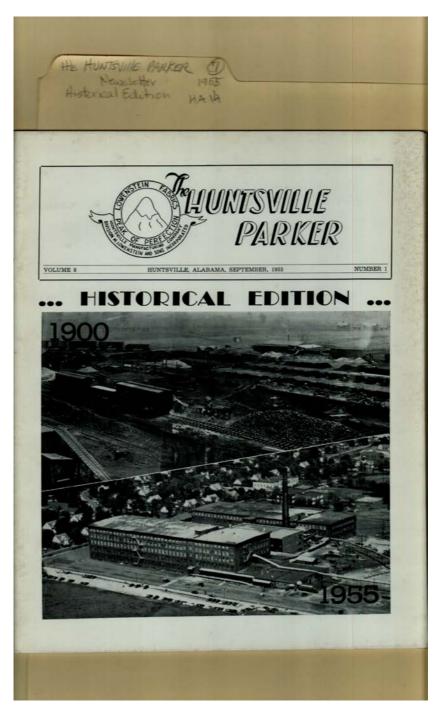
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Historical Edition

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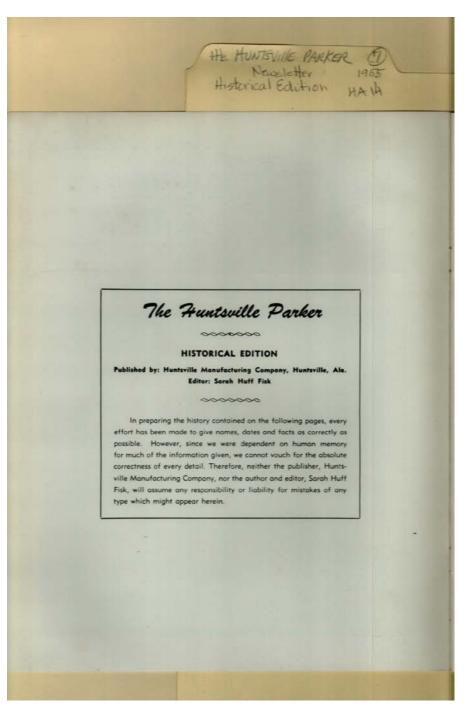
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Lowenstein Fabrics

Mill Buildings

The Huntsville Parker

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Names:

Fisk, Sarah Huff

#### **Places:**

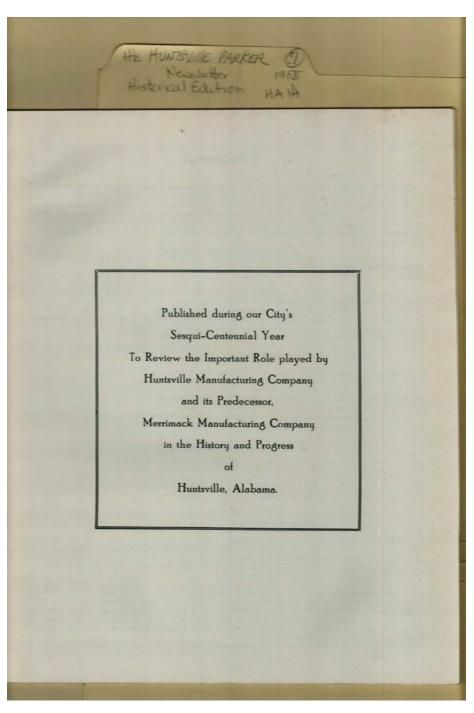
Huntsville, AL

#### Types:

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Huntsville Manufacturing Co. The Huntsville Parker

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City's Sesquicentennial

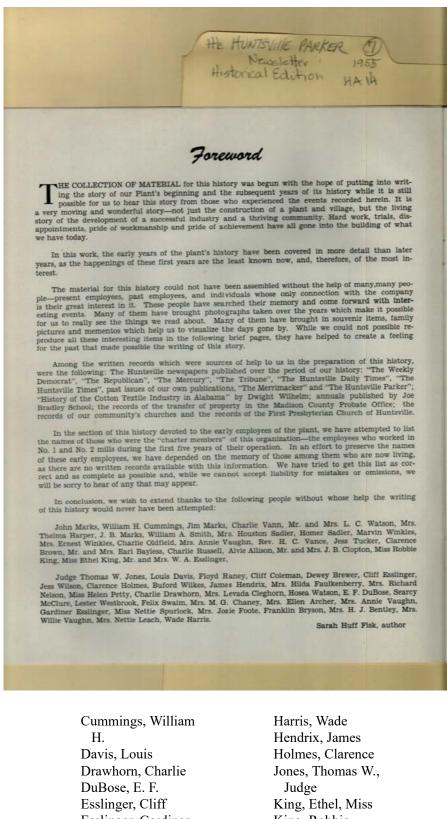
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Nelson, Richard, Mrs. Oldfield, Charlie Petty, Helen Raney, Floyd Russell, Charlie Sadler, Houston Sadler, Houston, Mrs. Smith, William A. Spurlock, Nettie Swaim, Felix Tucker, Jess Vance, H. C., Rev.

#### Names:

Allison, Alvie Archer, Ellen Bayless, Earl Bentley, H. J. Brewer, Dewey Brown, Clarence Bryson, Franklin Chaney, M. G., Mrs. Cleghorn, Levada Clopton, J. B. Clopton, J. B., Mrs. Coleman, Cliff

Esslinger, Gardiner Esslinger, W. A. Faulkenberry, Hilda Fisk, Sarah Huff Foote, Josie Harper, Thelma, Mrs. King, Robbie Leach, Nettie Marks, J. B. Marks, Jim Marks, John McClure, Searcy Vann, Charlie Vaughn, Annie Vaughn, Willie, Mrs.

#### Places:

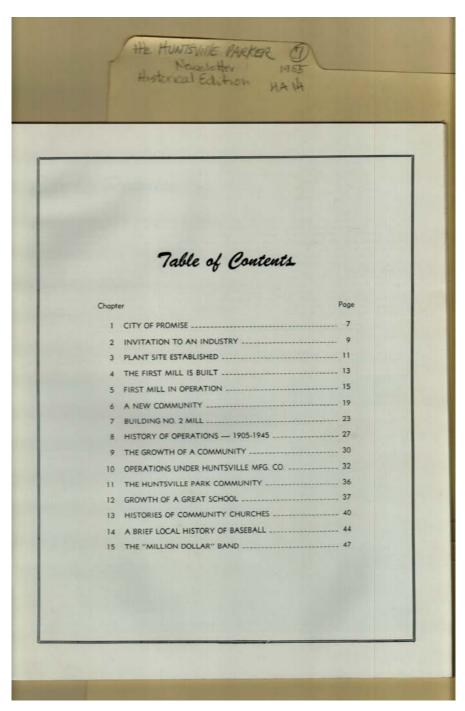
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Types: booklet

Watson, Hosea Watson, L. C. Westbrook, Lester

Wilkes, Buford Wilson, Jess Winkles, Ernest, Mrs. Winkles, Marvin

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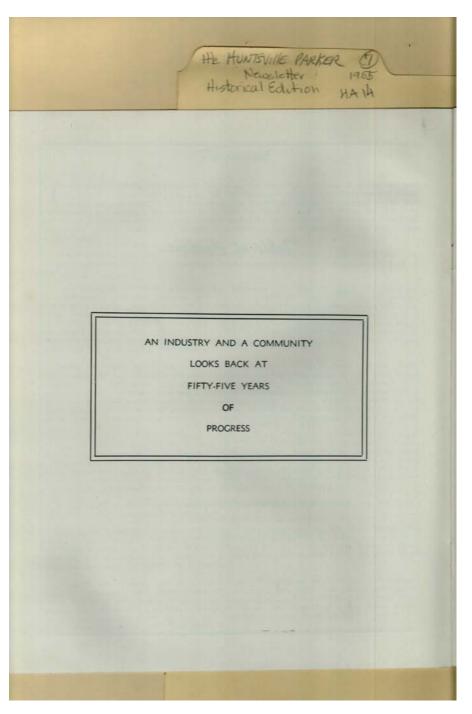
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55 years of progress

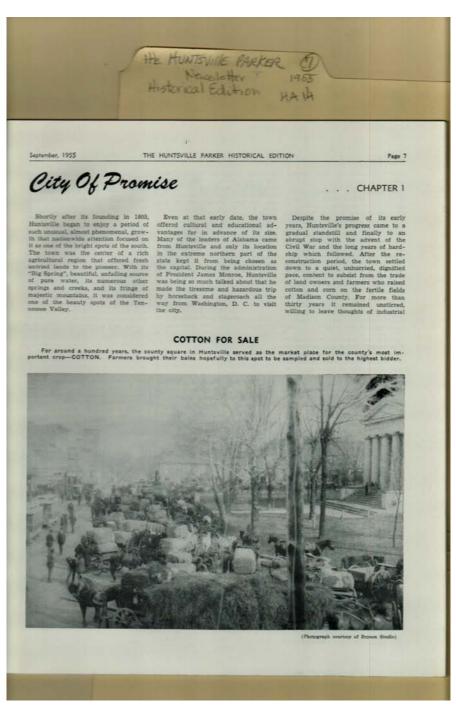
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City of Promise

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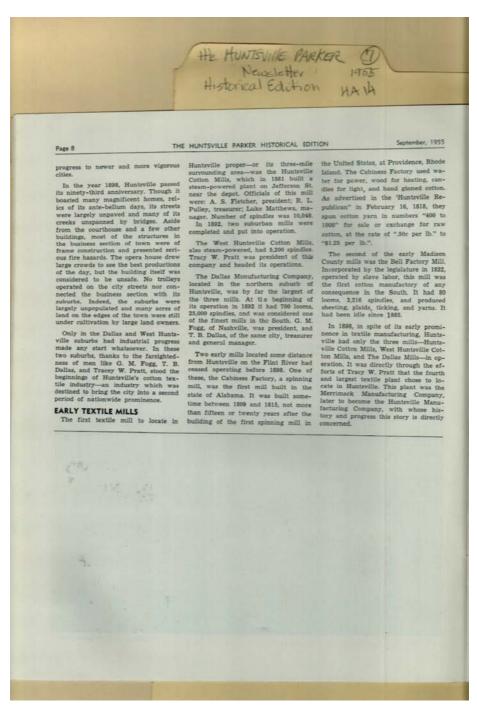
Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

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Cotton for Sale

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#### Names:

Early Textile Mills

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

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#### Names:

Flood in 1898

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

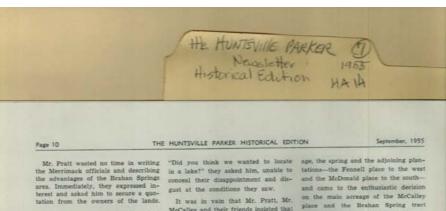
booklet

Dates:

1898

Invitation to an Industry

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paymaster at the west runnavnice axina, to get in his buggy and drive down to the McCalley place and bring Mr. "Bud" McCalley cane, was interested in the deal, and made an offer. MR. PRATT IS DETERMINED Mr. Pratt was not a man to be a discouraged. He knew that the p site he had offered Merrimark was

Mr. Pratt promptly let the Merri-mack officials know Mr. McCalley's price and they expressed further in-terest, stating that a group of their officials and representatives would visit the plant site at the earliest possible date. It seemed, then, to Mr. Pratt that the outlook toward Huntsville secur-ing the Merrimack Mills was bright indeed.

#### DISASTROUS FLOOD

the West Huntsville mills and then to At the second visit of the Merri- "Mr. Tracy W. Pratt has received the West Huntwille mills and then to At the second vant of the Attri- """, Tracy W. Pratt has received the McCalley home. Everywhere they mack delegation, headed by Mr. John the highest encomiums for his success tooked they saw water standing, especi- Pete, he sun was shining and the land in securing this industry. He, with othally in the low places in that area. It lay high and dry and beautiful. It er prominent business men of our city ally in the low places in that area, it may high and usy and beautions to be rely was impossible for the visitors to see why has been using his influence for this unline the perfect plant site about which Mr. Pratt had insisted that the location result for the past eighteen months.

tation from the owners of the lands. For many years the McCalleys had southwest of Brahan Springs. Old Do McCalley was add to have owned slave who cultivated his acres before the field War. Since his death, the lands md passed to his three sons, William J. (Bul), Charles D. and George, who lived in the old McCalley home which a passed to his three sons, William J. (Bul), Charles D. and George, who itree tim a Huntsville plant site completely directly west of the spring. Immediately after Mr. Pratt received he asked William H. Cummings, the agymaster at the West Huntsville Mills, to get in his buggy and drive down to the McCarling and the Mills to locate in the city seem-ed dead.

Mr. Pratt was not a man to be easily discouraged. He knew that the plant site he had offered Merrimack was an from the city mayor, Mr. W. T. Hutch-ens, and from the Rev. J. M. Banister, ens, and iron use new sectors in the sense place, with 200-of the Episcoal Church, certifying that the recent extreme flood in Huntsville had never happened before in the memory of any of its citizens. Mr. Prati be broken in a few weeks. took the se letters, got on the train and The day, or night, before the Merrimack officials, presented his proof mack officials were to arrive in Hunts ville to inspect the site, the city suf-fored one of the worst rain storms and foods in its history. Water backed up into the creeks and storm of the low spots of ground, covering the west-ern suburbs and low parts of the city to a degree never before winnesse by the inhabitants. It was a discourag-ing sight to present to visitors. went to Boston, where he called on the tives of the company to make their second visit. Hope of Huntsville se- "It is thought that the additional in-

Mr. Prait had written, among all those was an ideal one for the erection of a and it is a great triumph worthy of acres of seemingly no-good swamp land. textile plant. They inspected the acre- congratulations."

announcement appeared in the page of "The Huntsville Weekly Demo erat".

"A NEW FACTORY! Huntsville In The Swim Two Million and a Half Dollars!

"For sometime past it has been ruexcellent one and he courageously set mored that Huntaville would have ano out to prove it in the most direct way ther cotton mill, and it has at last mahe could think of. He secured letters terialized. There will soon be erected by the Merrimack Mfg. Co. of Lowell, Mass., on the Fennell place, with 200,-

"The governor's veto of the bill, ex-

With some difficulty, the Merrimack again held high.

#### Names:

A New Factory

**Places:** 

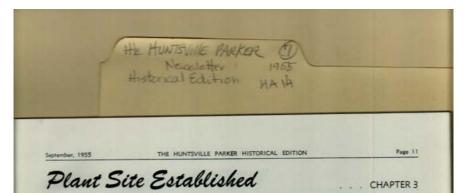
Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

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Pratt, Tracy W.

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Nancy J. Walkins and James E. Penny. All of these 1988 purchases together gave them a total of 1,385 arres of FEW HOMES IN AREA nd, extending east to the Huntsville

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goods to keep the twenty-six printing machines at their printing and dying plant going. It was impossible to buy grey goods so the alternative seened to be manufacture it.
 LANDS PURCHASED
Besides the acreage purchased from the McCalley brothers and the Brank and the sort waven extended back of the sort were the Manufacturing Company to be on an unformation of the sort were the manufacture it.
 Merrimack Company bought adjoining arters from Martha Hoogen to adjust adjust of Marking Company bought adjust and James E. Penny.
 All of theme 1888 turbana towers to be sort to b

confer upon it other powers enu-merated in this Act, and to exempt its mills and factories so erected Besides the McCalley home, there from taxation for ten years."

#### Names:

Merrimack Charter

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

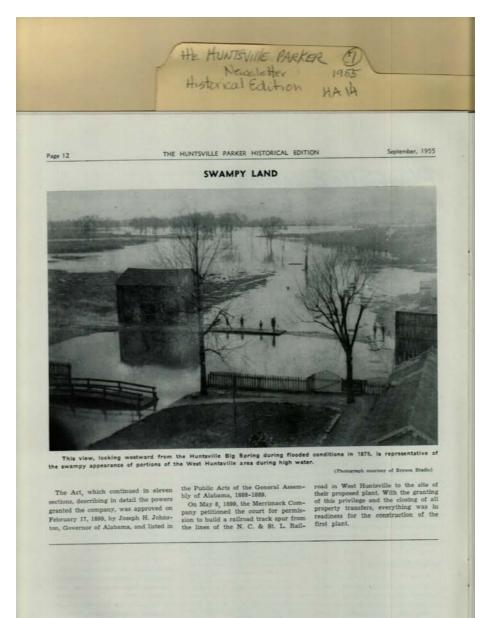
#### **Types:**

booklet

Plant site established

Triana Pike site

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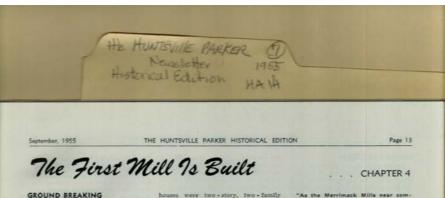
Swampy Land

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

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#### GROUND BREAKING

GROUND EREAKING
Trouble to the standing extension is for the problem with five or aix rooms to the problem with the problem with five or aix rooms to the problem with the problem wit from the town of West Huntzville by article the shortest route possible and con-linue on into the vicinity of the Merri-mack plant, stopping on the north side of Spring Street (now Ivy Street), op-posite the present ball park, and east of the last house on the street. The construction of the street car lines pro-mised to be a great convenience for the citizens of Huntzville, especially those who worked in the manufactories in the suburbs.

"As the Merrimack Mills near com-

touch with West Huntsville."

#### STREET CAR LINES LAID AROUND SQUARE

#### CONSTRUCTION OF MILL

The setual work of constructing the mill began soon after the ground was broken. Labor was recruited from the surrounding areas to dig out the ground for the foundations. All of the excava-tion was pick and shove work, entirely by hand. Timbers were shipped in by rail, but at least part of the bricks were made and baked in overs on the mill grounds. Cliff Coleman, negro laborer and farmer, who still lives in this area, opened the first oven and helped re-move the bricks. move the bricks.

The smokestack was built at the the innerest was out as, the same time and contained more brick than the mill itself. The brick and mor-tar were carried up the stack to the masons. George Allison, another local negro, helped with this work.

#### HOUSES FOR EMPLOYEES



#### Names:

First Mill Built

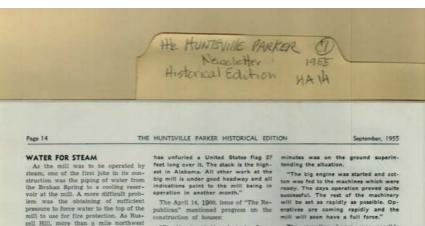
#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Huntsville First Street Car



Do ann iron und reservoir. On Pebruary 24, 1300, "The Republi-can" reported: "The excavation of the Merrimack Reservoir will be finiabed before April ta with ordinary fair weather. Work at merrimack is progressing rapidly in all departments. The entire plant will pro-bably start in motion by May 18..." On the same date, another news item read: "The excepted without a finiabed before april to with ordinary fair weather. Work at merrimack is progressing rapidly in all departments. The entire plant will pro-bably start in motion by May 18..." On the same date, another news item read: "The except of the Merrimack and an early data. A large force of hands are employed placing the mach-inery in position." "AT MERRIMACK MILLS:

The county commissioners have a large force of the same paper re-The county commissioners have a large force of the same paper re-ported: "AT MERRINACK MILLS: "
The first cloth has been made at the ported: "The first cloth has been made at the merrinack Mills will be pair has been made at the Merrinack Mills and was weren by Will Easinger. Loems will be tarted to hyber first of July. It will require To to aprest this mill. About one hair of which are known as skilled cotton workens will count force for the city and count ty streats and pikes." A large majority of these workens will count for the same paper re-To first cloth has been made at the mill workers. A large majority of these workens will count for the city and count to first of the same first of the mill forws of the same. The houses at marines as one pathement to a city-like appearance. This work will be pushed to completion: Since no warefhouse had we have Since no warefhouse had we have Since no warefhouse had we have. The same paper set To first of the same paper the stream of the same

On July 16, 1900, the same paper re- "AT MERRIMACK MILLS:

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#### Names:

First Cloth Woven

#### **Places:**

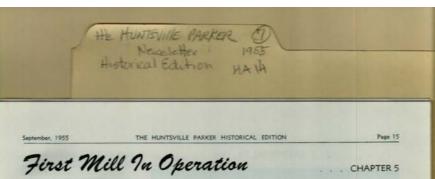
Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Hunking, A. W., Superintendent

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#### GEORGE MARSH, NEW SUPERINTENDENT

STEAM POWER

While A. W. Hunking appears to ave been manager of the mill when its persition began, George March came a soon after as the head official. Gor-Cobb was assistant superintendent many years. These men had more blems connected with the initial ration than we can conceive of to-

The machinery was powered by team, which operated an engine to turn he machinery by means of 2" manila opes stretched from a drum besides the

the

shuttles was to "suck" it through. In those days, weavers did everything but fix their looms when they broke down, and dotfed it. Children who worked ing this degartment only operated a fire looms, probably from two to six, while they learned to weave.

In the spinning department, children operated from one-half an end to a full end, often standing on a box in order to reach the spindles. Children were sometimes dolfers and often sweepers.

nside, Fami

shift operated), but workers h of fre

#### COTTON ON DRAYS



View showing cotton bales on wagons or drays pulled by t manner in which it was delivered to the plant in the early days.

Names:

Cobb, Gordon

**Places:** 

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

March, George, Superintendent

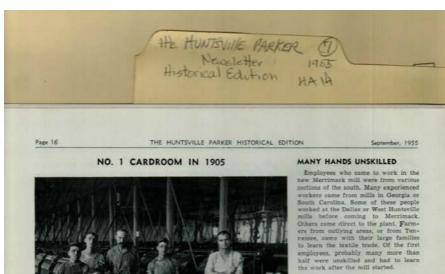
g the machinery installed in this such of which was probably hand, were the old 'suck-shut-ms. The only way to get the through the deen sees on

Mill in Operation

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In work after the min sources. Many of these early employees re-mained at the Merrimack Mill for the rest of their working days. Of the few who are working today, none are known to have been continuously employed by the company since the early days of No. 1 mill's operation. However, their des-cendants, who have since been associ-ated with the company, number among the hundreds.

#### FIRST EMPLOYEES:

Among the people who are know to have helped with the construction of No. 1 mill are the following:

Cliff Coleman, negro laborer, helped dig foundations; carpenter helper; help-ed install water lines.

Willie Vann, negro laborer (brother of Charlie Vann), helped dig founda-

Harvey Matkins, negro laborer, car-enter helper.

Among those who are known to have performed tasks for the first time in No. 1 mill are:

SICKNESS COMMON

SICKNESS COMMON Many spare hands were employed in the mill in those days because of the traitic attendance of workers. Home duties and sickness, especially among the children, caused most of the ab-sentiseism. The swampy areas around the willage was a breeding place the was common during the summer months. In Bebruary of 1961, a smal-pox epidemic broke out, exveral cases being reported in the Merrimack com-munity. As a result of this small-pox "scare", travel between town and the suburbs was restricted for a period of several weeks.

photo

WAGES PAID IN GOLD

This room contained 400 small cards, known as "railroad" cards. Weights seen anging off the cards on the left hand side of the picture could be added to or ken away as the case warranted, if the lap were light or heavy.

Mr. Cleveland helped to start the card room after No. 1 mill was completed nd worked hare for nearly fifty years.

Seated, left to right, are Jake Lehman, overseer, and Ewing Bowers Standing, Liege Buckner, Ernest Biggs, Mr. Bishop, Will Buckner av

Names:

Biggs, Ernest Bishop, Bowers, Ewing Buckner, Liege

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Buckner, Will Card Room Cleveland, George Coleman, Cliff

Lehman, Jake Matkins, Harvey Mill Workers Strickland, John C.

#### Vann, Willie

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#### Names:

Bell, Lester Berry, Lilly Bigggs, Arthur Biggs, Elsie Biggs, Ernest Biggs, Fred Biggs, Katie Biggs, Lula Buckner, Bessie Buckner, Billy Buckner, Licher Buckner, Lizzie Buckner, Nannie Chaney, Charley Chaney, Hettie Chaney, Jeff Chaney, Lowe Chaney, Tee Chaney, Walter Cloud, Alec Cloud, Bert Cloud, George Cloud, Mert Cobb, Gordon Corum, Kelly Dunn, Sam Early Workers in No. 1 Mill Foster, Eard Foster, Joseph Foster, Nathan Foster, Paul Foster, Rob Fulgham, Sheriff Gossup, Hambaugh, Hawkum, Lem High, Henry King, Ann King, Ethel King, Robbie King, Tera King, Thomas S. Lehman, George Lehman, Henry Lehman, Jake Lehman, Jim Lehman, Will Lemley, Chatt Lemley, Cherry Lemley, Mattie Lou Lemley, Sallie Marks, James R. Marks, Jess Marks, Jim Marks, Jim Marks, John Marks, Lida Marks, Lilly Marks, Walter

#### **Places:**

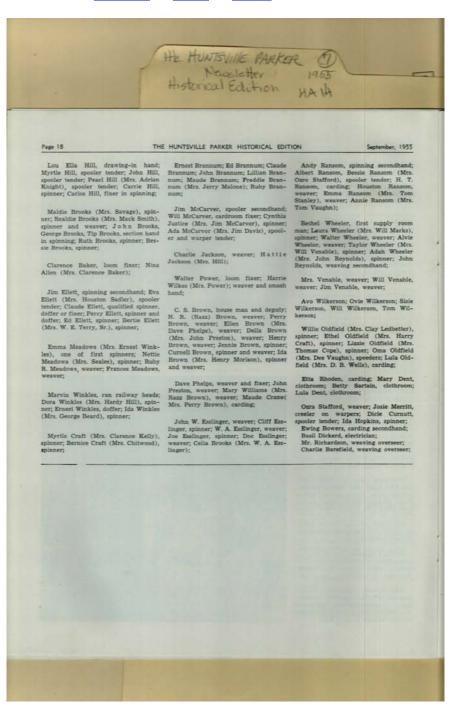
Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Marks, Will Maynard, McClure, Will McNatt, Annie Mill Workers Parker, Albert Parker, Ann Parker, Eb Parker, Lilly Parkwer, Minnie Rose, Clevie Rose, Mrs. Rose, Rob Rose, Sally Russell, Charlie, Mrs. Spencer, Lemer Spencer, Marion Spencer, Markham Spencer, Vesta Steager, Bertie Steager, Etta Steager, Jessie Steager, Shelby Stolz, Luella Talley, John Talley, Mae Talley, Maude Talley, Mollie Talley, Will Taylor, Ida Taylor, Jennie Youngblood, Etta spencer, Vera

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#### Names:

Allen, Nina Baker, Clarence Barefield, Charlie Bowers, Ewing Brannum, Claude Brannum, Ed Brannum, Ernest Brannum, Freddie Brannum, John Brannum, Lillian Brannum, Maude Brannum, Ruby Brooks, Bessie Brooks, Celia Brooks, George Brooks, John Brooks, Maldie Brooks, Realdie Brooks, Ruth Brooks, Tip Brown, C. S. Brown, Curnell Brown, Della Brown, Ellen Brown, Henry Brown, Ida Brown, Jennie Brown, N. R. Brown, Perry Craft, Bernice Craft, Myrtle Crane, Maude Curnutt, Dicie Dent, Lula Dent, Mary Dickerd, Basil Ellett, Bertie Ellett, Claude Ellett, Ed Ellett, Eva Ellett, Jim Esslinger, Cliff Esslinger, Doc Esslinger, Joe Esslinger, John W. Esslinger, W. A. Hill, Carlos Hill, Carrie Hill, John Hill, Lou Ella Hill, Myrtle Hill, Pearl Hopkins, Ida Jackson, Charlie Jackson, Charlie Jackson, Hattie Justice, Cynthia McCarver, Ada McCarver, Jim McCarver, Will Meadows, Emma Meadows, Frances Meadows, Nettie Meadows, Ruby

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

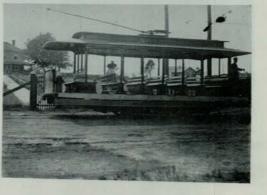
Merritt, Josie Old Summer Street Car Oldfield, Ethel Oldfield, Lizzie Oldfield, Lula Oldfield, Willie Percy, Ellett Phelps, Dave Power, Walter Preston, John Ransom, Albert Ransom, Andy Ransom, Annie

photo

Ransom, Bessie Ransom, Emma Ransom, H. T. Ransom, Houston Reynolds, John Rhoden, Etta Richardson, Sartain, Betty Stafford, Ozra Venable, Jim Venable, Mrs. Venable, Will Wheeler, Adah Wheeler, Alvie Wheeler, Bethel Wheeler, Laura Wheeler, Taylor Wheeler, Walter Wilkerson, Avo Wilkerson, Ovie Wilkerson, Sisie Wilkerson, Tom Wilkerson, Will Wilkes, Harrie Williams, Mary Winkles, Dora Winkles, Ernest Winkles, Ida Winkles, Marvin

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#### Names:

New Community

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Summer Street Car

tlying garden spots were assigned ose residents who wished to raise vegetables for their families or to to others. Gardening was almost a satty in those days before industrial

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#### Middleton, Homer

#### Names:

Business Establishments Chaney, M. G. Clopton, J. B.

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

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#### **Types:**

booklet

McCree, Ernest, Mrs.

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Street Scenes Watson, Hosea Watson, L. C.

#### Names:

Chaney, M. G. Clopton, Halsey, W. L.

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

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#### Names:

Brooks, Celia Buckner, Addie

Places: Huntsville, AL

Types:

booklet

Hazel, Annie McGuire, Nettie Picnic at Brahan Spring

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"Mr. Pratt is the local represen-ative of the company and he is not ret ready to disclose the identity of the men who are interested in he enterprise. However, it is not secret that they are cognized with a capital of \$1,000,000 to be with a capital of \$1,000,000 to be expended in the establishment of ootton mills in the south. Their lar-test and finest mill will be Blaced here and it will be Huntsville's enth. The nine others established or in process of construction are:

"Huntsville Cotton Mills, Dallas Mills Nos. 1 and 2, West Huntsville Mill, Merrimack, Lowe, Poore, Rowe, Madison Spinning Mill.

When all the mills including the th are fully equipped, Huntsville i have more spindles than any er city in the south and will be ond only to one city in the ted States and that is Lowell,

This city has won much fame in odling the new cotton mills that te eastern capitalists who desire h investments first inquire if y can be accommodated with a e here before maturing their ns for organization.

veral more mill enterprises reking sites in and around ville and it is likely they can nat they are looking for with-

#### CONSTRUCTION OF NO. 2 MILL

his picture taken April 30, 1903, shows No. 2 Mill as the first floor. The small houses in the far left background were the only ones then ttage Row. The Methodist Church had only recently been compilet a little to the left lay the first ball diamond. In the distance can be which covered many acres in this area. In the right foreground o company store is viable. A few months later, this store was moved where it stands tody as part of the Park Ian.

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#### NEW INDUSTRIES

In this bustling textile town, the building of the second plant of the Mer-rimack company was forecast in "The Republican" on August 25, 1900, almost three years before it was actually be-

"It was authentically stated in No. 2. Sometime between the publishing of this article and the actual construction of the mill in 1960, Supt. A. W. Hunk-begin about September Sh. Pre-parations are now being made to carry this into execution on the date as above stated when Superin-tendent Hunking returns from Lowell, Massachusetts where he is now on business. The second mill weekly newspaper "The Mercury" car-ried the following announcement: "A MONSTER MILL "Will be bescond in The Mercinack Group "In Will Baye Scione Show Being Made an ergen was installed in No. 2. Sometime between the publishing of the article and the actual construction of the mill in 1960, Supt. A. W. Hunk-ing was succeeded by George T. Marsh. On Pebruary 23, 1800, a Huntrylle weekly newspaper "The Mercury" car-ried the following announcement: "A MONSTER MILL "Will Baye Scione John The Merrinack Group "In Will Have 65,000 Spindles-Ground Plans Now Being Made "The ground plans are now being

Plans for this mill were changed con siderably during the two years follow ing that newsyapper story. When it wa finally built the second mill was fa larger than the first one and, althoug the same smokertack was used by both a new engine was installed in No. 3 Sometime between the publishing or this article and the actual construction of the will in 1005 Somet & W Hurk

#### Names:

Building Mill #2

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Hunking, A. W., Superintendent Marsh, George T. Pratt,

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Names: Third Floor Work

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

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#### Names:

Corliss Engine

**Places:** 

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

#### McNatt, George

Mill Scenes

Stephens, A. P,

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**Places:** 

Names:

Huntsville, AL

Allison, Alvie

Cook, Squirrely

Estes, Geneva

Estes, Gracie

Hood, Dollie

Baker, Ella

Estes, Bill

**Types:** 

## McClure, Pearly

Smith, Sabra

Smith, William A. Vaughn, Vaughn, Beard Watson, L. C. Winkles, Ernest, Mrs. Winkles, Marvin

booklet

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#### Names:

Bradley, Joseph J. Garner, John

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

History of Operations 1905-1945

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View of #2 and Mill grounds

#### Places:

Names:

Huntsville, AL

#### Types:

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The period of depression years fol-lowed soon after and continued for a number of years. The latter part of the depression was characterized locally by much labor unterst and at least half a dozen short periods of work stoppage c

#### HENRY J. McKELVIE, AGENT, 1937

Jr., was succeeden of remain the second seco

Tailassee When operations were resumed in overseer. 1939, machinery and properties were in need of repair and a general program of improvement was begun. This in-cluded the installation of steel sach in the mill windows to take the place of the cold modes much the steel of the old wooden sash and r.umerous painting projects.

photo

succeeded by A. D. Elliott as agent of the mill.

Mr. Elliott came to Huntsville from Pacific Mills, Trion, Georgia, where he was Assistant General Superintendent. Prior to that, he was Superintendent of In August, 1937, Joseph J. Bradley, Reigel Textile Corporation's Trion, Jr., was succeeded by Henry J. Mc- Georgia, plant.

Tallassee Plant as secondhand and

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Names:

Bradley, Joe Bradley, Joe, Jr.

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Elliott, A. D. McKelvie, Henry J.

#### No. 1 Mill Extension



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Ward, Jock

#### Names:

Allen, J. A. Archer, George Chaney, Christian,

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Growth of the Community King, Robbie McClure,

photo

Owens, Harry Pedigo, Bob Sneed, Sam Street Car Line end Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries A, Box 14, Folder 7Huntsville Manufacturing Newspaper, The Huntsville Parker, 1955 - Business, Tours and IndustryImage 31r04a14-07-000-0165ContentsIndexAbout



Street Scene, 1925

#### Names:

Clopton, J. B., Mrs.

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

#### Dates:

1925

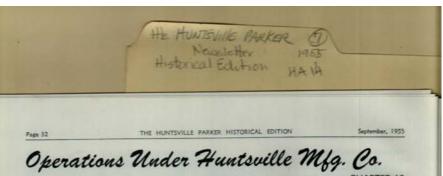
#### Jones, Howard

photo

Street Scene 1925

1925

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#### PLANT SALE RUMORED

For some time before 1948, it was amored that the Merrimack Company rumored that the Merrimack Company would either zell or liquidate their Huntsville, Alabama, plant. During the war, a great portion of its production had gone to supplying lexities for the armed forces. With the cessation of hostilities, the company was faced with problems of returning to passe-time production and the sale of their product on a bighly competitive market.

The machinery at Huntsville was old The machinery at Huntzville was old and in need of repairs. An immense amount of money would be required to bring the mill into a competitive posi-tion. In addition, the Merrimack Com-pany no longer needed the Huntzville mill as a source of gray goods for their blearhery. For some years previous, the entire production at the local plant had been sold to outside finishing plants, both in the south and east.

#### M. LOWENSTEIN & SONS, NEW OWNERS

Under the circumstances, the follow-ng announcement which appeared with a Pall River, Mass., dateline of Novem-ber 25, 1945, came as no surprise:

"HUNTSVILLE MILL SALE AN-NOUNCED: The Huntsville, Ala-plant of the Merrimack Mfg. Co., producers of print cioth, has been sold to M. Lowenstein & Company, of New York, it was annunced here today by Jacob Ziskind, president of the Compact Com, want of the Crescent Corp., age

"The equipment of the plant con-rise of approximately 110,000 spin-ing spindles and 2,500 Draper atomatic looms and has a normal roduction capacity of 50,000,000 ards of print cloth per year".

On December 8, 1945, "The Chatta-loga Times" carried a news release sted Huntzville, Alabama:

"MERRIMACK MILL WILL EM-PLOY 1,100.

"Huntsville Industry Planning Growth Under New Owners.

"The Merrimack Mills, great textile industry here recently pur-chased from the Merrimack Company of Lowell, Mass, by M. Low-enstein and Sons of New York, will be operated on a more intensive scale than formerly and a third shift will be added as soon as sufficient labor is available, a spokerman of the new purchasers bas announce.

inc new purchases ous amounce. "New operatives are being re-eruited and trained for the work and the number will be increased from 800-odd now employed to about 1,100.

"H. G. Kletcher will be comptrol-ler of the mills and A. D. Elliott, general agent for the Merrimack Company since last October, is ex-pected to remain in operational charge.

charge. "The Lowensteins will take over the property on Jan. 14 and a pro-gram of improvements is expected to be under way as soon as possible. Reconditioning of all machinery to increase the capacity of the plants will be undertaken immediately, all will be repainted and repaired and will be repainted and repaired and negotiations with the proper auth-orise started for the paving of the main streets of the village. main streets of the village.

"The cloth made in these mills will be sent to the Rock Hull, S. C. printing mill, largest in the world, for finishing and a steadier demand will be created for Merrimack pro-ducts".

#### MERRIMACK OPERATIONS END AFTER 45 YEARS

END AFTER 45 YEARS Jammary 13, 1946 was the last day of nearly forty-files years of operation in Huntrville by the Merrimack Mfg. Co. In the hearts of those employees who had been associated with Merrimack for many years, there was mingfed asdness at the breaking of old ties with hope and anticipation for what the future might hold under a strong new com-upor.

Dan January 14, 1948, company em-ployees passed through the gates under a huge banner bearing the words, "Wei-come To The Huntwille Manufacturing Co." Builetin boards in the plant were posted with scores of company and its complexes.

The "House of Lowenstein" — M. Lowenstein & Co., Ioc., of New York, purchaser of the Merrimack property-was begun in 1889, when Abraham Lin-coln Lowenstein and his son, Morris, in-voted 81,2000 in a runil piece goods store on Lispenard Street in New York City. Since that time, the timy store had expanded into one of the great textile firms of modern times.

The Lowensteins were among the first to see the new trend in the garment manufacturing business. In consequence, they resolved to sell their goods direct-by to the small cutting shops springing up all over New York. They also sold direct to chain and department stores, which was another departure. By doing this, they filled important needs, firm-by rooting their business in what was to become one of America's greatest in-dustries.

In 1918, the business was incorporated as M. Lowenstein & Sons with Morris Lowenstein as president. He died the same year, and his son, A. L., became president and Leon was named treasurer.

It was under A. L. and Leon that the rirm's highly specialized divisional or-ganization for the handling of different fabrics was established. To this organi-zation has been credited much of the commont surface. company's st

In 1918, the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company was begun and be-came the nation's largest plant for bleaching dyeing, and finishing cotton grey goods, with an initial capacity of 50,000,000 yards annually. By 1944, this capacity had been increased to 380,000,-000 yards annually.

In order to supply this huge bleachery with cotion grey goods, the Lowenstein Company began in 1944 to purchase mills that manufactured this type cloth. At the time of Merrimack's purchase, they owned the Saratoga Victory Mills at Albertville and Guntersville, Alabams.

Later in 1946, the Lowenstein Com-pany purchased the Entwistle Mfg. Co. at Rockingham, N. C., which was changed to Aleo Mfg. Co., and Orr Mills

#### Names:

Elliott, A. D. Huntsville Mfg. Operations Kletcher, H. G.

#### **Places:**

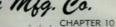
Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Lowenstein, A. L. Lowenstein, Abraham Lincoln Lowenstein, Leon

Lowenstein, Morris M. Lowenstein Co. Merrimac Mfg. Co. Ziskind, Jacob



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Names:

Air View of Mill 1954

**Places:** 

Huntsville, AL

#### Types:

booklet

**Dates:** 

1954

### Elliott, A. D.

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#### Names:

Strike Postpones Addition

**Places:** Huntsville, AL

Types:

booklet

Views of Mill 1955

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# Names:

Views of Mill 1955

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

# **Types:**

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Changes and improvements in the community were evident very soon after Lowenstein took over the Huntaville properties. The name of the village was changed from "Merrimark" to "Huntaville Park". On April 18, 1946, announcement was made of the renaming of streets, many of which had been previously designated only by letter symbols.

Pite Street (Trians Pike) became Park Boulevard, A Street became Alpine Avec; B. Street became Bradley Avec, in memory of Joseph J. Bradley, C. Street became Copion Avec, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coppion; D. Street became DuBoe Avec, in honor of Prof. E. F. DuBose, Z. Street became Emm Ell Avec, in honor of M. L. Lowenstein, and G. Street became Grole Avec, in homor of Drc. Carl A. Crote.

East-west streets were given name for the first time in the existence of changed to ivy Street (anov changed to ivy Street) and Willow Street (formerly Cottage) were the names given to the two streets running east from Park Boulevard. West of the Boulevard, reading from north to south east-west streets were named Eim Holly, Cedar, Broad - with two branches. North Broad Place and South

he Broad Place—Spruce, Oak and Linden er Pes Ridge Road was changed to Ridgelle crest Street.

The next improvement was the removal of the high wire fences which has unrounded all village lots for approximately twenty years. This change, alone greatly improved the appearative of the community.

Painting and repairing of all 279 houses in the village was the next project undertaken. The recention hall and gymnasium were redecorated, with new lights and additional sets added to the gym. The "teen-canteen" and various community sports programs were inaugurated.

In November, 1948, the Leon Lowentein War Memorial Park, located in the triangle west of the ball park, was declicated by appropriate ceremonias, with Brig. Gen. William E. Brougher as ipeaker. Two bronne plaques were unveiled. The north plaque lists 262 World War I veterans, the south plaque, 348 World War II veterans.

In October, 1949, after the completio of repairs to the village houses, th company began the sale of 269 of these to employees. Prices, based twenty per cent below an FHA antraisal, range In 1951, for the first time in its fiftypear history, the community saw the beginning of a street-paying program within its atra. This work was accomplianed under the planning of Roy Stene, Chairman of the County Comministomers. The county had graded and graveled the streets many times, but never before been able to pave them.

Since the sale of houses to individual owners and the paving of the streets, the community has taken on a "new look". Approximately half the houses have been repaired and remodeled, with the expression of the individual taste of the home owners bringing about a complete and refreshing change in appearance to the whole community. The subarb, with its tree-shaded streets and well-kept homes, is perhaps pretiler now than at any time in its half-centary of existence. The hundreds of television aerials on its roofs, attest to the prosperity that a textile industry has brought to at least one area of Huntaville.

The distant hum of the mill's machinery and the sight of its light at night are a source of continuing satisfaction and pride to the humdreds of people who have worked for it and profited from it over the fifty-five years of its existence in Humtvellie.

Names:

Bradley, Joseph J. Brougher, William E., Brig. General Clopton, J. B.

#### **Places:**

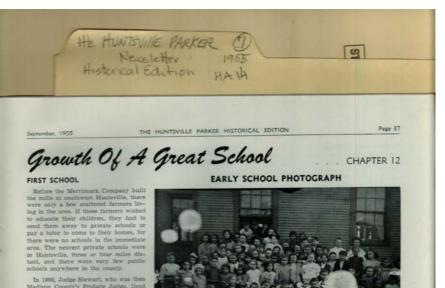
Huntsville, AL

### **Types:**

booklet

DuBose, E. F., Prof. Grote, Carl A., Doctor Huntsville Park Community Lowenstein, Leon Mill Home Remodeling Sale of houses to Employees

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# SCHOOLS HELD IN DWELLING HOUSES

In June of 1900, a Huntaville nev aper, "The Republican" states to liss Jessie House, a Presbyterian m onary, came to the Bryson Memor hapel, which the Presbyterians 1 acted abates are blocked leted Merrimack Mill. Misshed a kindergarten in the ither in the Chapel or elseun night also beg

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#### Names:

Bradshaw, Annie Crutcher, Mae

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

### **Types:**

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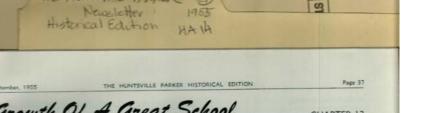
Dill, Emma House, Jessie

photo

Stewart, Judge

Students of Great School

This group of children were probably attending the seco blished in the community. The school was located in a dw road Place. Teachers were Miss Emma Dill and Miss Mae C



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#### Names:

Clopton, J. B., Mrs. DuBose, E. F., Principal

**Places:** 

Huntsville, AL

#### **Types:**

booklet

Fain, Cecil V., Principal Joe Bradley School Laughinghouse, Miss Students of Four Room School

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COMPANY GIVES SCHOOL TO COUNTY In 1801, the Huntvelle Mfg. Co. made a gift of the entire school property and facilities to the Madison County School System. Official signing by A. D. Ei-lott, for the Fluntvelle Mfg. Co., and P. R. Ivy, chairman of the County Board of Education, took place on November 30th (a Friday). The value of \$300,0000 was placed on the school manager of the County Board of Education, and mill officials.

under the pain. In reviewing this brief history of the community schools, particularly the Joe Bradley School, it is quite evident that the excellent and faithful work done by the teachers, the principal, and the students, over the years, has laid the ground work for the growth and im-provement of the community and the progress of its industry.

#### Names:

Building Joe Bradley School

#### **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

#### Types:

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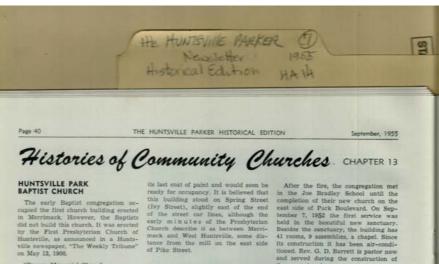
DuBose, E. F., Principal

photo

Fisk, Burke, Mrs. Keel, Edna

Moore, Durwood, Coach

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Bryson Memorial Chapel:

Rev. George L. Bitzer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, has seen an advocate of this movement which an offspring of the establish an offspring of sbyterian Church for the be resbyterian Church for the benefit of the people who will work at ferrimack after the mill at that face has been put in operation. At its this plan has come to a head, has for the Brynon Memorial hapel have been drawn and ac-opted and it is stated that work at the chapel will commence within an d services will be hid in it six months from now".

As noted by other announcem e work on the chapel continued ra and the June 2. 1900, issue of " publican" stated that a missio ould be established there.

Miss House Comes To Bryson demorial Chapel:

Memorial Chapel: Mrs. Cyrus McCormick, of Chi-ago, has informed the First Pres-ylerian Church that she will main-al home missionary at the hyson Memorial Chapel as being built by be congregation of the First Pres-ylerian Church of which Mrs. Mo-ormick is an arisent member. The hapel will be completed in the statist weeks. Miss House will be instonary and will arrive in Sep-metr. Six heat been in the field voral years and lately has been the Hine Ruige Mountain."

On August 11, 1900, announcement as made that the chapel was receiving

ryaon Memorial Chapel: -To be Established Out at the Merrimack Mill. About §1000.08 Raised by Sub-scription at The Presbyterian Church Last Sunday— lev. George L. Bitzer, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, has a na advocate of this movement establish an offcoring of the mission.

On May 31, 1903, at Congregational Meeting, the members of the First Pres-byterian Church decided to sell the first Bryson Memorial Chapel to the Ala-bums Baptist State Convention and to build a second Chapel in the village of West Huntwille-to be known as the Bryson Memorial Chapel.

On June 3, 1903, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the First Presby-terian Church a motion was passed that the original Chapel be sold to the Ala-bama Baptist State Convention and two members of the Board of Trustees were empowered to complete the sales trans-actions.

Of the early Baptist congregation which purchased this chapel, only one member is living today-Mr. W. A. Res-linger, who was the first Sunday School superintendent and served for many years thereafter. The first pastor was Bar Chinasea.

About 1910, the congregation repaired and enlarged the original chapel. The congregation grew steadily and made various other improvements to the church in subsequent years. In 1951, an educational building costing \$8,000.00 had just been completed when the edi-fice caucht fine and homean to the caught fire and burned to nd. the

hat in the Joe Bradley School until t completion of their new church on t east side of Park Boulevard. On Se tember 7, 1955 the first service w an held in the beautiful new sanctuar ri- Bendes the sanctuary, the building h 4 1 rooms, 9 assemblies, a chapel. Sin ide its construction it has been air-cond tioned, Rev. G. D. Barrett is pastor no and served during the construction ian the new church.

Other preachers have been: Rev. Odem, Rice, Wooly, Marrell, Greagory, Steelman, Eugene Steelman, A. C. Stavenoo, Henry Branom, S. S. Hacker, Ewell Sexton, Calvert, Roy Pincher, Ewell Sexton, Calvert, Roy Pincher, who served for

# ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH

The St. Paul Meth The St. Paul Methodist Church was organized in the fail of 12°1 by Dr. George E. Boyd, presiding Elder of the Huntsville District of the North Ala-bama Conference. At the Annual Con-ference held in Anniston, Alabama, November 27, 1901, under the direction of Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Rec. C. C. Godby was appointed as the first pastor to the charge.

Construction of a church building was begun soon after on the lot where it now stands, directly south of the mill. In 1948, the Huntsville Manufacturing Company deeded this lot to the church as a gift. During that same year, a com-plete remodeling program iransformed the appearance of the church and in-creased its size by the addition of a Sunday. School annex. In 1953, the building was renovated and additional improvements made to the appearance of the sanctuary.

The following were ci 100 Jourowing were charter members of the church: Mr. and Mrs. George T. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. James Ray, Miss Etta Youngblood, Samuel S. Pettas, Wil-liam J. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. 3.5-

#### Names:

Bailey, William J. Blitzer, George L., Rev. Boyd, George, E. Esslinger, W. A. Godby, C. C., Rev.

# **Places:**

Huntsville, AL

# **Types:**

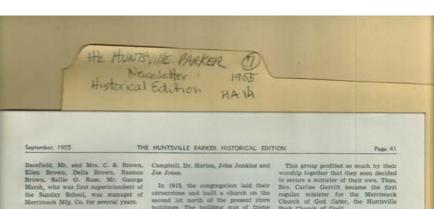
booklet

Hendrix, E. R., **Bishop** History of Community Churches House, Miss

Huntsville Park **Baptist** Marsh, George T. McCormick, Cyrus, Mrs. Pettus, Samuel S.

Ray, James Richardson, L. E. St. Paul Methodist Youngblood, Etta

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lors who served the charge from Pastors who served the charge from the beginning unli the present line arc. C. G. Godoy, 1902; R. T. Tyler, 1902-6; M. L. Heflin, 1906-7; Henry M. Hurri, 1907-8; Marrin McCain, 1908-6; S. E. Maples, 1909-10; B. F. Miller, 1910-12; C. P. Hamby, 1912-14; D. S. McGlawn, 1914-15; John C. Savaga, 1916 (disd); Guy F. Ponder, 1916;

Guy F. PODGE, 1916.
S. B. Smith, 1916-18; R. N. Moore, 1918-19; R. M. Bentler, 1918-21; R. E. Meign, 1921-22; R. G. Hannah, 1922-23; Elljah Upton, 1923-25; H. C. Brown, 1925; J. M. Globa, 1920-26; T. H. Wilson, 1925; J. Globa, 1920-26; T. H. Wilson, 1925-29; Elljah Upton, 1929-31; George E. Pharr, 1931-37;

C. G. Martin, 1937-39; C. W. Patton, 939-42; H. A. Screws, 1942-43; Mc-funght, 1943-45; L. G. Lankford, 1945-17; J. J. Webb, 1947-49; Marin Swilling, 949-51; Z. R. Carpenter, 1951-33; Hil-and C. Vance, 1953 to the present.

The families of George and Dave horneberry were charter members of the church and at the present time, riv-sichty rears later, siz are still here. I'rs. George Thorneberry, Elles Thorne-erry Archer, Florence Thorneberry reston, Mrs. Dave Thorneberry, Benie horneberry Pranklin, and Kittlie horneberry Coop.

ther early members of the church e: Frank Gattia, J. W. Wilkes, cher Martin, Charlie Russell, and nbers of their families; also the nily

After their organization in the tent, be Church of Christ met for some time t the school building, which was then dwelling house at 356-60 North Broad lace. Preachers who visited them dur-me, neriod were: Sam Hall, Eli

In 1913, the congregation laid their cornerstone mol built a church on the second lot narth of the present store buildings. The building was of frame construction with a very fail steeple. John Hayes preached the first sermon in the new building. Other preachers who held meetings there at various times are: W. C. Phillips, H. M. Phi-lips, R. N. Moody, R. E. L. Taylor, Willis Leason

From 1840 to the present time, local sreachers have been: Ed Reaves, Morris and, Goedon Slatom, Floyd Parker, R. H. Gilley, R. L. Andrews and Charles Maples, who is pastor at the present

In 1953, during the pastor In 1988, during ine patients on it. In Andrews, the compregations erected a handsome brick church at the north-east corner of Park Birds and Ivy Street. This edifice, erected on a lot given to the church by the Huntiville Mrg. Co., houses a besutiful sanctuary and many Sunday School rooms. Air-conditioning was installed in 1985.

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THORNESERRY FAMILY. An in-browning sidelight to the history of the format was held in a tent on Triana Pick, just below the present Church of God. W. J. Cullom present Church of God. W. J. Cullom present Church of the history of use of its charter families. More than the tent about sixty persons formed into the congregation which founded the present church. The families of George and Dave Thorneberry were charter members of thirty - seven grandchildren, seventy -seven great-grandchildren, and eight great - great - grandchildren. Many of these descendants live in the community and four of the great-grandchildren are now supervisors at Huntsville Mfg. Co.

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HUNTSVILLE PARK CHURCH OF GOD

About twenty-one y About twenty-one years ago, a group of devout people in the Merrimack com-munity acought to form a church of their own denomination near their homes. At first they had no building but met in Audrey Thornas' Grocery Store on Didencert Davd. As visiting minister. ed Bro. C. J. Wea

The congregation continued to meet a the store and in the upstairs of a uilding on Triana Creek until 1938. At hat time they felt that they were able bouild a sanctuary of their own and ppealed to the Merrimack Manufac-eneor. Concernent for a wareal too too appealed to the Merrimac turing Company for a va Triana Pike. The location lay just morth of Miss Ro store and there the member construction of a frame chu

Before this building was they were able to secure the of their lease to the corner lot and oved their church building to the where it stands today. In 1949, Huntsville Manufacturing Compa made the church a gift of this lot.

In 1936, Bro. N. L. Mason came serve the church as pastor. Under his guidance, work on the sanctuary continued. Various improvements were made and, in 1940, Sunday School rooms were added to the building.

Other mini ers called by the have been: O. D. Varner, N. L. Jones, Allen Stinson and John O. Bradley. Bro. N. L. Jones, who is serving the church at the present time, has been pastor longer, perhaps, than any other preachhaving served at two different

Today, the church has good facili and its members are doing great work in the service of God. Those early mem-bers who met years ago in the store building can be grateful for having founded the congregation that worships

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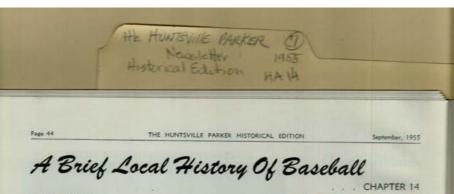
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# EARLY INTEREST

IN DATEBALL Over the period of the last half cen-tury, baseball has been, without doubt, the one sport most enjoyed by the great majority of people. Interest in the game was especially high in the early days of the century in the smaller communi-ties where few forms of entertainment were available.

From those early days to the present time, baseball in this community has received the enthuiastic support of the mill management, who over the years have provided ball parks, playing equip-ment and operating funds to whatever degree possible. As a result, the teams sponsored have been outstanding in the sport.

The first mention of a Merrimack ball feam was found in The Mercury" on April 22, 1903. "MERRIMACK BALL TEAM

"MERRIMACK BALL TEAM "The Merrimack baseball fans have an excellent team to play this season and are looking forward to some in-teresting games with East Huntville and other nines. The Merrimack team has purchased a first class outfit from Humphrey & Sons and will begin practice at once".

#### EARLY DIAMONDS

The first baseball diamond was a cleared plot of level ground slightly southeast of the Methodist Church. This spot was probably used until 1905 or

In 1908, the diamond was located slightly west of Brahan Spring on the north side of Spring Street (Ivy Street). No seats for spectators were provided at any of these early ball fields. Mem-bers of the 1908 team all worked in the Merrimack Mills. Games were played only on Saturday afternoons.

#### EARLY TEAMS

Members of the 1908 team were: Gordon Cobb, 1b: Clarence Baker, 2b; John Watley, ss; Charlie Drawhorn, 3b; Mack Taylor, rf; Claude Seagroves, cf; Mack Smith, if: Forest Cruse, p; Trice Baslinger, p: Henry Henderson, p; Glover Faulkenberry, c. The equipment they used, uniforms and all, was about the same as used by the 1906 team pletured in this history.

It wan't long after that until the ball diamond was moved agala—just across the road this time. Here it stared for a while and was then moved closer to the Spring on the same side of the road. Seats were provided for players at this diamond and since it was convenient to the end of the street car line, games were attended not only by community near hut he vicincer form Huntrefile and fans but by visitors from Huntsville and

One of the outstanding teams that played at this location was the 1917 team, who had a record of 38 wins, with only 7 losses. Members were: Grady team, who had a record of 38 wins, with only ? losses. Members were: Grady "Lena" Styles, c: Gordon Cobb, ib; Clarence Baker, 2b; Charlie Jophin, s; Bill Ohis, 3b; "Scotty" Carter, lf; Orville Sparkman, cf; Hosea Watson, rf; Lester Westbrooks, Sr, uniility; Merritt Wikle, p; "Bull" Sanford, p; and Rans Killings-cords a worth, p.

About 1926, the diam and was to the hill west of the Merrimack Vil-lage. Here, a grandstand with a top was built and excellent facilities were provided. Many of the players on the team that played at this park were recruited from colleges or were outstanding play-



f Merrimack's earliest teams. Their complete equipment is shown in this irre bats being all they owned. Uniforms were red shirts, caps, socks and ted parts. can be recognized from the photograph, the members shown

Ware as follows: Front row, left to right: Gordon Cobb, mgr.; young Cobb, mascot; Henry Hen-derson, pt J. J. Bradley, Jr., bat boy; Seal (Pete) Bowden; John Clark, c; unknown. Second row, left to right: E. E. (Eb) Parker, cf; Royden Gibson; unknown; J. J. Bradley, Sr. Third row, left to right: R. P. Weeden, 2b; unknown: Albert Parker; Erby Shattere; Oliver Taility; unknown.

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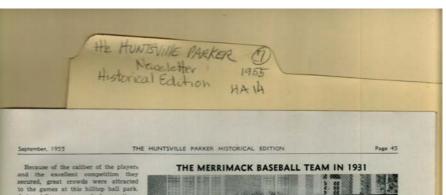
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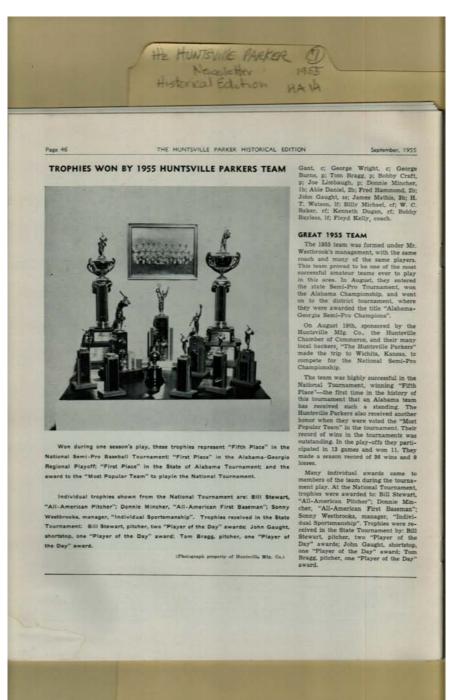
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