cities are not built of brick and mortar, of factories and shops, of streets and houses, of business and industry. These material things may aid in moulding the physical side. Cities are built on the collective wills of the people that live in them, their willingness to cooperate, to give to the community their best and create a love for the finest things of life for their community. Such are the things that have gone into the building of Huntsville and such it will ever be. The finest community spirit in the world is Huntsville's and a little while spent in this community will soon convince one of this fact. Never a boom town, Huntsville has progressed steadily and along the right lines. It has mingled its industrial and commercial life with this pride of community and a sincere desire to make it grow into the home and residential city that has won for it the name (Healthy, Hustling Huntsville, Haven of Health and Hospitality." That Huntsville has played its part in the development and building of this new empire is best illustrayed by its "Many Firsts." These include being the first English settlement in the State of Alabama, the first incorporated town in Northern Alabama, the site of the July 5,1819 first State Convention/when Alabama became a state of the Union, the first Capitol of Alabama, the first bank in Alabama, the first newspaper in Alabama, in 1812, the first cotton gin in Alabama, in 1809; The first Governmental Lend Office in 1817; the First Masonic Lodge in Alabama; Furnished the first Congressman from Alabama; The first Governor of Alabama-William Bibb- inayygrated on November 9,1819, in Runtsville; The first Public Library; The first cotton mill of any

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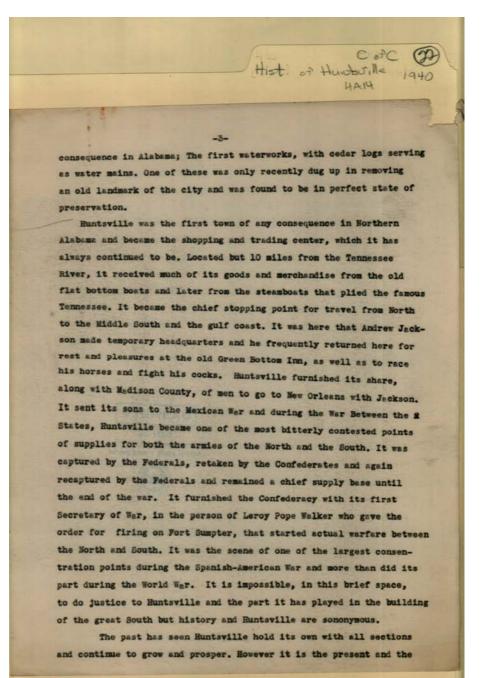
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present stability and dependability, it offers the future every edvantage it can ask, so Huntsville is assured of its continuous growth and development. The Huntsville of today occupies an area of its originally laid out one square mile, with an added area bringing this up to 2.42 square miles within the corporate limits. Should the four mill villages and densky populated residential areas be taken into

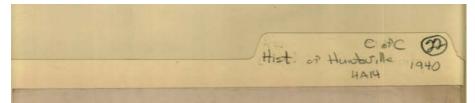
consideration, this would approximate four square miles of territory. This outlying district as just as much a part of Huntsville as that actually within the corporate lines. This area depends on Huntsville for fire and police protection, for its supplies and foods, for it culture, education, recreation and a ll other necessities. In fact it is a most integral and vital part of Huntsville.

The census figures for 1940 are not available as this is being writter and we must use the figures of the 1930 census with the added estimates of those who are in position to actually know the real Buntsville figures. Unfortunately these mill villages cannot be taken into the corporate limits and Buntsville cannot rightfully use this wast number in its population. The 1930 census gave Euntsville proper 11,554 population. In addition the villages were listed with the following population, Lincoln, 5,038; Dellas, 2,708 Merrimac, 2,975 and West Buntsville, 3,404. Thus the villages at that time had a total of 12,117 and added to Buntsville's 11,554 the real figures were 23,671.

The Huntsville post office, on January 1, estimated they were serving with city delivery and office service a total of 32,000 and this does not include any of the rural route patrons.

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LOCATION AND SURROUNDINGS.

Runtsville lies in the Northern Central part of Alabams, 10 miles north of the Tennessee River and 18 miles south of the Tennessee State Line. It is 118 miles South of Nashville, Tenn., 98 miles Southwest of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 123 miles north of Birmingham, 230 miles northwest of Atlanta, Ga., and 225 miles southeast of Memphis. It is on the "Florida Short Route" or U. S. 241, north and south and U. S. 72, or the Lee Highway, east and west. It is served by both the Southern Railway, Memphis-Washington Division and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, Hobbs Island-Decherd Division, thus making it ideally located for all purposes.

The climate is indeed most desirable, being neither too hot in summer or too cold in winter. it has an average temperature of 70 degrees, mean annual of 54 degrees and a minimum of 6 degrees and maximum of 108 degrees. Outdoor work is practicable practically year round. The annual rainfall is 47.47 inches and the average number of total sunshiny days is 162, partially cloudy 68 days, and the average first killing frost date is October 23 and average last killing frost of spring is April 11. Thus a long growing season is found for practically any farm crop desired.

Runtsville has 35 miles of streets within the corporate limits, 26 miles of which is either concrete, asphalt or brick and 9 miles of unsurfaced streets. It has 11 miles of alleys, 51 miles of water mains, 29 miles of sewers, 3,025 water meters, 6,009 electric users, 13.71 miles of gas mains with 652 gas meters, and 2,642 telephone connections. Huntsville has one city park containing 20 acres and a new municipal swimming pool is now being constructed. POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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Police and Fire Departments

Florida Short-Route

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Runtsville has two municipal protectorate departments of which it is justly proud, its Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department ranks with the best of any small city in the country and consists of a Chief, two Sergeants, and 17 patrolmen, including two traffic officers. The department has its own station and city jail, with a sergeant in charge both day and night and the men working in two shifts. It is equipped with two motor cycles and three patrol cars. The patrol cars are used largely for patroling the mill villages, the city furnishing both police and fire protection therefor. The members of the department rank high in efficiency, character and courtesy. Crime in Huntsville is at a very low point and this in itself is a tribute to the personnel of the department.

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The Fire Department consists of three fire engines and a chief's car. The personnel consists of a Chief and eleven full time firemen. During the past several years the department has established a most enviable record and fire losses are held at a minimum, the losses during 1939 being one of the lowest the city has ever known. The equipment consists of one 750 gallon per minuit American-LaFrance type 75, tripple combination hose, chemical and pumper; One Fox Pumper, 750 gallon per minuit capacity pumper and 75 90 gallon booster tank

and one Dodge Truct with 500 gallon booster tank with hydraulic nozzel and all have hook and ladder equipment and small chemical tanks for auxiliary service. The city has 201 fire hydrants all with standard couplings of $\ge 1/\ge$ inch size.

CITY OFFICIALS.

Huntsville is governed by the Mayor-Aldermanic system, with a mayor and eight aldermen, and in addition a city clerk-treasurer, city judge, city attorney, the city hall being located in the heart of the business district and in charge of the city clerk-treasurer

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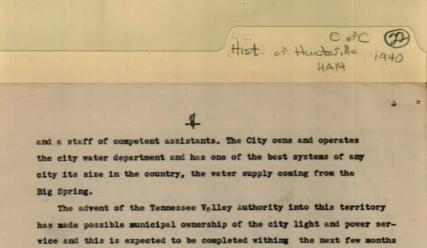
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has made possible municipal ownership of the city light and power service and this is expected to be completed withing the next few months and TVA electric rates will be available to the city at that time. At present Huntsville is Division headquarters for the Northern Alabama Division of the Alabama Power Company and this splendid organization has given Huntsville one of the best electric systems of any city in the South. Huntsville has always enjoyed one of the lowest power and light rates of any city in the country and this promises to become even lower when the light questi n is settled.

CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

One of the best and most thorough public school systems to be found anywhere is maintained by the city of Huntsville. It consists of one Senior High, one Junior High and two elementary schools for white children and one negro high and one elementary school, with another now being erected. The white schools have a total of 2,836 students, 1,115 being elementary and 331 in junior high and 418 in 28 the senior high school and a faculty of **28** teachers in the elementary schools, 10 in the junior high and 17 in the senior high school. The negro schools have 10 teachers in the elementary, two in the high and two in the junior high schools. The city schools have \$500,000 invested in burildings and grounds and \$35,000 in furnishing and equipment, a total valuation of \$535,000. The length of term for the schools are nine months and the cost of instruction per pupil per year is \$40.00. In addition there is one Catholic Parochial School, St.

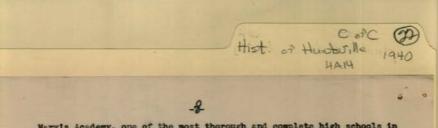
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Mary's Academy, one of the most thorough and complete high schools in this section with full elementary and high grades and also a commercial and business course. This has an enrollment of 110 students and a faculty of six teachers.

Huntsville is the home of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical Institute for negroes, one of the finest and most thorough junior colleges in the country and this year has been extended to give full four year work leading to a college degree in agriculture, education and industry and also a B. S. degree in elementary education and B. S. in agriculture and home economics. It also has a trade school and the institution is located on a beautiful campus of 420 acres and occupies 10 brick and 12 frame buildings. It has a faculty of 46 of the leading negro educators of the country, mostly graduates holding degrees from leading colleges and institutions. Its enrollment for 1939-1940 term is 420, an increase of 76 over the preceeding year an d drawn from 55 Alabama counties and several outside states.

Oakwood Junior College, maintained for negro students by the Seven Day Adventist Church, specializes in industrial education and theology, has been in continuous operation in Huntsville since 1896. At the present time it has students from 29 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and the West Indes totaling 225. It has a faculty of sixteen specialized teachers and owns its own grounds of 896 acres and has fifty buildings.

The Huntsville High School has one of the finest athletic fields in the South in Goldmanth-Schiffman Field, night lighted and with covered stands and one of the finest foot ball field turfs in the South. The school also has a most outstanding High School Band and also a second band in the junior high and grade schools of almost equal strength.

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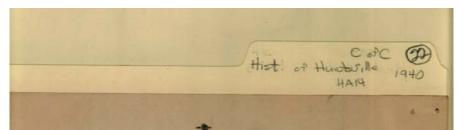
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Oakwood College

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INDUSTRIAL HUNTSVILLE.

One of the first industrial centers of Alabama, Huntsville has maintained that place of prominence. At the present time the city has 36 diversified industries operating in or on the outskirts of the city. Chief among these is the textile group, this having been one of the things for which Huntsville has been noted. This group consists of the Lincoln Mills of Alabama, making heavy drillings and ducks; Dellas Mills, manufacturers of sheetings and pillow slips and lighter fabrics and Merrimac Mills, making cotton print cloths and baggings. Each is in a healthy state and operating in steady time. Each has its own mill willage, with splendid school facilities carrying the students through the high school grades, electricity, nice homes and gardens, water, sewerage and all other city conveniences. They are now employing more than Might 3,200 men and women with a weekly pay roll in excess of 57,000. The textile workers are happy and contented and are of the very highest type of workers.

In addition Euntsville has a widely diversified line of other industries including electric stoves and heaters, wood and coal stoves, iron foundaries of the latest type with one specializing in textile machinery and parts, hickory fibres and veneers, concrete brick, brooms mops, barrel staves, automobile parts, galvanized iron and metal works, cotton seed oil products, welding and machine shops, printing and letter heads, mattresses, ice cream and creamery products, building materials, and other lines.

Huntsville has long been the nursery center of the South and furnishes more nursery products than any other section. These products are sold in every state in the union and in foreign countries. It is also the home of water cress and products from this line are widely distributed.

A new live stock market, where farmers may buy and sell live stock

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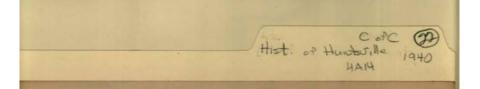
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of all classes. This has proven a boon for the farmers and live stock producers and is serving to increase such activities in Madison and adjoining counties. This also offers the prospects of a meat packing plant and it is hoped to soon have this in operation.

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The Huntsville Chamber of Commerce is now actively engaged in seeking to attract new industries to the city and during the past year was instrumental in bringing four new plants to the city. Others are now live prospects.

BANKING FACILITIES.

No city of its size can offer sounder or more relaible banking facilities than Huntsville. Four of the state's soundest and most progressive banks are located here these being the First Mational Bank, Henderson Mational Bank, Rison Banking Company and State Mational Bank. Each has its own banking house of the latest type and with all modern banking facilities. Each is in sound financial condition and deposits are insured by the Federal Eaching Deposit Insurance. The total assets of the Henderson, Rison and First Mational Banks, as shown by published statements of January 1, 1840 amounts to \$5,948,705.67/ Their cepitel stock is \$250,000.00 their combined surplus is \$710,000. Their undivided profits amount to \$155,148.21 and their combined total deposits is \$4,768,012.66. These figures do not include those of the State Mational Bank, that being a member of the chain banks that carry the same name and individual bank figures are not available. METALL SHOPPING CENTER.

The shopping center for more than 300,000 people in Northern Alabama and Southern Tennessee, Huntsville has one of the finest groups of retail stores of any city many times its size. The shops carry all the latest styles, with a price range to fit all classes of customers and it is unnecessary for residents of this area to go outside the

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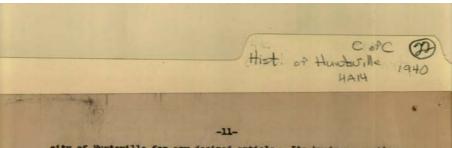
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Retail Shopping Center

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city of Huntsville for any desired article. Its business section centers around the beautiful old time Court House Square, with additional **xhapping** stores and shops to be found on several blocks of additional streets adjecent thereto. Huntsville merchants carry all the nationally known products in all lines and their buyers know and provide the articles their customers desire. The retail establishments are all sound and reliable and cover a most widely diversified line of products.

CHURCHES.

Buntsville has a total of 20 churches of all denominations. All of them have their own edifices and among them are some of the finest and most beautiful to be found in the South.

HOTELS.

No city of its size can boast of a finer hotel facility than Runtsville. It has three modern and up to date hotels offering a wide range of rates and all modern facilities. The hotels in the city are the Russel Erakine, one of the finest and best apportioned of any small city hotel with 182 rooms, coffee shop, banquet and bell room, private dining rooms, Blue Room and other facilities; The Twickenham, with 85 rooms and assembly room; The Yarbrough with 80 rooms, coffee shop and assembly rooms. All are located in the heart of the business district. Huntsville is a favorite stopping place for traveling men and tourists and is rapidly becoming arfrancia one of Alabama's most desirable convention cities.

MADISON COUNTY.

Hotels

Medison County, of which Huntsville is the county seat, is one of the richest and best agricultural counties of Alabama. It has the Tennessee River as its Southern border the entire distance and

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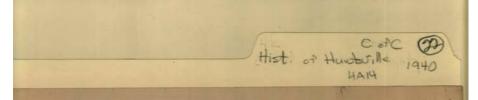
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offers one of the most diversified coils and varied classes of farms to be found in the South. It ranges from the fertile and ^{pr}oductive river bottom land of wast acreage to the small one man farm of the mountain side. The county has a total acreage of 519,040 acres of which there is 287,705 acres of croplamis, 115,039 acres of woodland, 82,239 acres of pasture land, 34,057 acres of between idle and waste lands. This land is divided inter 1,951 land owners with 5,058 temants.

The principal soil types are Decatur, Hagemstown, Elarksville, DeKelb and Hollywood. The major crops are cotton, of which Madison form County is the largest producing county east of the Mississippi River, corn, hay, tobacco and lespedeze. The major livestock are dairy and beef cattle, hogs, sheep, mares and mules. Poultry and turkey reising is also one of the county's main sources of revenue. The county also grows lespedeze seed, soy beaux seeds, white clover seeds, wheat and rye seeds and common and hairy wetch seed. Peanuts has recently become another crop for the county.

COUNTY ROADS

Medison County has become one of the best in Alebana for its splendid system of roads and highways and the present County Commission has as one of its goals to have all principal roads of the county paved and this is being carried forward at a repid rate and last year 48 miles of this type of paving was completed. The county system now has 48 miles of county paved road, 69 miles of state paved roads, 955 miles of gravel roads and only 100 miles of dirt roads. Right additional miles of state highway are now being paved.

had In 1939 Madison County preduced 82,672 acres in cotton with an average yield of 272 pounds; 103,189 acres in corn with an average yield of 16.2 bushels per acre; 2,462 acres of wheat with an average

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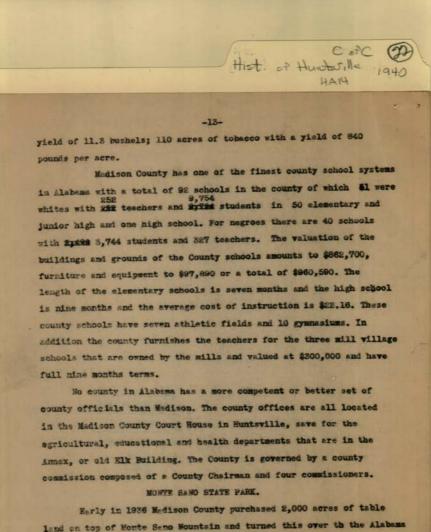
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Land on top of Monte Samo Mountain and turned this over th the Alabama Park Department and Mational Park Service for development into a state park. Today Monte Samo State Park is one of the chief links in Alabama's park system and although the season of 1939 was the first year of operation it turned into the State Park Department the second largest revenue of any of the system. It is growing in

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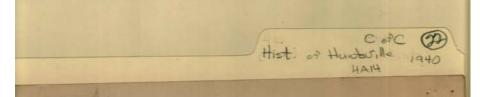
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popularity each year and as it is further developed will continue so to do. The Park is situated 1,800 feet above sea level, six miles from the business section of Huntsville and reached by a beautiful drive either over the Bankheed Highway or from U. S. 241. Monte Same was for years one of the most moted Summer resorts in the South and had one of the most outstanding summer hotels of the country, the old hotel still standing but not being in use at this time.

The park contains such of its natural state, with bridle paths, k hising trails and pathways running throughout the 5,000 acres. A cabin area consisting of 11 stone cottages has been built, the cottages renting for \$5.00 per day on week days and \$2.00 per day over the week ends or \$15.00 per week, and will house from two to five persons. Each is equipped with running water, shower baths, electric cooking equipment, bedding, cooking equipment and is rented complete, the occupant only furnishing the food used during the stay. A recreation area is maintained nearby and has facilities for games and amusements and a recreation center adjoins. In addition oven facilities are to be found in the gienic area, with running water at convenient intervals. The scenery from Monte Samo is considered some of the most beautiful in America and overlooks the Termessee Valley.

Monte Samo is destined to grow in popularity as the public learns of the veritable fisherman's paradise to be found in the lakes formed by the Guntersville and Wheeler dams on the Tennessee River. This beautiful TVA territory is furnishing followers of Issae Walton with the finest and most enjoyable sport to be found. The lakes and streams have been liberally stocked with varied kinds of game fish and forms one of natures greatest fresh water fishing grounds.

Much more could be written about Huntsville, Medison County

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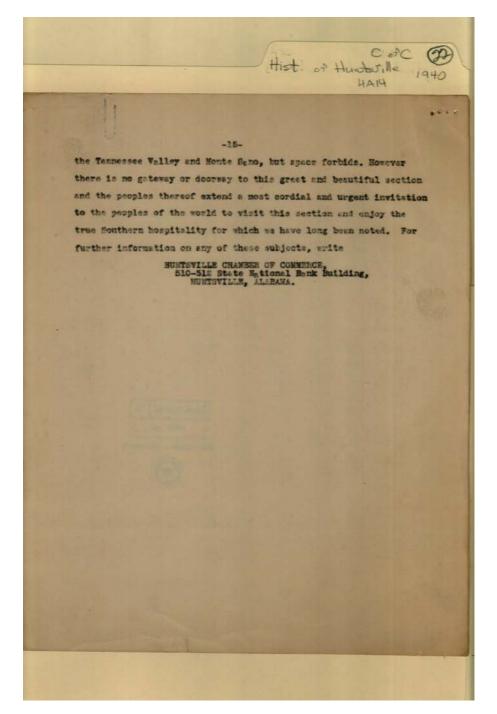
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