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June 22, 1955

Gentlemen:

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Date your firm was founded 1905

Founders name M. L. Weil and S. L. Weil

Subsequent owners M. L. Weil, S. L. Weil, Jr  
and M. L. Weil, Jr (These three are partners)

Locations your firm has done business at 101 S. Washington St. - 210-212 Jefferson

Do you have pictures available of the founders and present owners and any of the store locations? If so, please indicate which \_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely,

JAMES RECORD  
Pageant Committee

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Names:

Record, James

Weil, M. L.

Weil, S. L.

Weil, S. L., Jr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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FIRM NAME:  
J. D. HUMPHREY & SONS

OWNERS OF  
HUMPHREY'S TWICKENHAM PHARMACY

Huntsville's OLDEST-NEWEST-LARGEST DRUG STORE

June 22, 1955

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Date your firm was founded 1888

Founders name DR. J. D. HUMPHREY (M.D. - U. of VA.)

Subsequent owners HIS CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN

Locations your firm has done business at  
"ON WASHINGTON STREET SINCE 1888"

Do you have pictures available of the founders and present owners and any of the store locations?  
If so, please indicate which ALL EXCEPT ORIGINAL LOCATION (STORE)

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Names:

Humphrey, J. D., M.  
D.

J. D. Humphrey &  
Sons

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HARRISON BROS.

June 22, 1955

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Date your firm was founded 1879

Founders name J.B. + D.T. HARRISON

Subsequent owners R.S. + D.T. HARRISON.  
R.S. - D.F. + J.W. HARRISON  
D.F. + J.W. HARRISON

Locations your firm has done business at JEFFERSON STREET  
13 + 14 SOUTH SIDE SQUARE.

Do you have pictures available of the founders and present owners and any of the store locations? If so, please indicate which WE HAVE PICTURES BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND THEM.

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**Names:**

Harrison Brothers

Harrison, D. F.

Harrison, D. T.

Harrison, J. B.

Harrison, J. W.

Harrison, R. S.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

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Date your firm was founded 1879

Founders name C.H. + W.L. Halsey

Subsequent owners W.L. Halsey  
W.L. Halsey Gro Co, Inc

Locations your firm has done business at Various locations  
301-303 Jefferson St since 1904

Do you have pictures available of the founders - No  
and present owners and any of the store locations?  
If so, please indicate which No

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**Names:**

H. L. Halsey Grocery  
Co., Inc.

Halsey, C. H.  
Halsey, W. L.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

form

**Dates:**

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Date your firm was founded 1886

Founders name W. T. Hutchens

Subsequent owners \_\_\_\_\_  
The Hutchens Company, Inc.  
Vernon F. Hutchens, President

Locations your firm has done business at \_\_\_\_\_  
West Clinton Street (1886-1900)  
204 West Holmes Street (1900-1916)  
100 So. Jefferson Street (1916-1955)

Do you have pictures available of the founders  
yes  
and present owners and any of the store locations?  
If so, please indicate which Founder-Present President-Present

Location

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**Names:**

Hutchens, W. T.

THE Hutchens  
Company, Inc.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

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Date your firm was founded 1902.

Founders name A.L.Hipp

Subsequent owners \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Locations your firm has done business at \_\_\_\_\_

Bridgeport and Scottsboro, Ala.

Huntsville, Ala. 102 N Washington st.

Do you have pictures available of the founders and present owners and any of the store locations? If so, please indicate which \_\_\_\_\_

Yes    out also store.

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**Names:**

Hipp, A. L.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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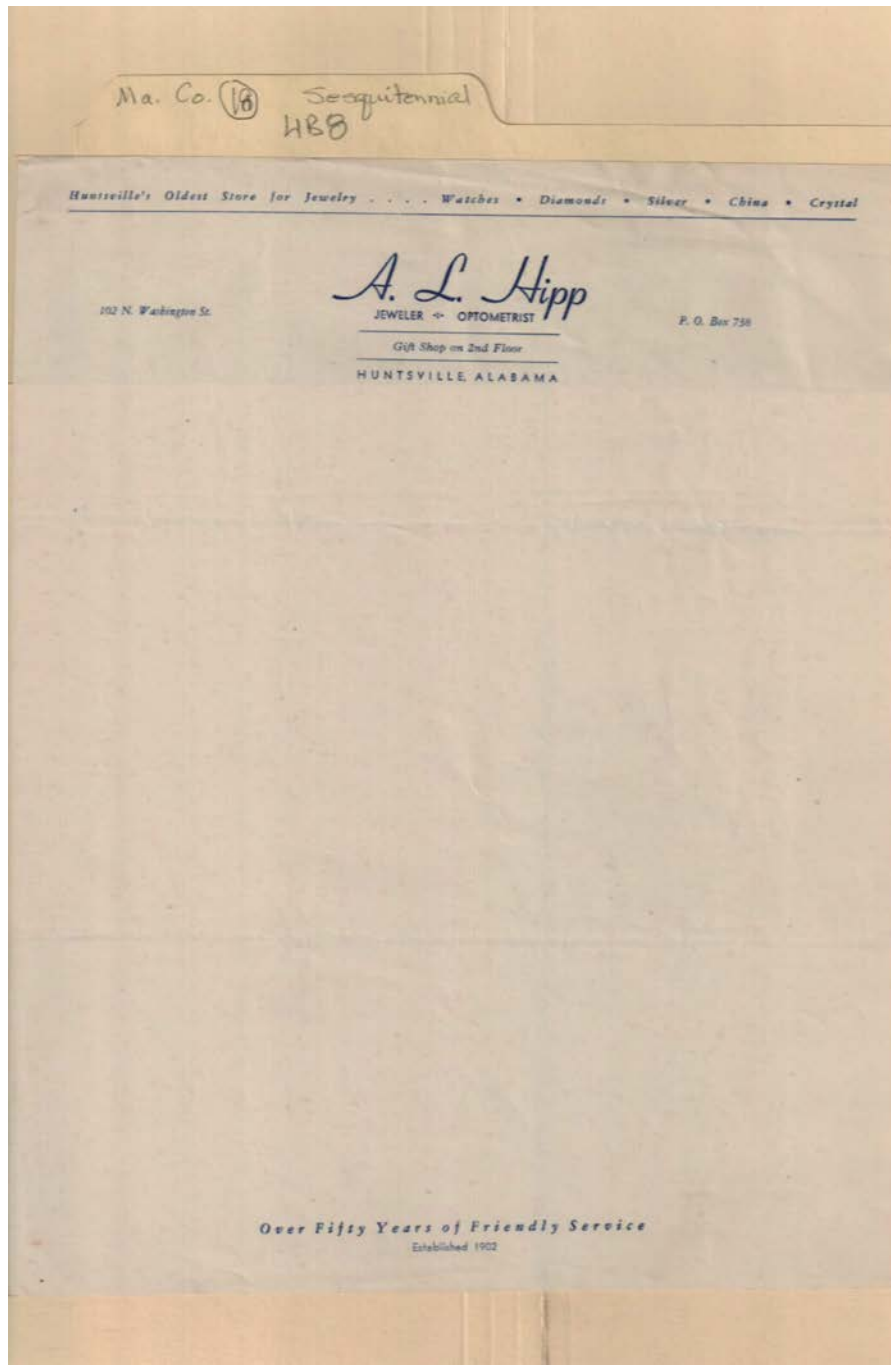
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**Names:**

A. L. Hipp

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

stationary

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Gentlemen:

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Date your firm was founded 1906

Founders name ISAAC SCHIFFMAN

Subsequent owners \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Locations your firm has done business at \_\_\_\_\_

13 EAST COURT SQUARE

Do you have pictures available of the founders YES  
and present owners and any of the store locations?  
If so, please indicate which \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Names:**

Schiffman, Isaac

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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James I gave Jack Langhorne bunch of old pictures and have some more that I would like to show you and talk about the store. June 22, 1955  
Oscar

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Date your firm was founded Feb 17-1908

Founders name James R Mason

Subsequent owners Now operated as Estate of James R Mason  
W. O. Mason, Manager.

Locations your firm has done business at  
Started East Holmes street --where McConnell Edwards Auto Parts Co now located--second location Where Post Office Bk cafe is now located Jefferson Street--next Where Johnson and Mahoney is--next Where Storchir is located in our own Building since 1931. 114 E Clinton

Do you have pictures available of the founders  
yes  
and present owners and any of the store locations?  
If so, please indicate which both

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Mason Furniture Company

Names:

Mason, James H.

Mason, James R.

Mason, W. O.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Gentlemen:

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Date your firm was founded 1907

Founders name W. P. Dilworth Sr.

Subsequent owners none

Locations your firm has done business at 404 N Church St

Do you have pictures available of the founders (no) and present owners and any of the store locations? If so, please indicate which none.

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**Names:**

Dilworth, W. P., Sr.

**Places:**

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**Types:**

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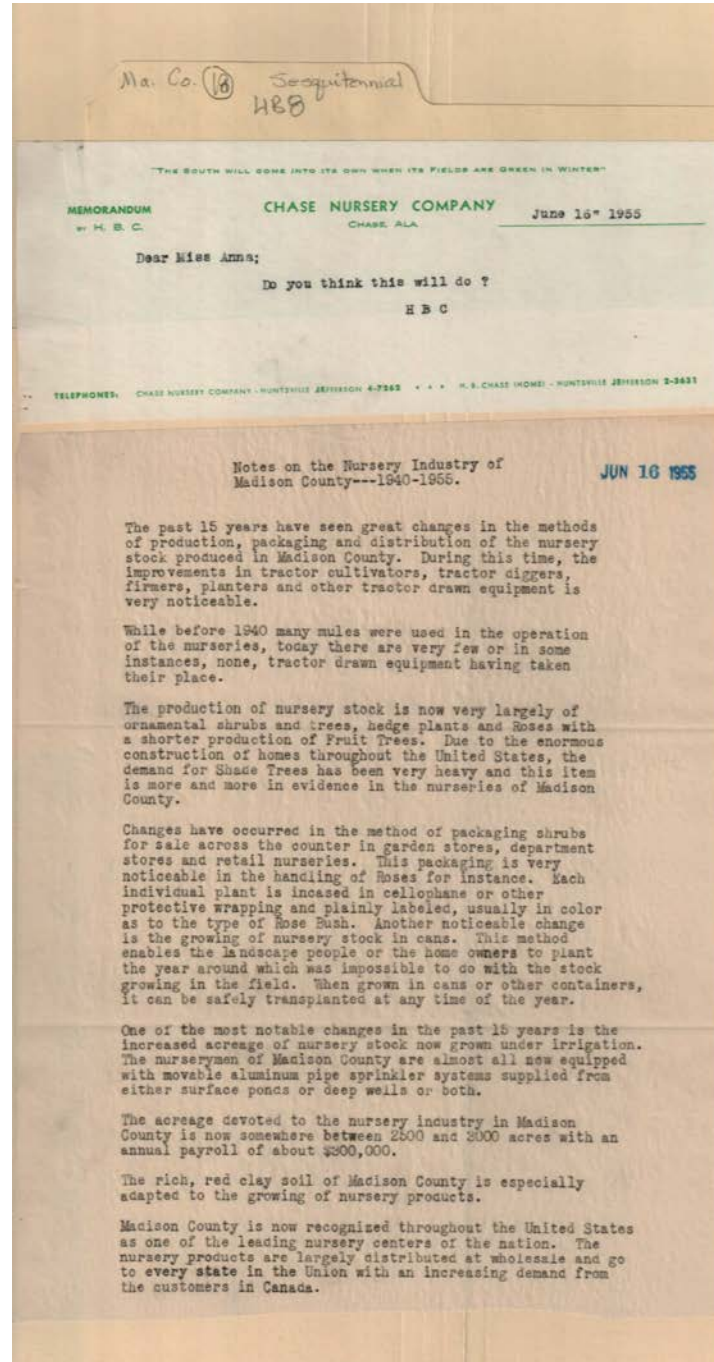
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Nursery Industry

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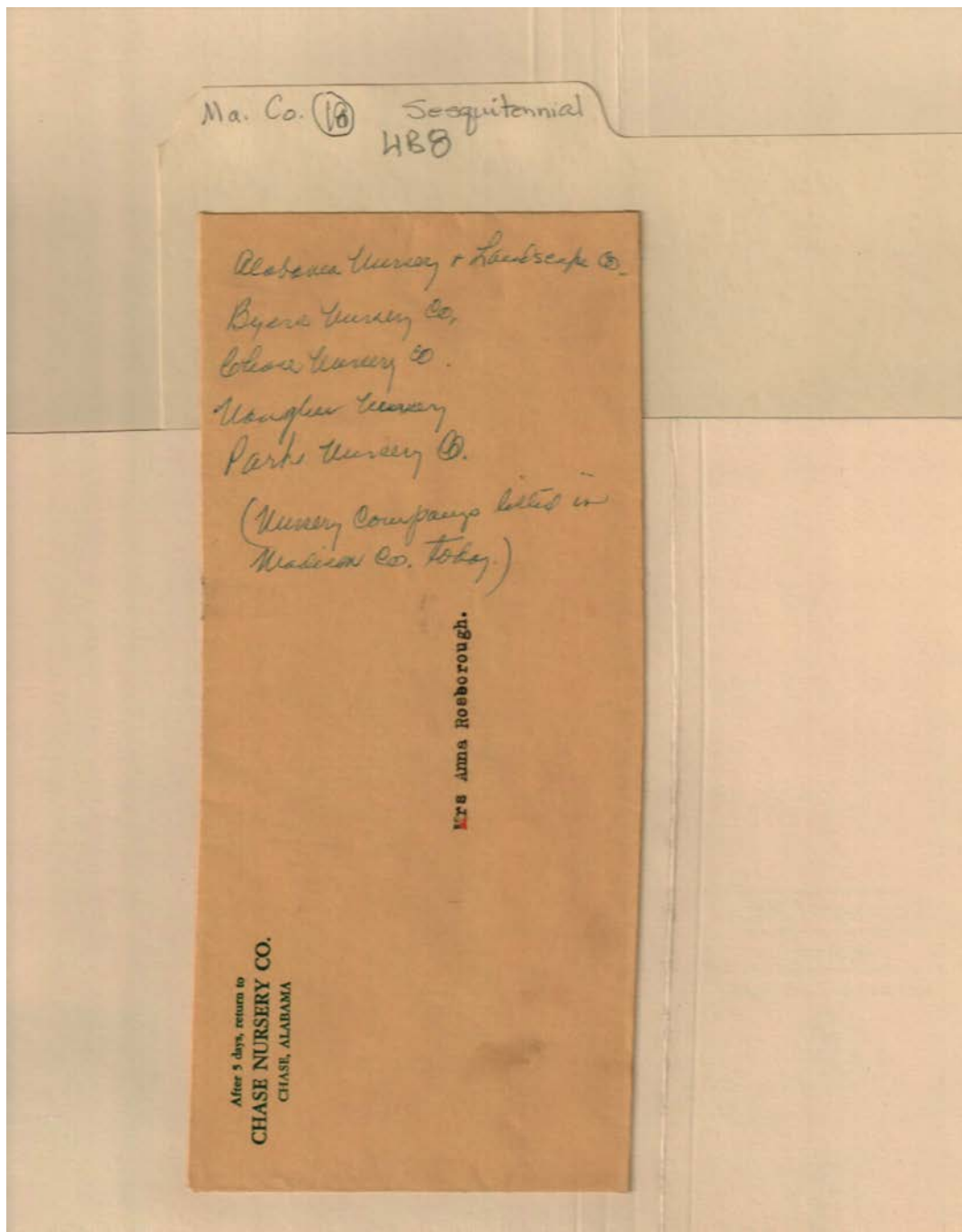
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**Names:**

Nursery Companies

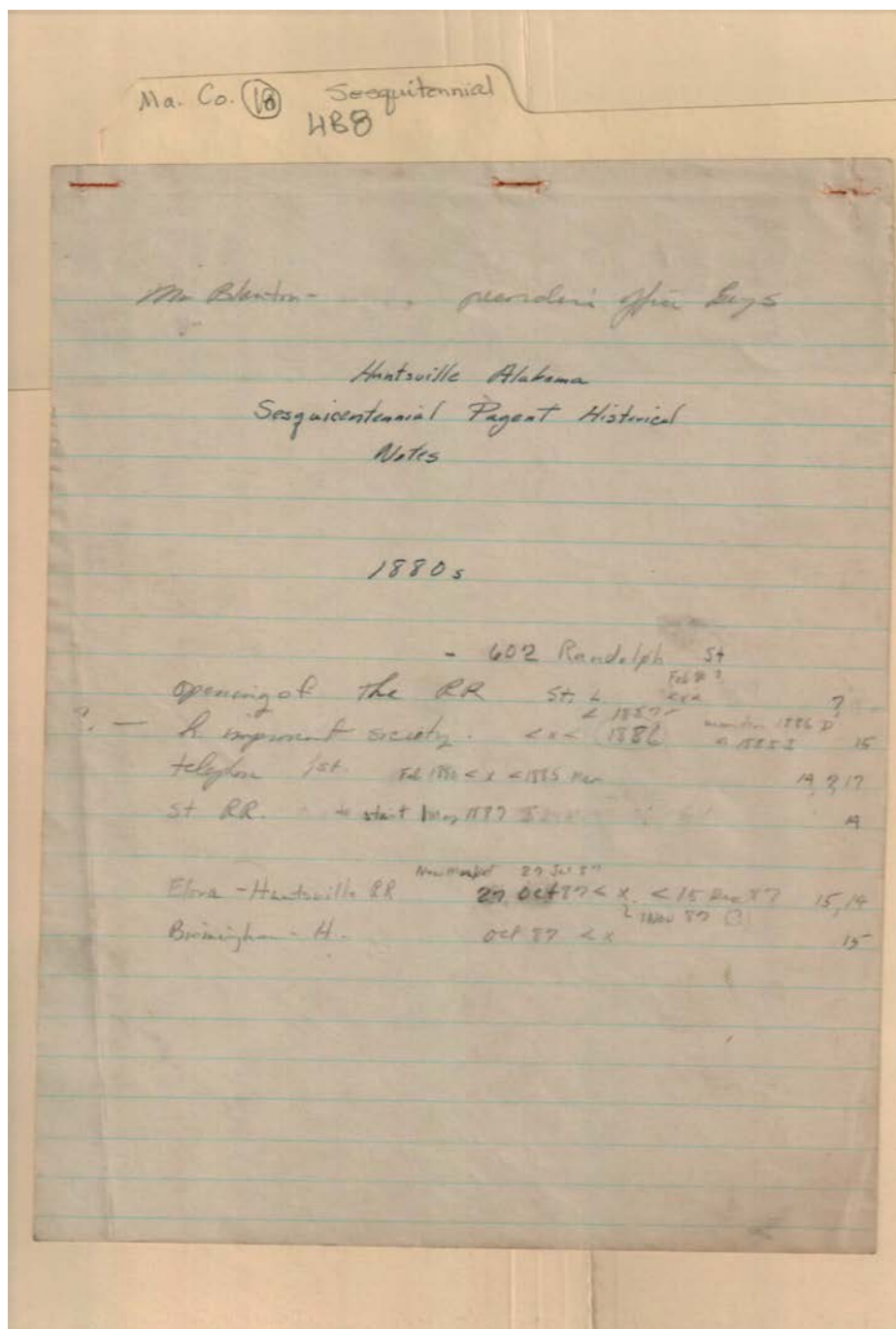
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Research Methodology & Sources

Of the four bound Huntsville Newspapers for the 1880's The H. Advocate, H Weekly Democrat, H Weekly Independent & H Gazette (colored) the Independent seems to carry more news on events of interest to the Sesquicentennial. The Gazette in Vol 1 #2+ refers to another colored Huntsville paper - This is not available in the courthouse - All are weeklies.

In the Carnegie Library there are three Scrap books Dewey 976.1 accession # 21241 <sup>containing</sup> listing undated and un referenced clippings from local newspapers on this period.

The book The James Boy Robt Smith by Stanley Horle describes the Frank James trial of 1884 the acquittal and the previous robbery of 1881. Newspaper accounts are referenced and additional material although unnecessary is available. The

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county court records seem to be  
missing for this time. 12  
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The library also is  
supposed to contain a thesis "H. in  
the gay 90's" by Mrs Elizabeth  
Chapman.

Mrs Ramsey Scott  
who teaches at the 5th Ave School  
is said to have a diary and to  
be working writing a thesis on  
the period.

Mr. H. E. Monrow or 417 M<sup>th</sup> Clary  
D.C. Monrow <sup>is said to</sup> have the register JE-2-3363  
of the Huntsville Hotel for this  
period. He is said to be  
contactable through the Monrow  
Printing Company.

Mrs Emma Dickson &  
<sup>Alice N.</sup> Mrs McCraving <sup>700 E. H. 25394</sup> are said  
to have diaries of the period.

Mr William Dickson said  
<sup>to be</sup> on Adams St has ~~see~~ is said to  
have several short essays on the period. 2  
over

**Names:**

Dickson, Emma, Mrs.

Dickson, William

McCravey, Alice N.,

Mrs.

Monrow, D. C..

Monrow, H. E.

Scott, Ramsey, Mrs.

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try  
Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Irving is said to have  
407 E. Holmes information on mills in the area  
JE 6-3786 at that period. 3  
13

or  
Joe Brown - 708 Mr. Will Newman is  
Ward Ave said to have information on  
JE 2-5466 the Huntsville Improvement  
Company - from the period.

There is said to exist a  
comparatively recent pamphlet  
"Huntsville the Queen City of the  
South" presumably procurable  
through the library or the Chamber  
of Commerce.

probably  
Mrs. Anna Rosenberry is said  
517 Adams Ave to have information on various  
JE 2-3482 hotels especially Mate Sans  
Hotel.

Mrs. Alice McCravy (cf. above)  
is said to have a Sage Book on Mate  
Sans she lives in E. Adams St.  
700 E. Holmes  
JE-2-5396

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**Names:**

Irving, Mr.

McCravy, Alice,  
Mrs.

Newman, Will  
Rosenberry, Mrs.

**Places:**

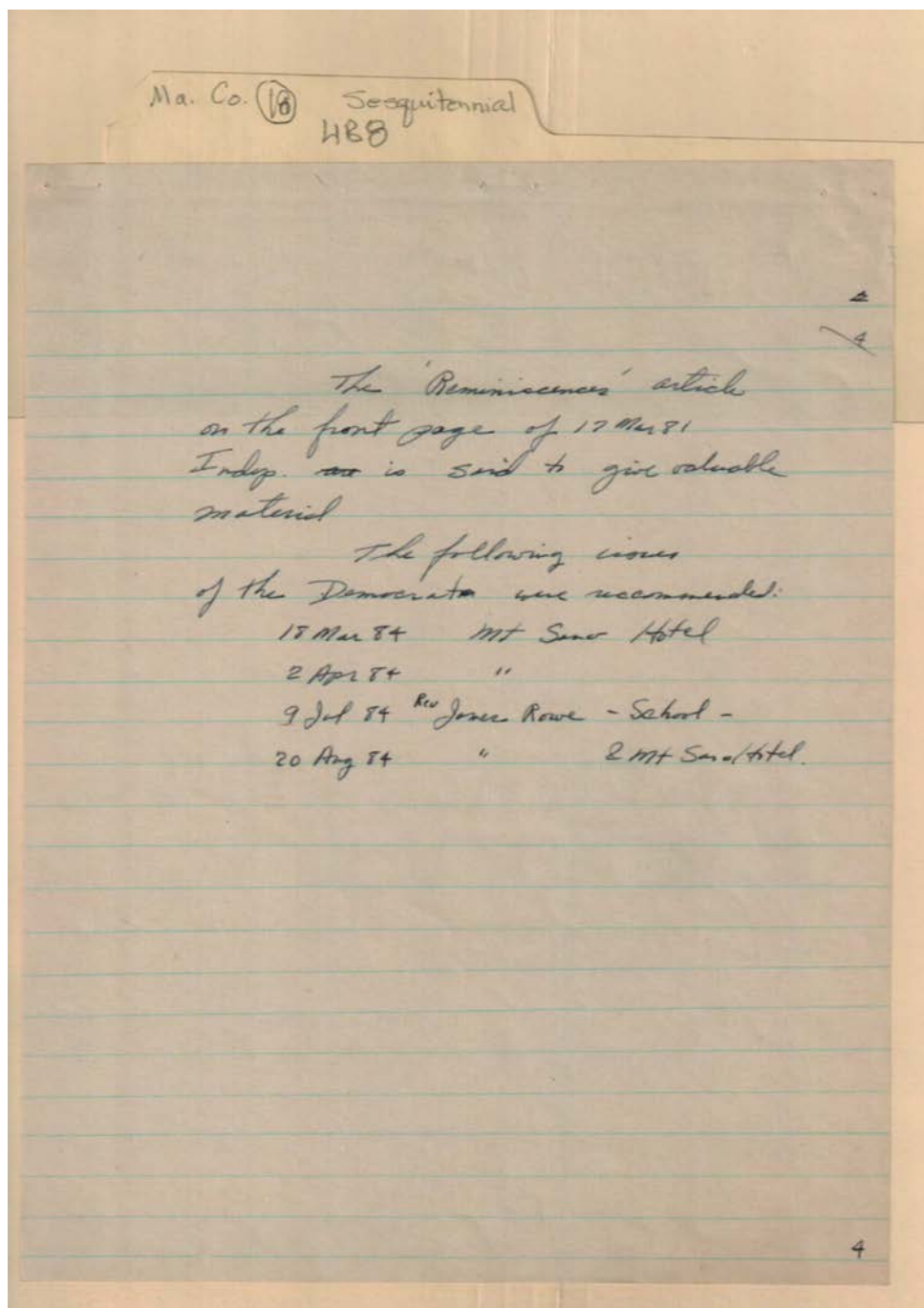
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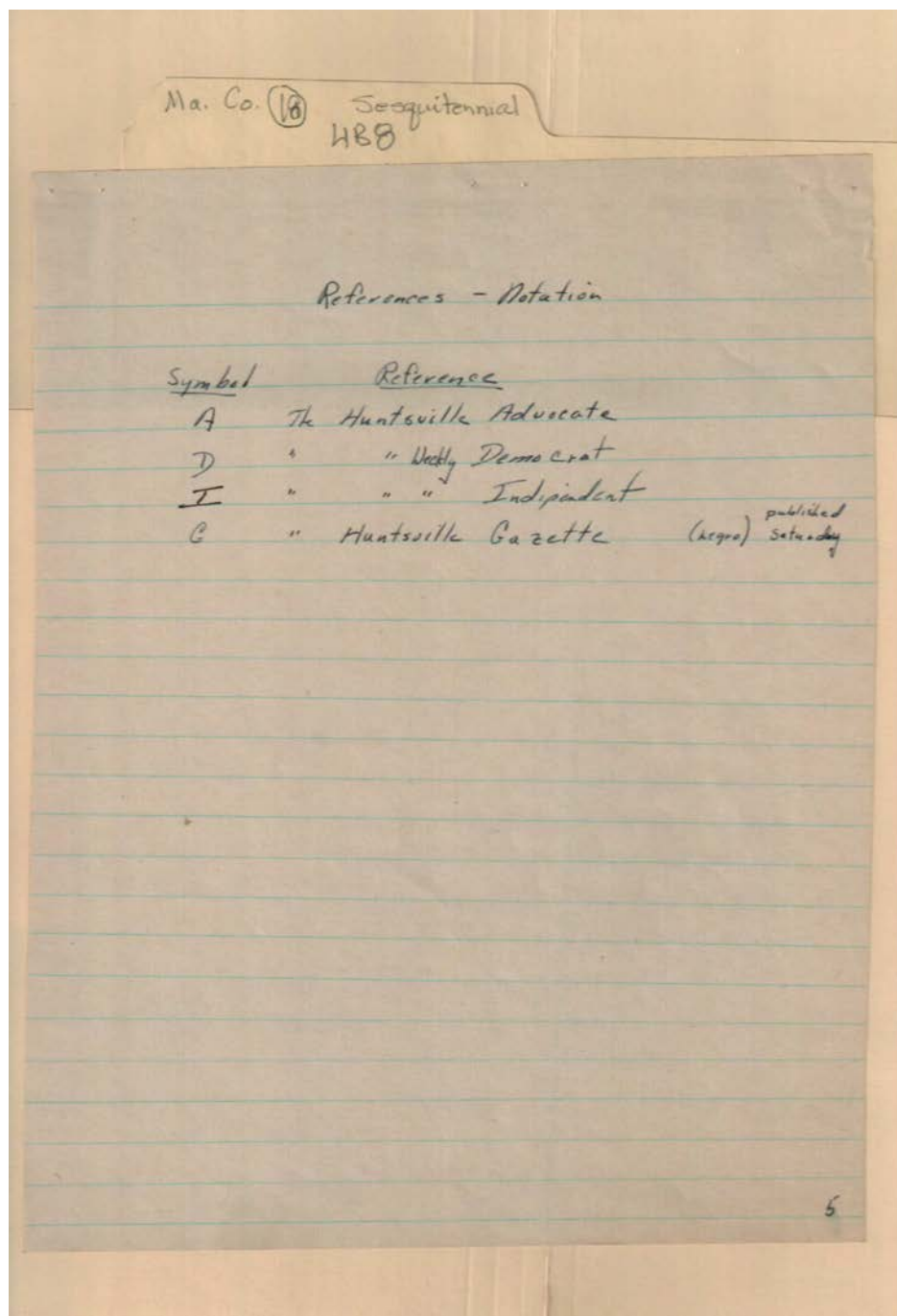
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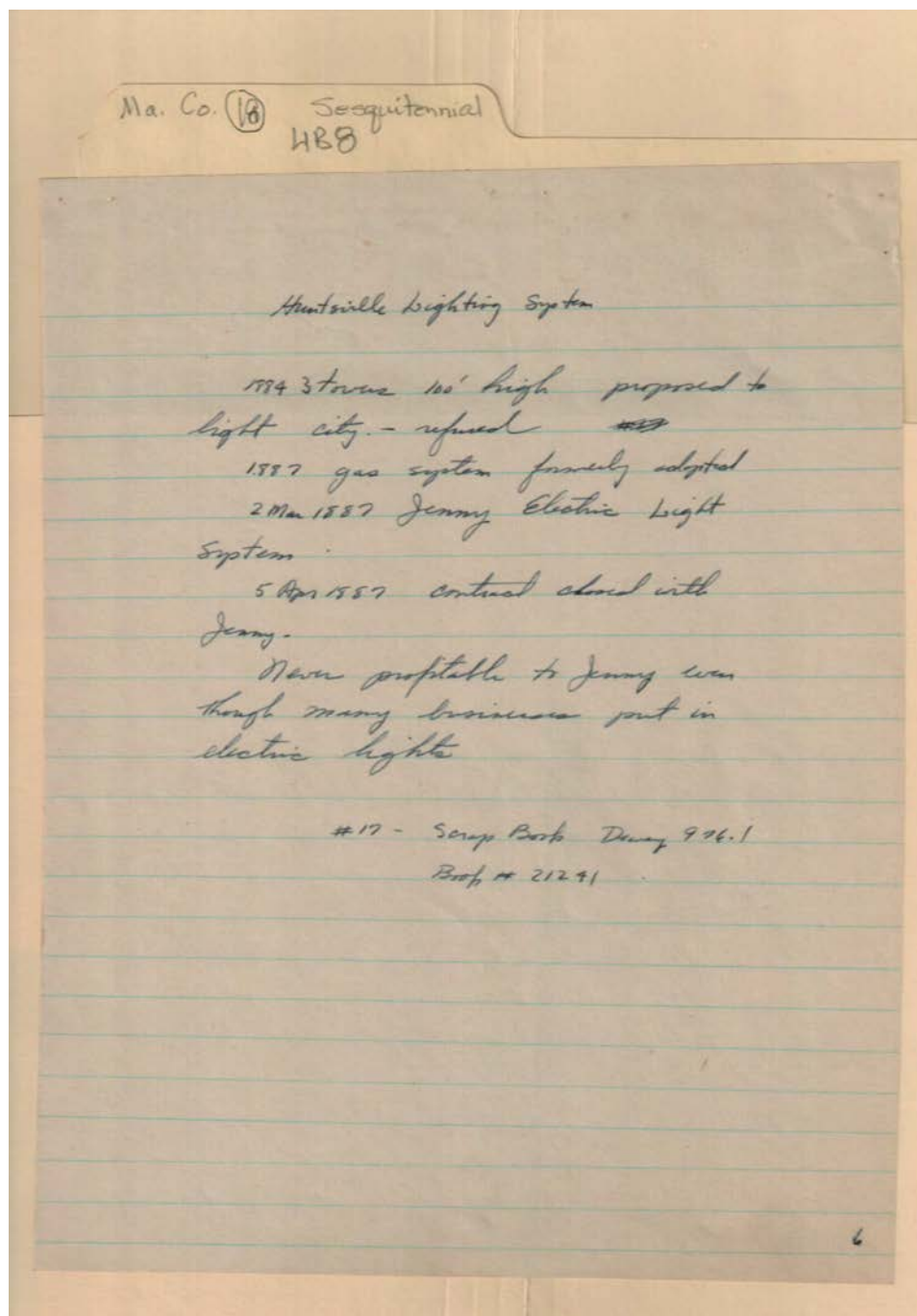
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Huntsville Lighting  
System

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

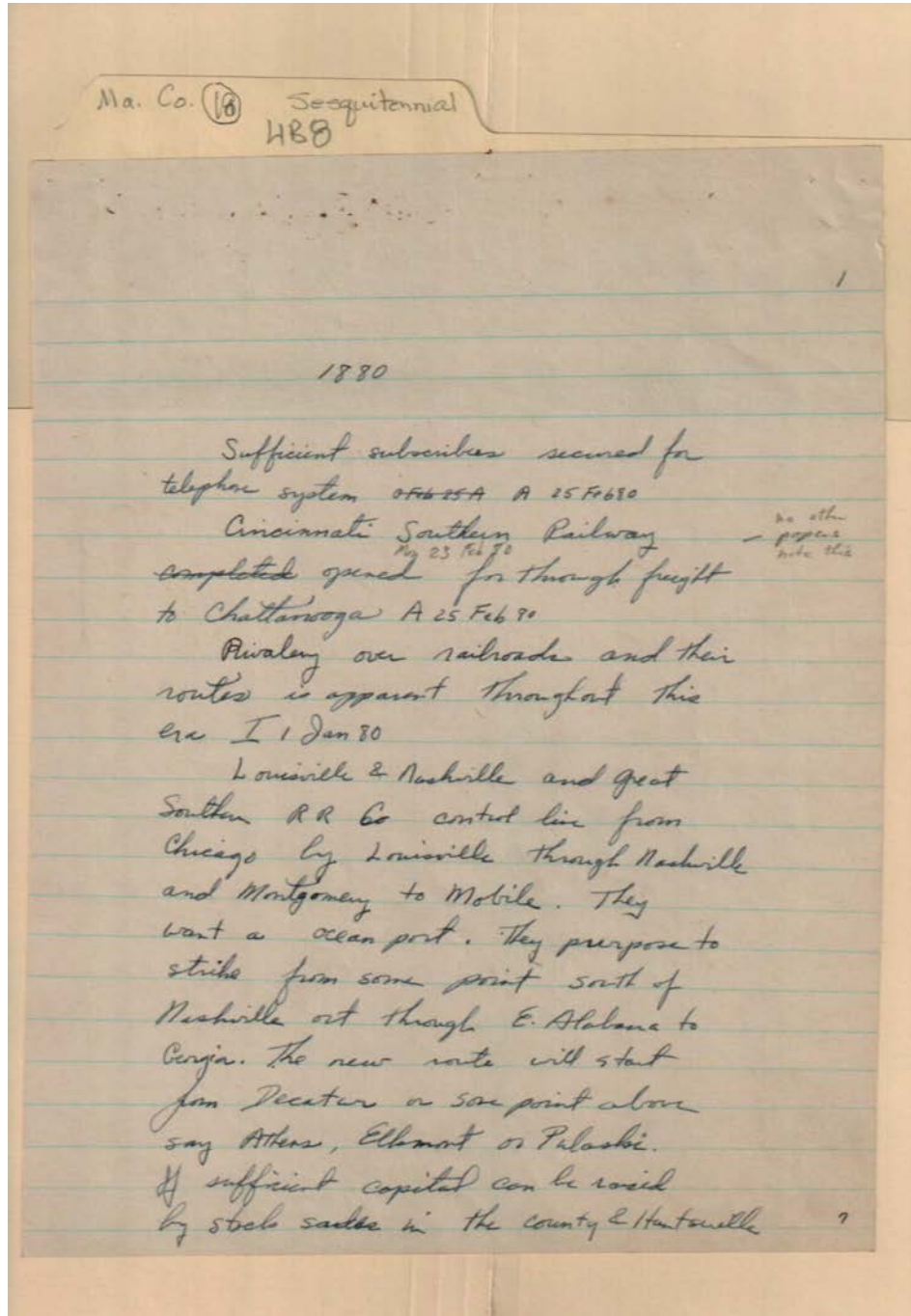
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**Names:**

Railroads 1880

**Places:**

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I 15 Jan 80  
Two chances remain - Louisville  
and Nashville and Great Southern  
RR Co and Nashville & Chattanooga  
RR Co. - I 15 Jan 80  
Attempts to improve Tennessee  
River Navigation I 15 Jan 80  
Sale of shares of stock  
in Nashville, Chattanooga & St Louis  
RR to Louisville & Nashville &  
Great Southern Railroad I 22 Jan 80  
The above sale removed the  
need of the Louisville & Nashville & Great  
Southern RR to run a line through  
this area to an ocean port - possibly  
through Huntsville I 29 Jan 80  
Nashville & Huntsville<sup>RR</sup> line proposed  
I 5 Feb 80  
Mill 12 Grain Elevator ~~next~~ to be  
erected I 5 Feb 80 (James<sup>m</sup> Moss)  
\$10,000 passed House for Muscle  
Shoals - I 5 Feb 80  
Nashville Fayetteville & Huntsville RR I 12 Feb 80 ?

**Names:**

Railroads 1880

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

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155 Huntsville Gazette started 22 Nov 1879 3  
G 22 Nov 1879  
"Bat & Ball" game - Methodist  
expansion to Chattanooga - Huntsville  
vs Chattanooga 13 to 10 Huntsville G 26 Jan 80  
Experiments with new lamp by  
city officials G 17 Jul 80  
250  
2000 Suggestion to dam big springs  
E 11 Mar 1880. being studied by  
competent engineer on order of  
city Board of Mayor & Aldermen  
357 E 11 Mar 1880  
Coal Oil boring company  
organized I 18 Mar 1880  
The middle span - 180 feet  
of the bridge at the three  
Forks of Flint were carried away  
by the flood. (most important  
bridge in county) I 8 Apr 80  
Muscle Shoals Canal-around  
rapids work started - I 24 Jan 80  
Huntsville population 5,310  
Florence 1345, Decatur 1071, Athens 1000,  
Madison County 32-35,000  
Scottdale 657. I - 1 Jul 80 9

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Bat 2 Ball Game  
1879

**Places:**

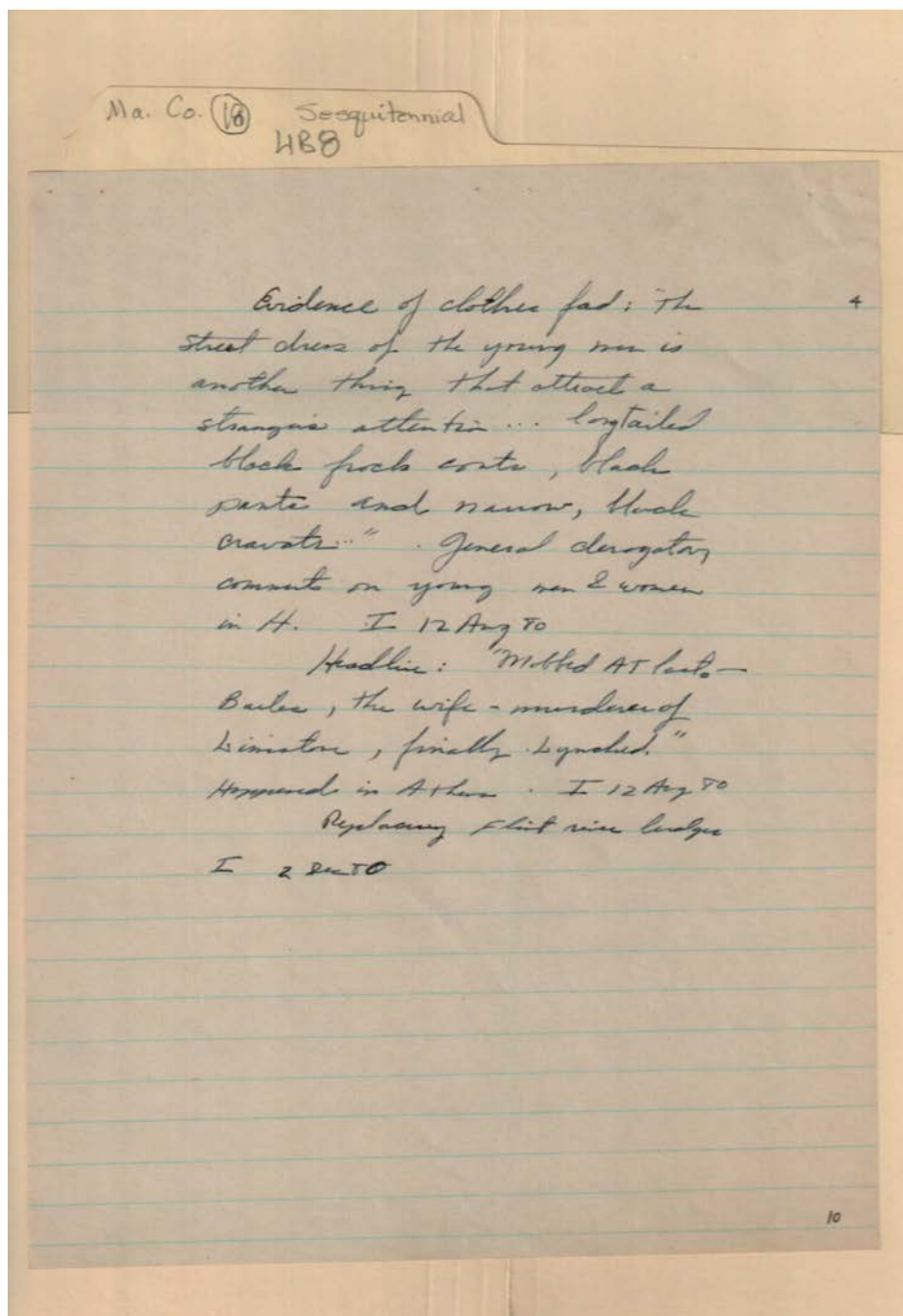
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**Names:**

Clothes Fad

Murderer Lynched

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1881

During this time, <sup>(1880s)</sup> a yearly  
fair was conducted by the "Huntsville  
Agricultural & Mechanical Association"

I 13 Jan 81  
\$2000 - fare to Memphis &  
Charleston RR - Cotton stored at  
Dept.

Flint River Bridge Complete 13 May  
pictures + sketches  
two - E 17 Feb 81 I 17 Feb 81, 10 Mar 12 May  
Michael  
Q'Shaughnessy purchased  
m2 CRR shares in Huntsville for  
a factory - Cotton Seed Oil  
I 17 Mar 81 24 Mar

Assessment tried to burn down  
commercial buildings in Huntsville  
I 5 May 81 -

Dog muzzling ordinance  
I 24 May 81

Cotton spinning factory  
construction being considered I 2 Jan 81 11

**Names:**

Huntsville 1881

Huntsville

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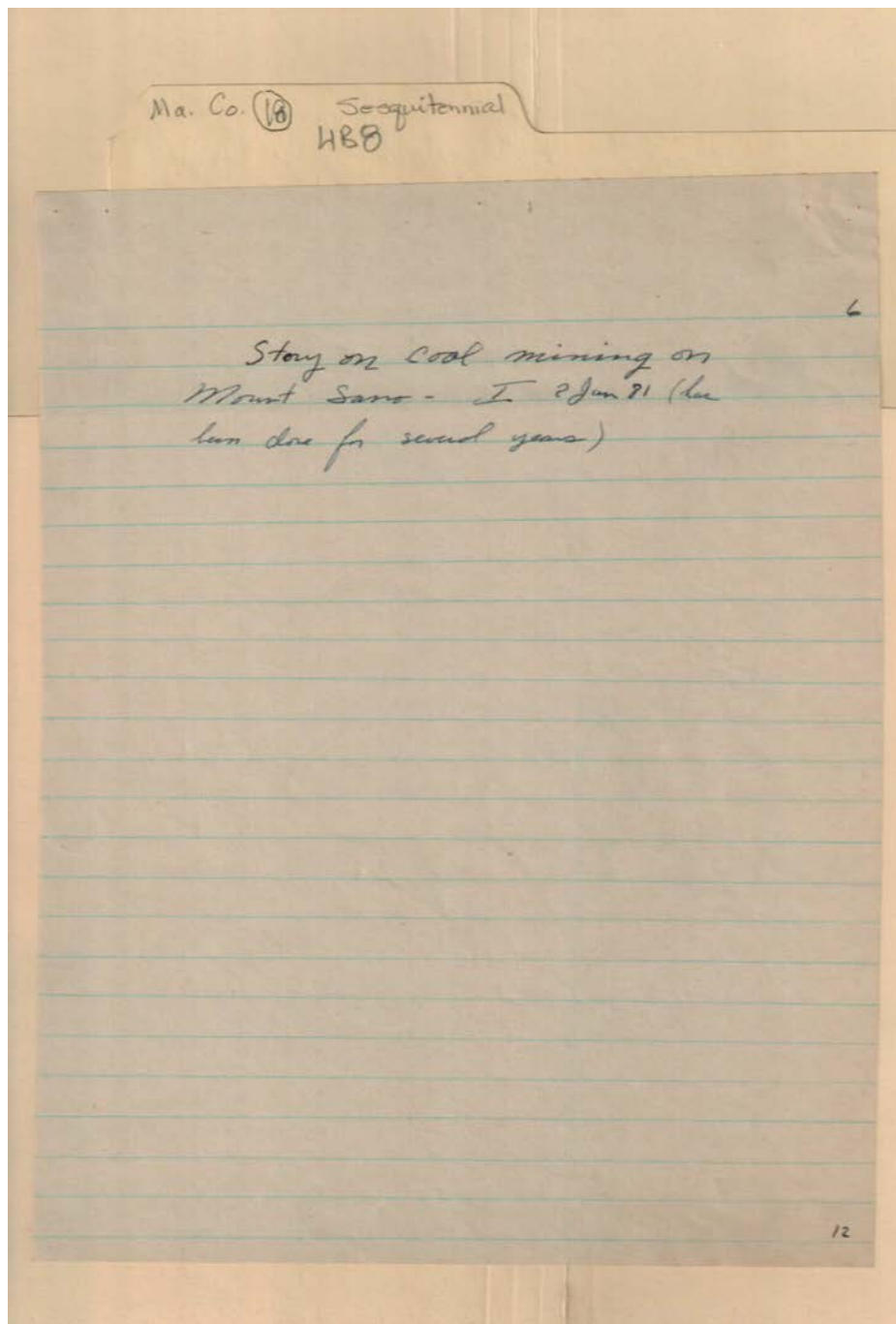
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**Names:**

Monte Sano Coal  
Mining

**Places:**

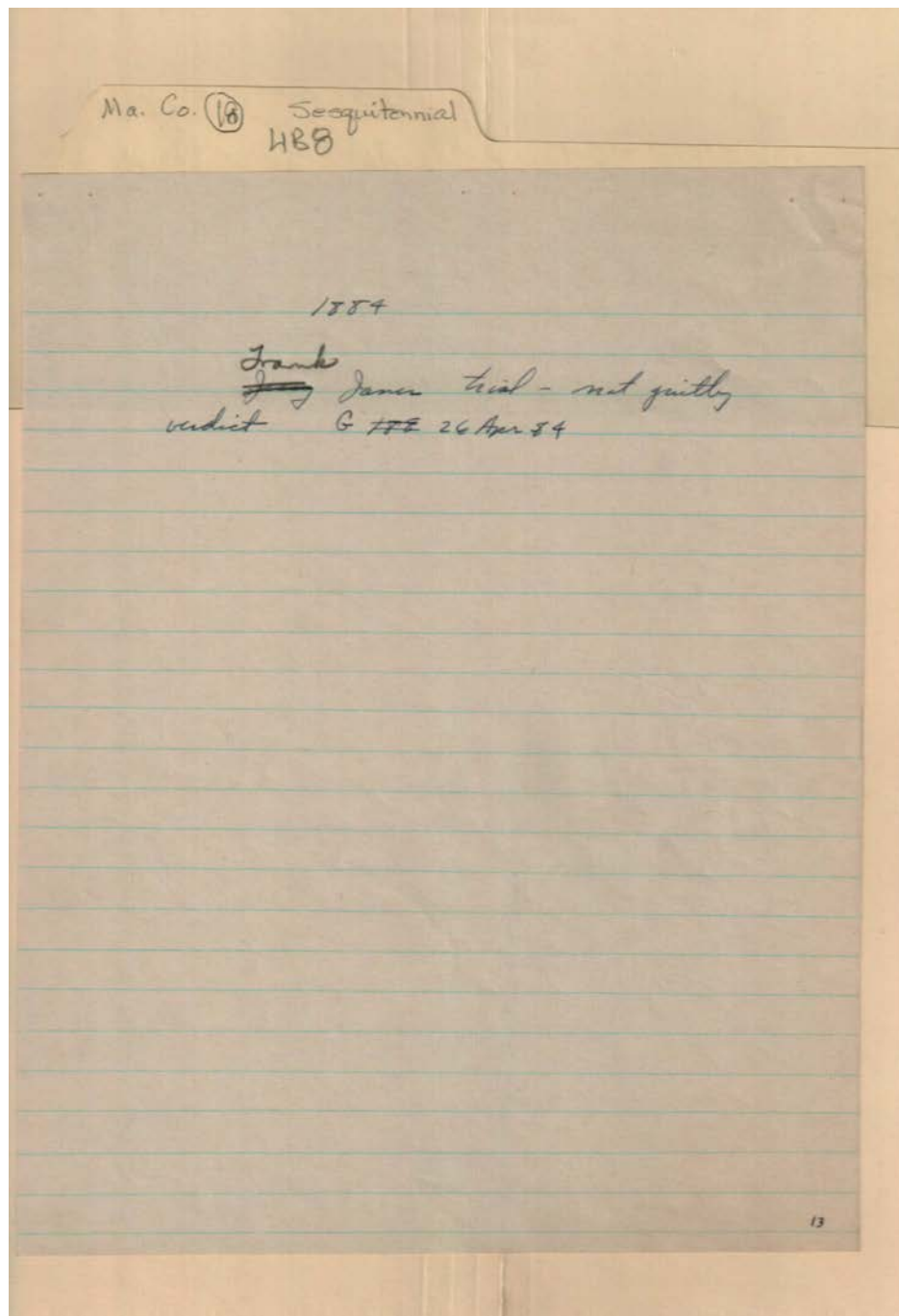
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**Names:**

James, Frank Trial  
1884

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1887

A horse drawn trolley existed  
according to a old engraving  
I 13 Jan 87

Contract let for Elma (Tenn)  
and Huntsville RR part of Nashville  
Chattanooga & St Louis RR to  
be completed, Oct 1887. I 3 Feb 87

Huntsville Post office bill  
(paid 2nd Jan 87)  
passed Congress for \$100,000 (this  
is the one at Euclid & Green Sts which was  
raised in 1955) I 10 Feb 87

Opera House priced at \$16,000  
I 24 Feb 87

Street Railway Construction started  
54 to 60, Crispfield 19 Mar 87 I 17 Mar 87  
I 3 Mar 87 (Depot to Cemetery) 24 Feb, 24 Mar p3

Building & Loan Association. I 17 Mar 87  
I 28 Apr 87 p2 I 5 May 87 Formed 5 May 1887

Selection of electric bob light  
by local Electric Lighting Co. I 17 Mar

Telephone line contract H. to  
Wholesale I 17 Mar

Mt Sina Hotel nearing completion I 17 Mar

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Research 1887

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

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1 Jun 87 Hotel Monte Sano opens -  
land - ball - \$20,000 furniture  
\$2,000 kitchen equipment. 15 cottages  
on grounds I 26 May, 17 Mar  
Huntsville Hotel under same management.  
Building started (Church  
of Christ) Christian Church I 31 Mar  
North Alabama Improvement Company I 4 Aug 87  
1st office I 21 Apr 1887 at I 14 Apr 87  
Eloa RR reaches New Market tonight  
I 4 Jul 87 celebrated 28th - 1st Car I 28 Jul 87  
Indyacht goes daily I 4 Aug 87  
Eloa-Huntsville RR opening I 25 Aug 87  
Huntsville Land Bldg & Manuf Area  
founded \$30,000 capital I 1 Sep 87  
Excursion Train E-H RR leaving  
M2C. reaches for last 4 miles - Sat 1st limited  
I 6 Oct 87 First Passenger train main line 46  
completed 1 Nov - E-H to Birmingham I 2 Oct 87  
First meeting of B Birmingham 2 Huntsville  
I 2 Oct 87 - in building  
E-H running I 15 Feb 87

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**Names:**

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Sesquicentennial

Research 1887

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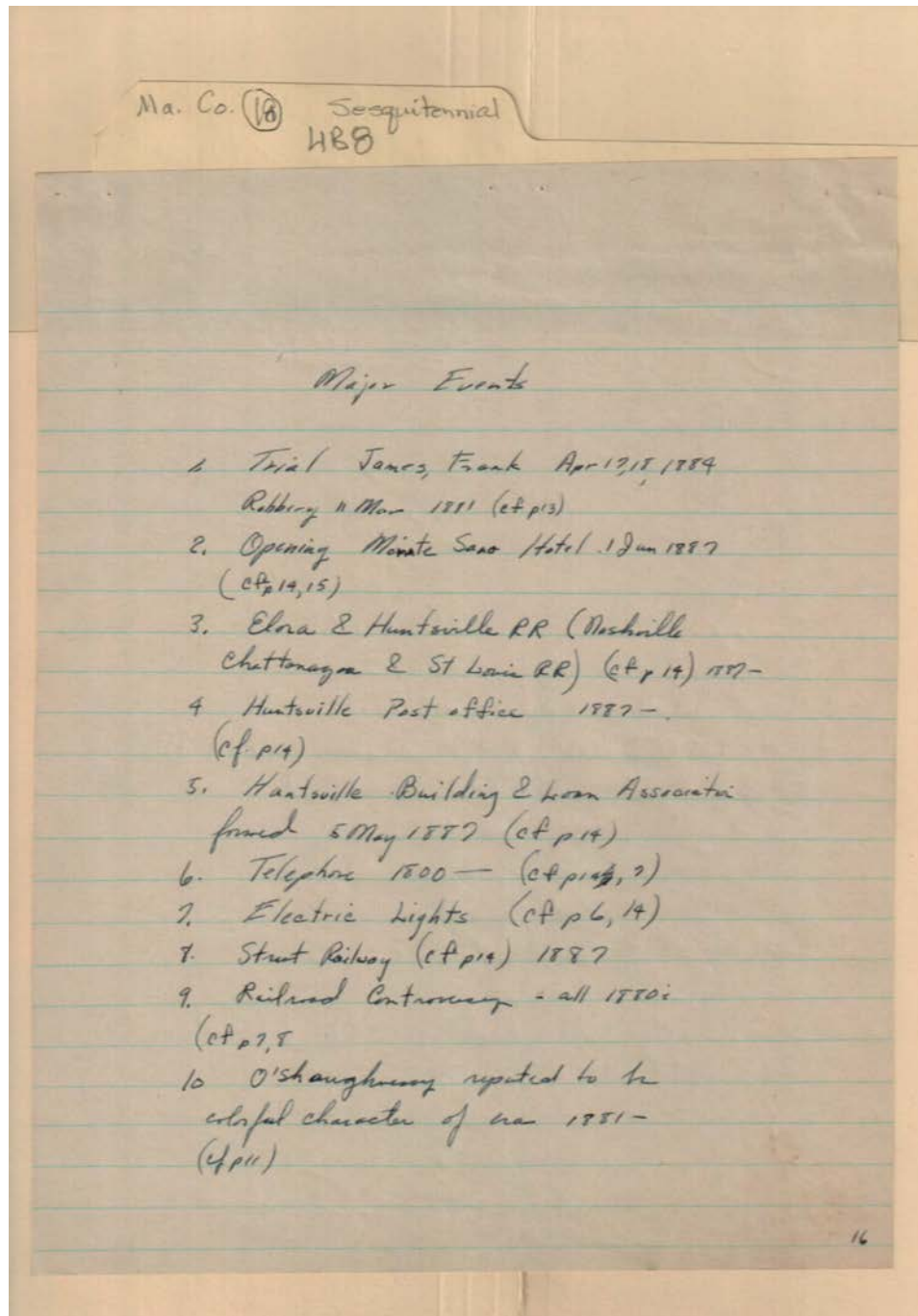
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**Names:**

Huntsville Major  
Events

Huntsville  
Sesquicentennial

Research  
James, Frank Trial

Monte Sano Hotel

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

notes

**Dates:**

1955

Ma. Co. (16) Sesquicentennial  
HBB

1885 - I

Huntsville Female Seminary sold 2 plans for  
full <sup>only I 14 Aug 85</sup> <sup>reopening, announced I 22, 9 Jan 85</sup>

Memphis & Chattanooga (MCC) & Nashville &  
Chattanooga (NCC) R.R. I 29 Jan 85

Franklin Sq. library exists <sup>we then</sup> 100 books 120 books I 3 Feb 85

Telephone exists #14 added - I 5 Mar 85

Daily program starts Huntsville Courier The 23 Jan 85

I 25 Jun 85 - Strike 29 Jul 1900 paper 29 I 30 Jul 85

YMCA Library issued I 1 Oct 85

Orchestra organization 26 Oct. I 29 Oct 85

1886 - D

found nothing new - mention of Improvement society -

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Huntsville  
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Research 1885

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