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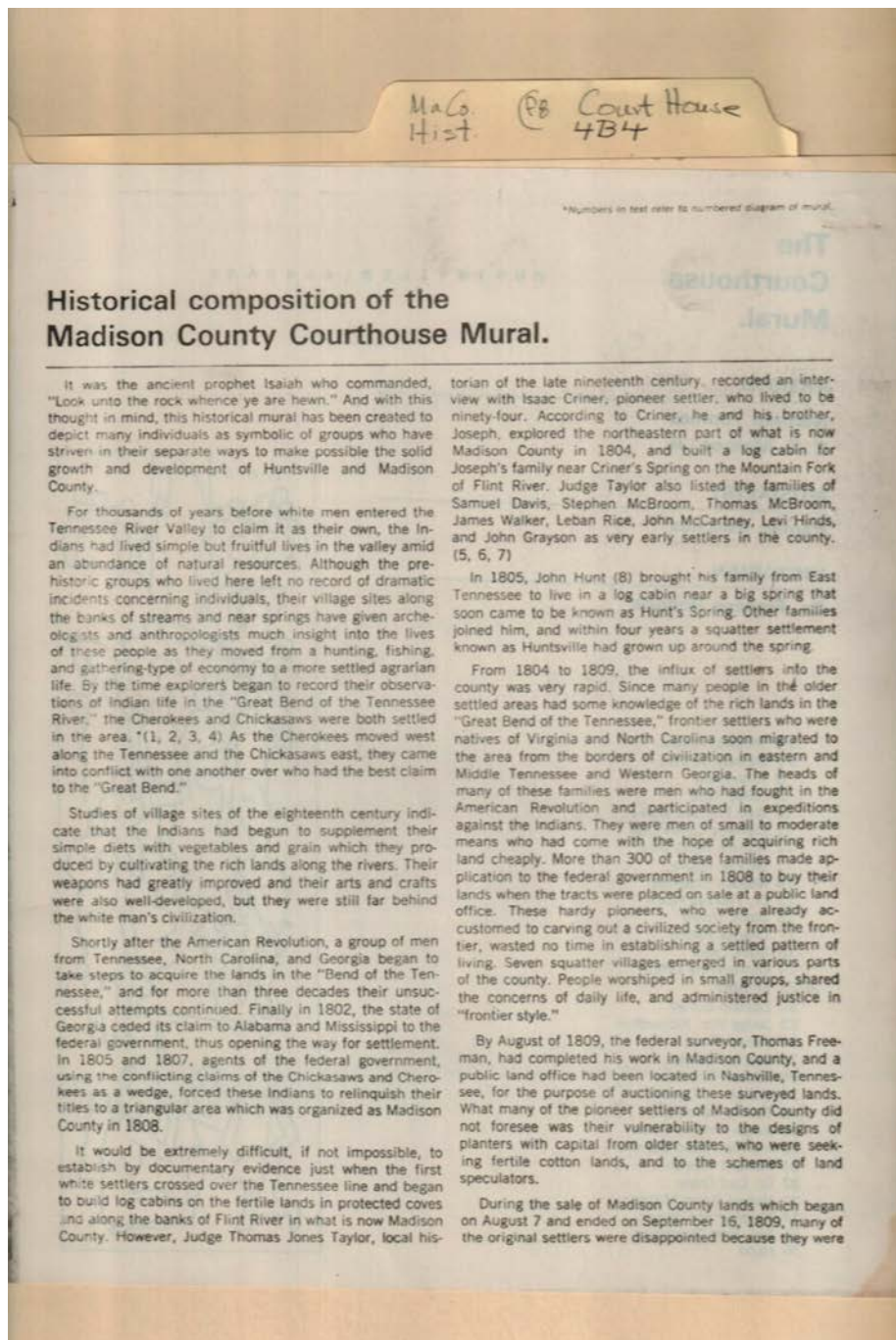
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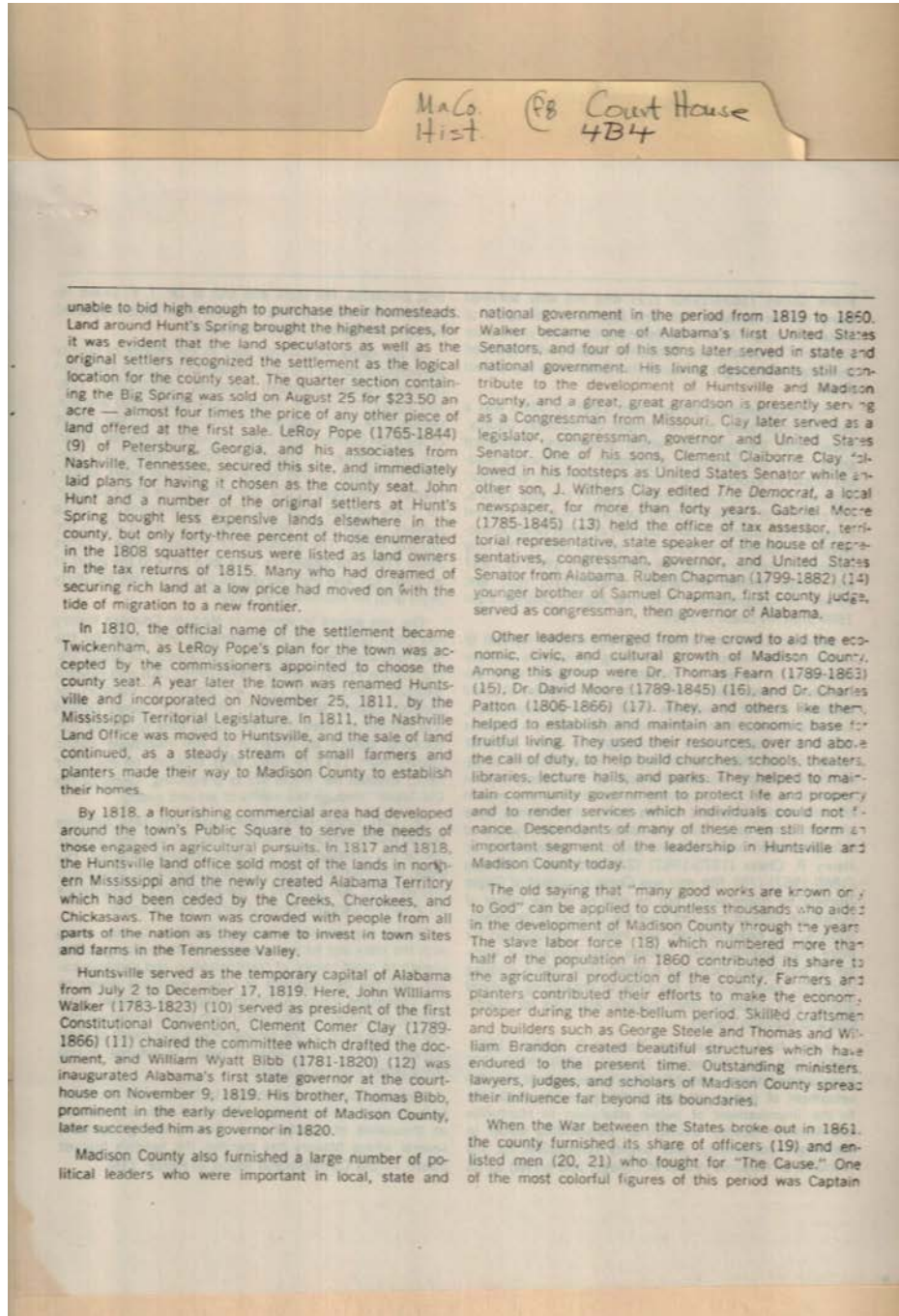
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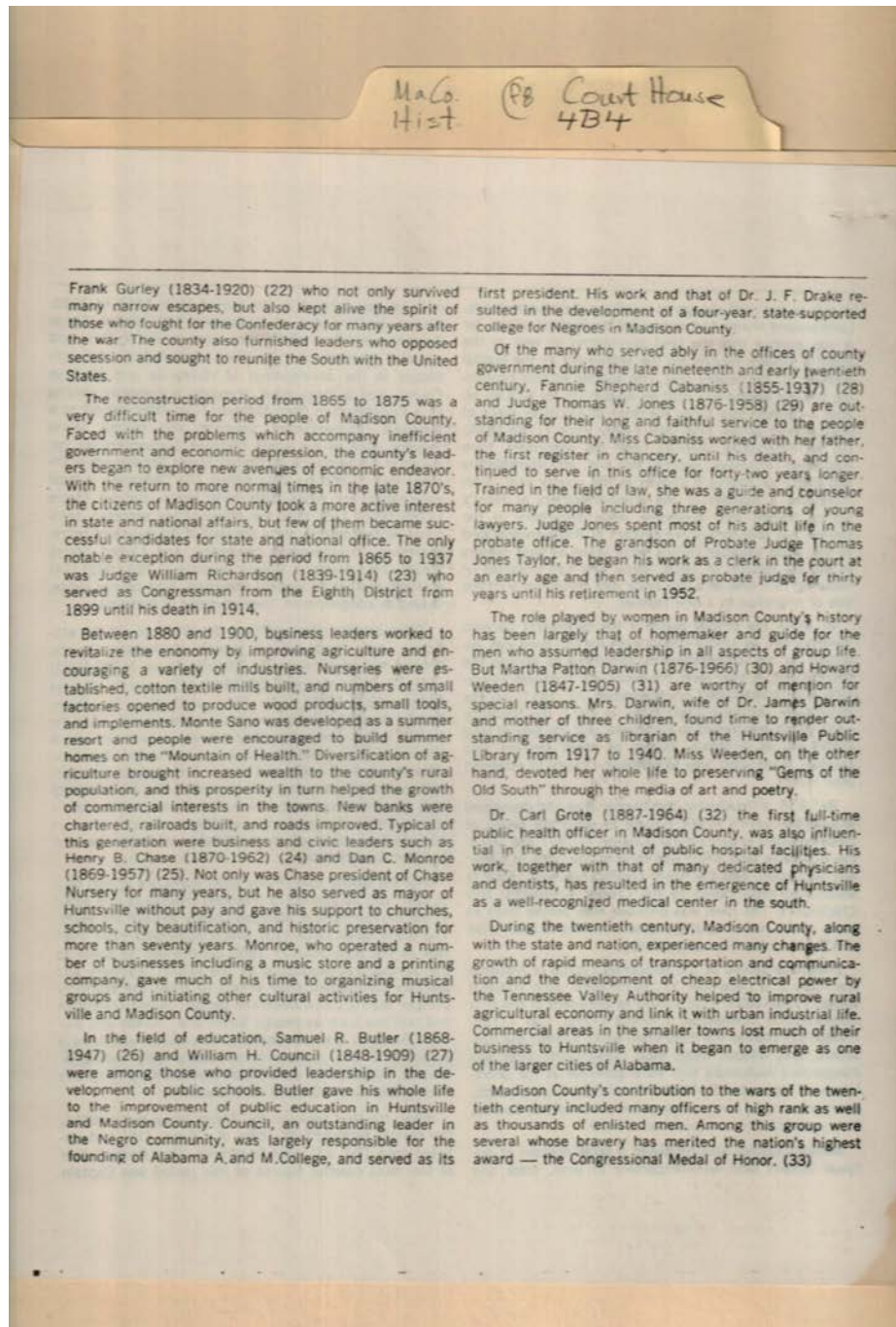
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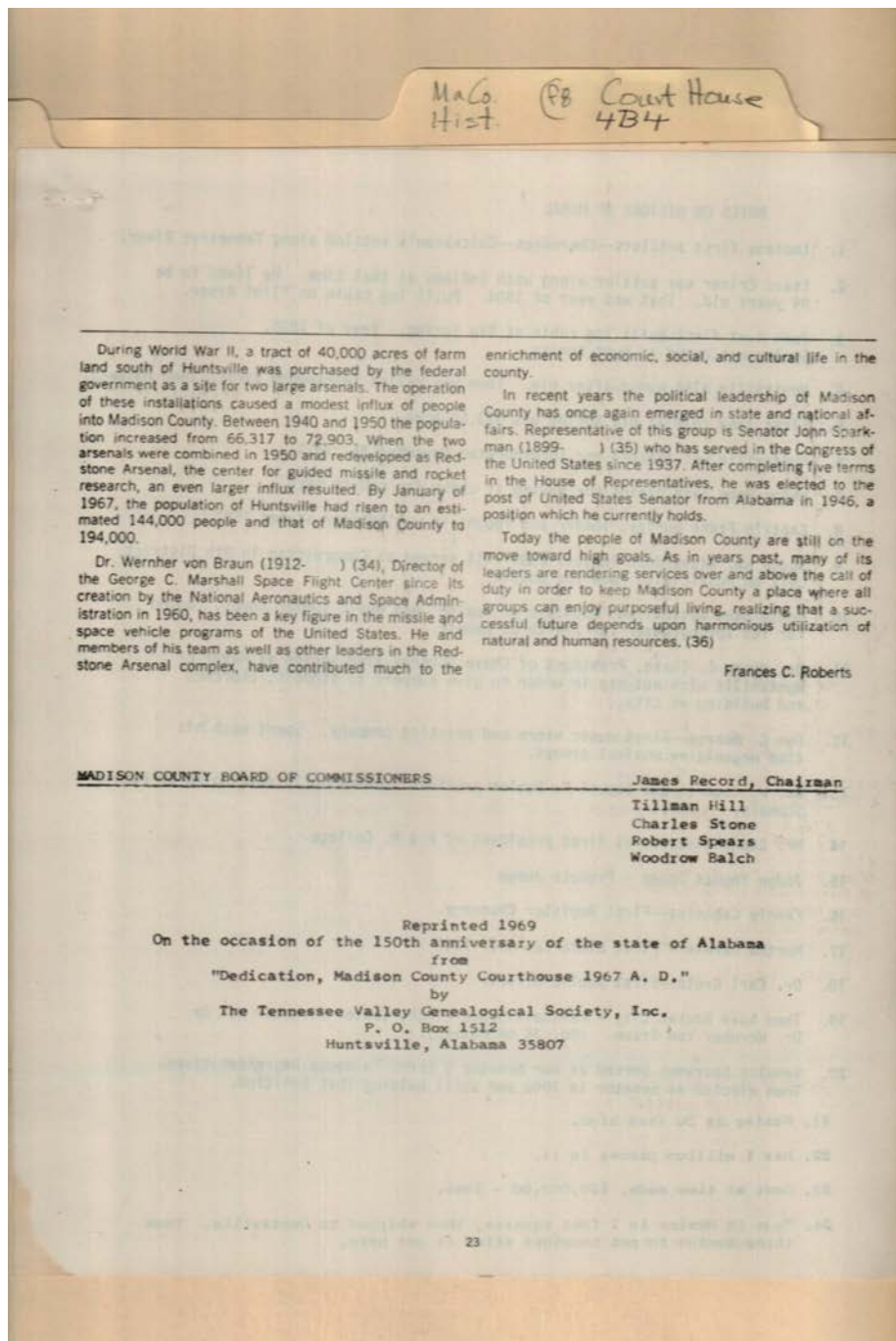
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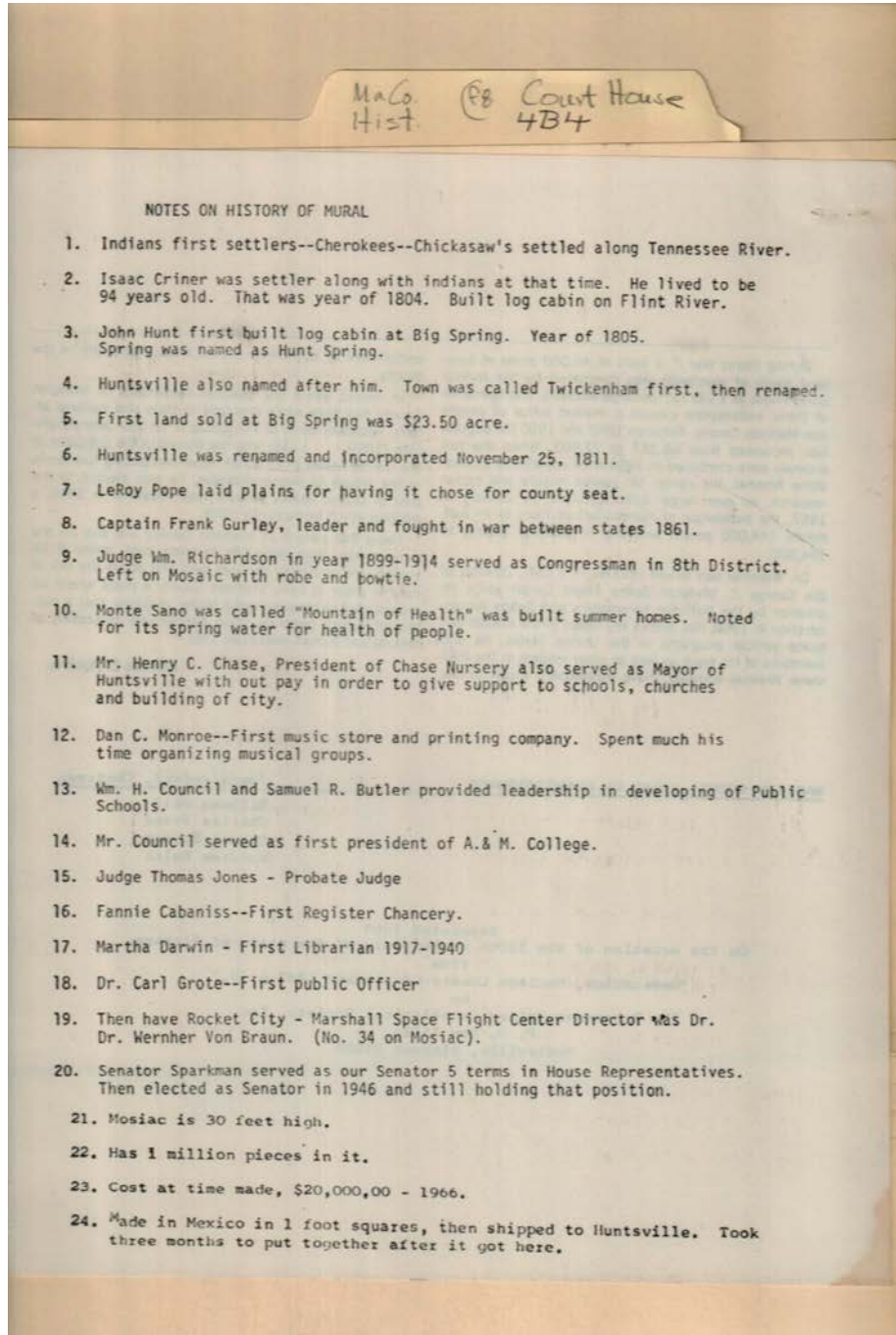
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 Council, William H.

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 Gurley, Frank,
 Captain
 Hunt, John

Jones, Thomas, Judge
 Monroe, Dan C.
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 Senator
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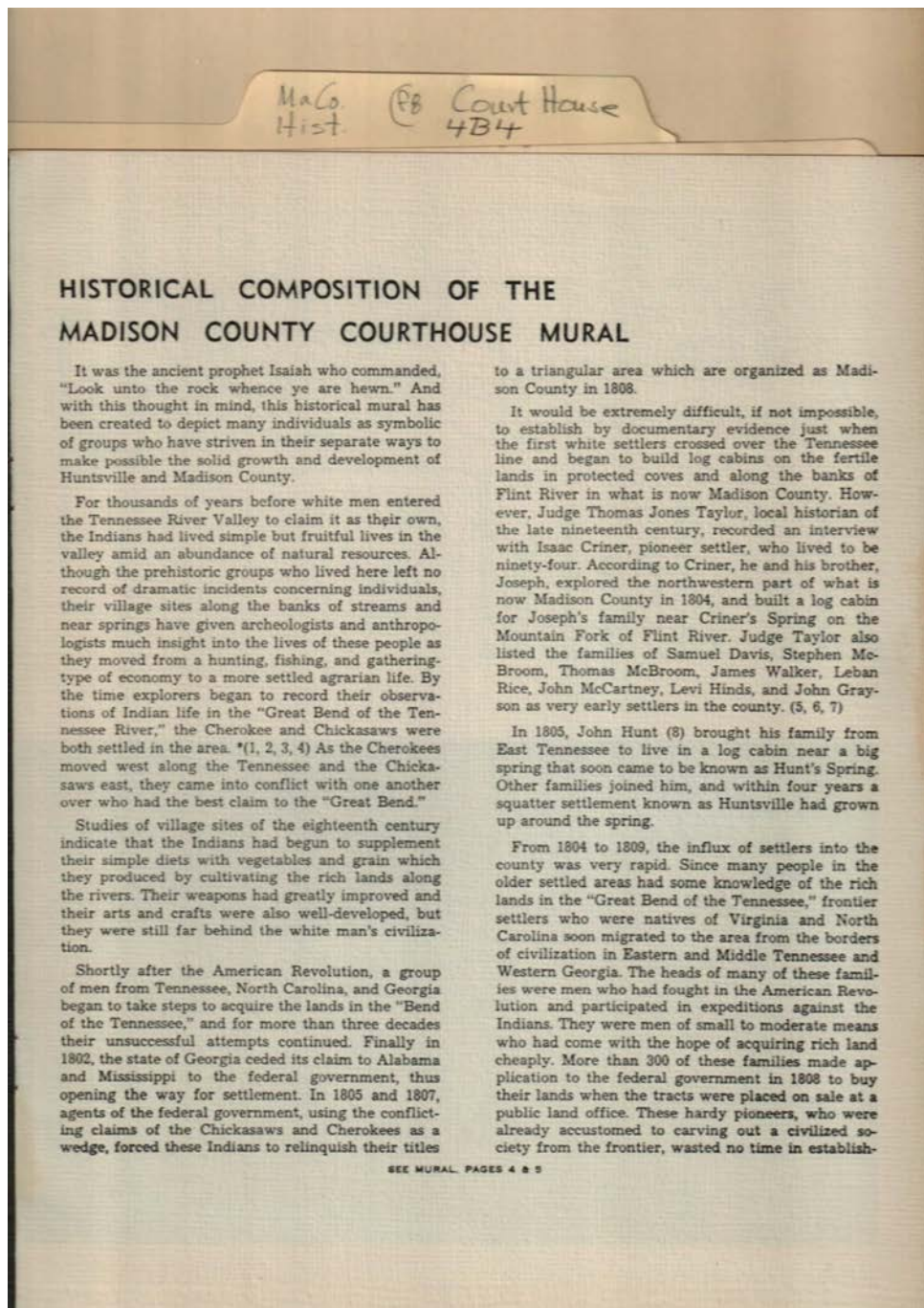
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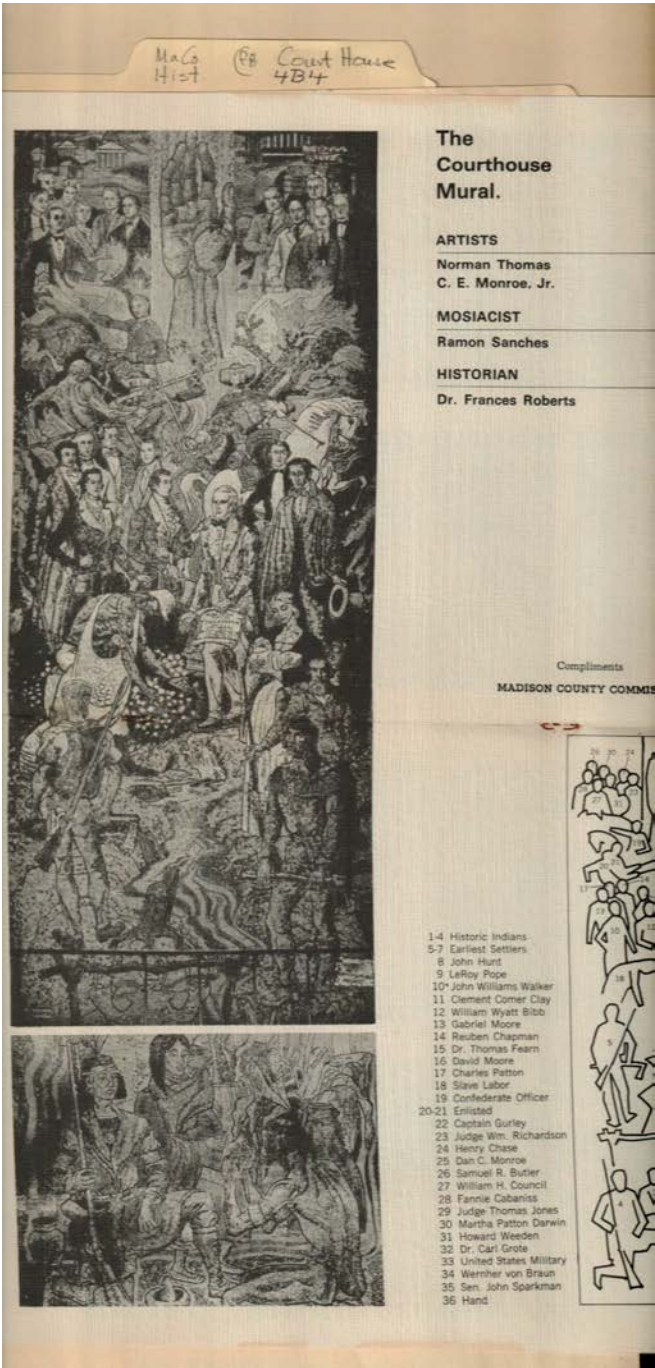
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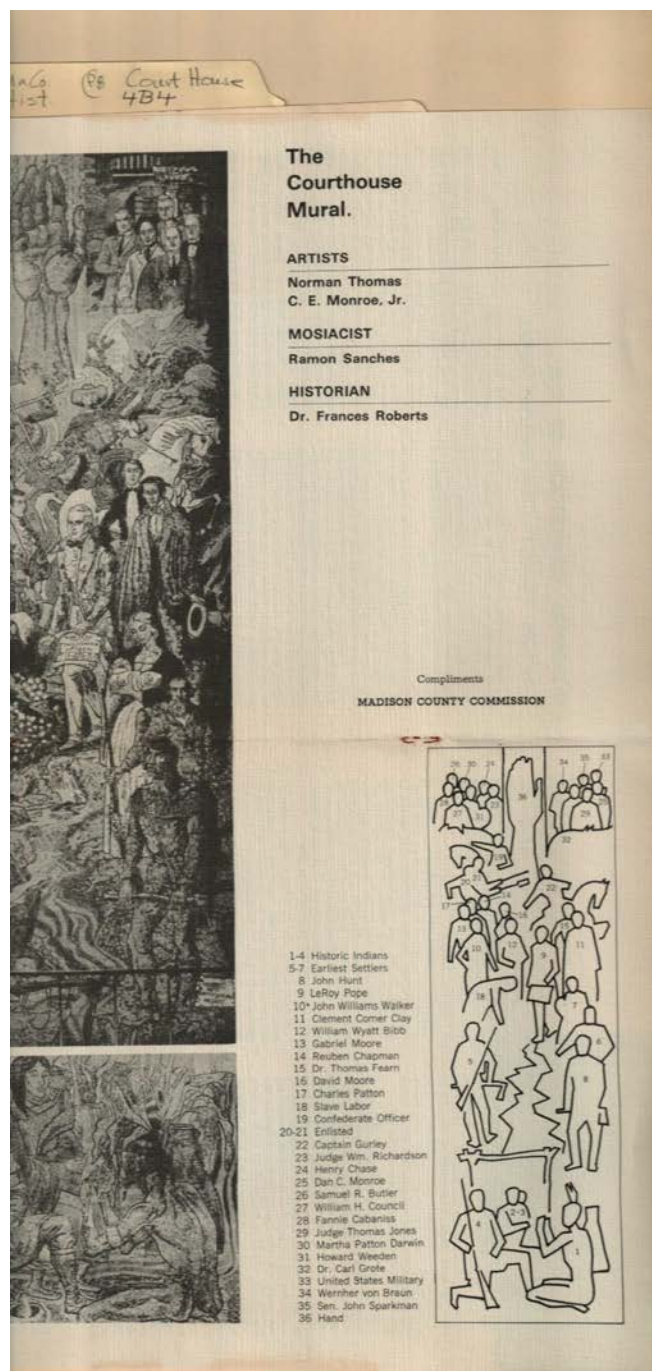
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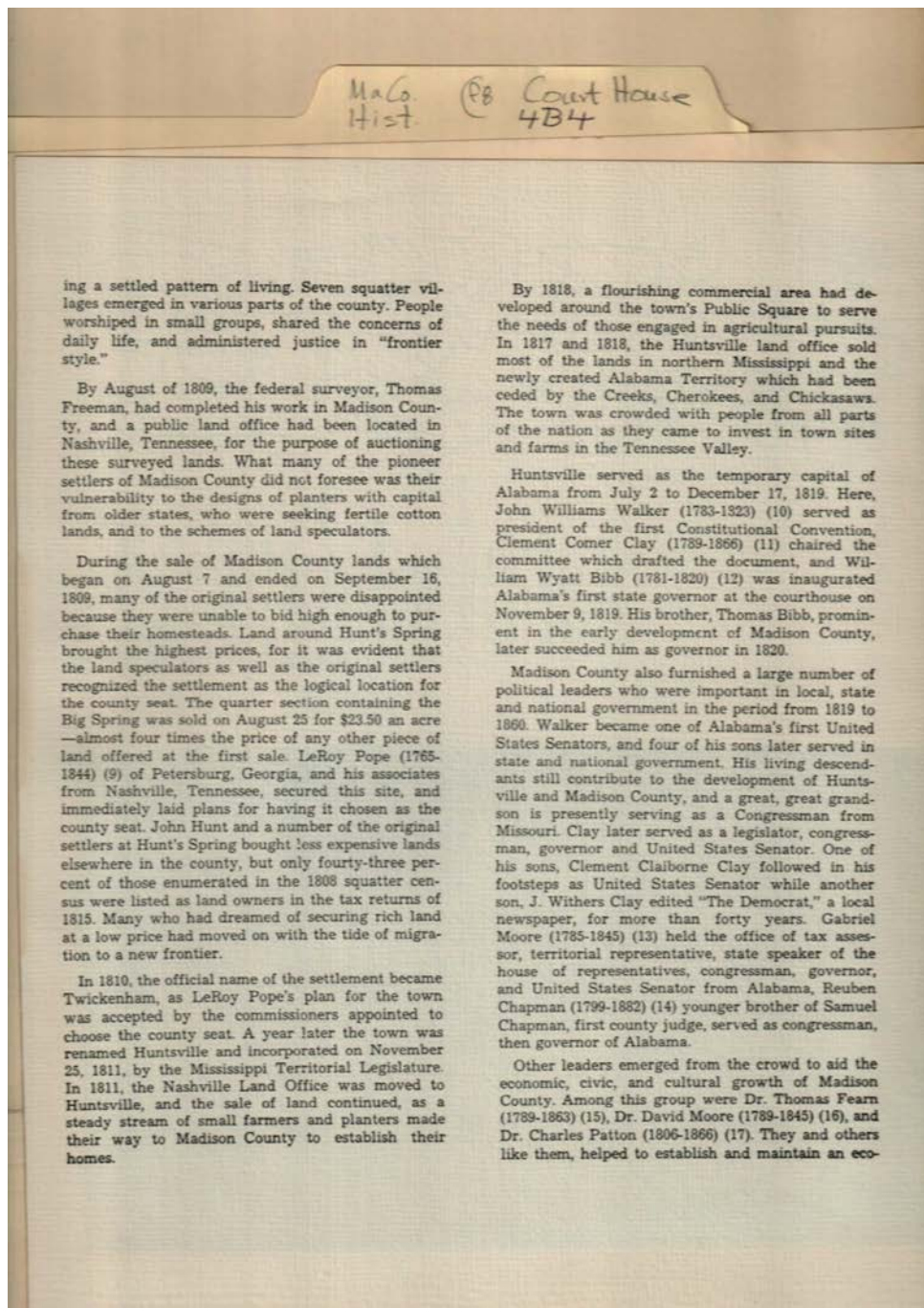
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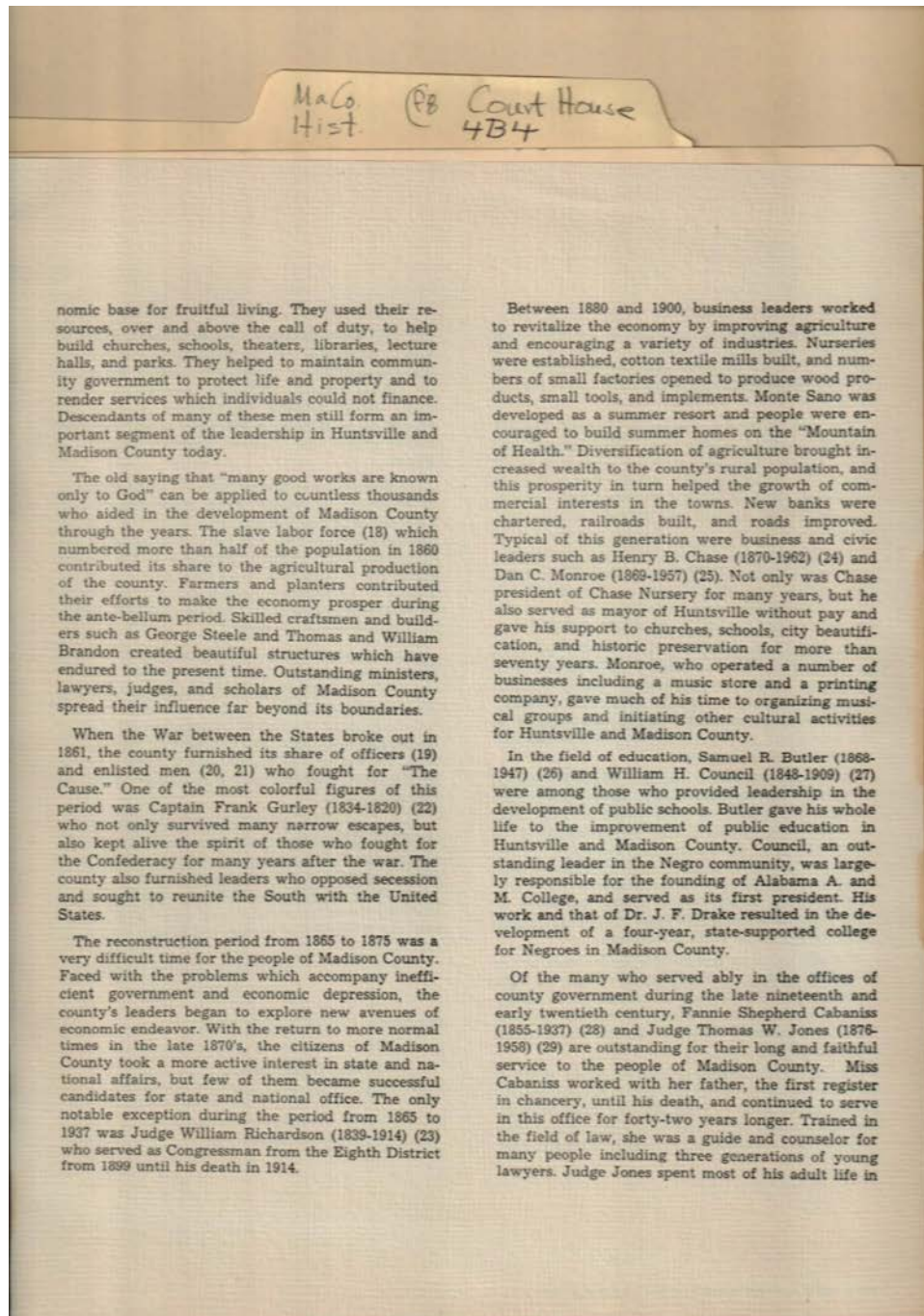
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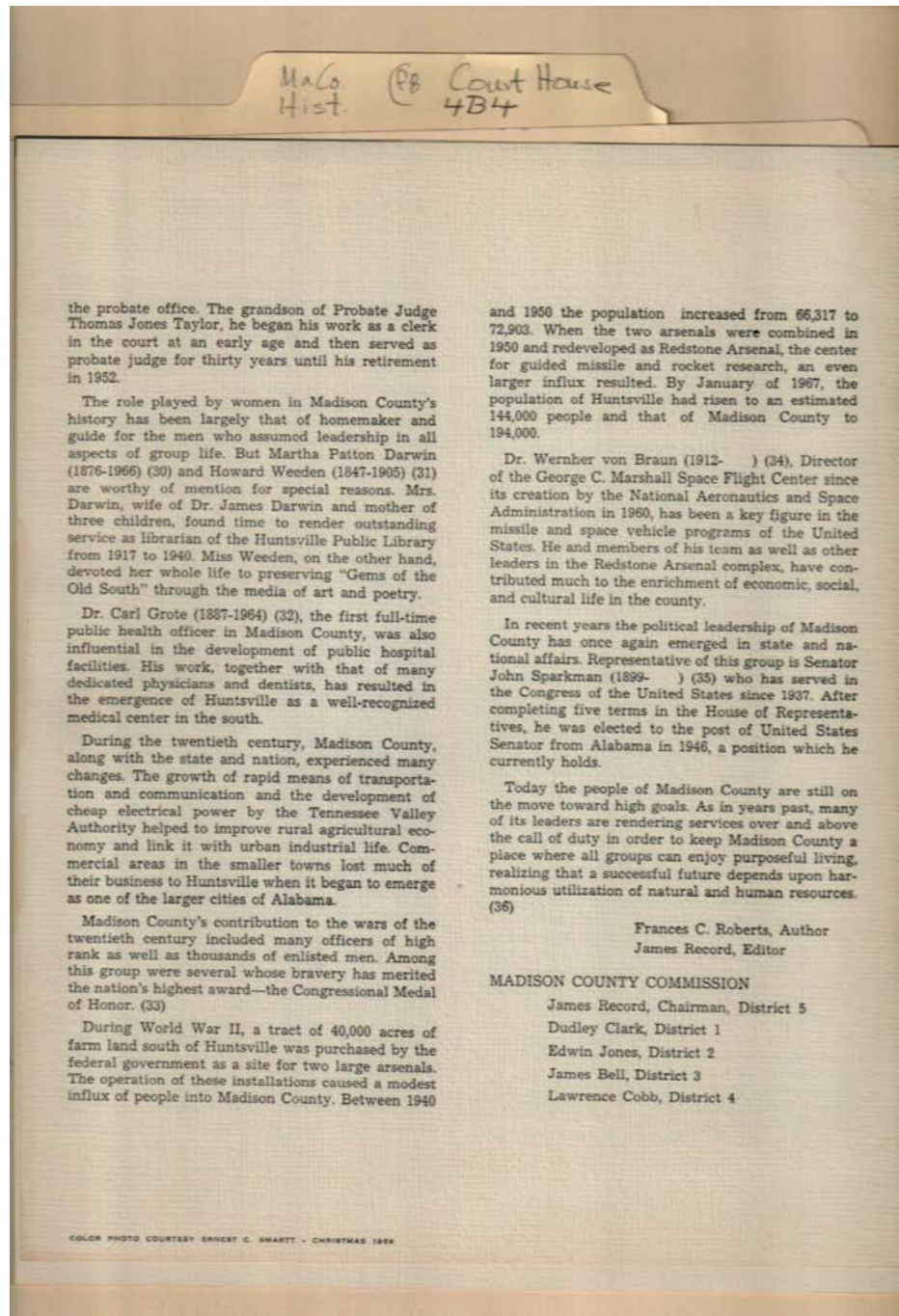
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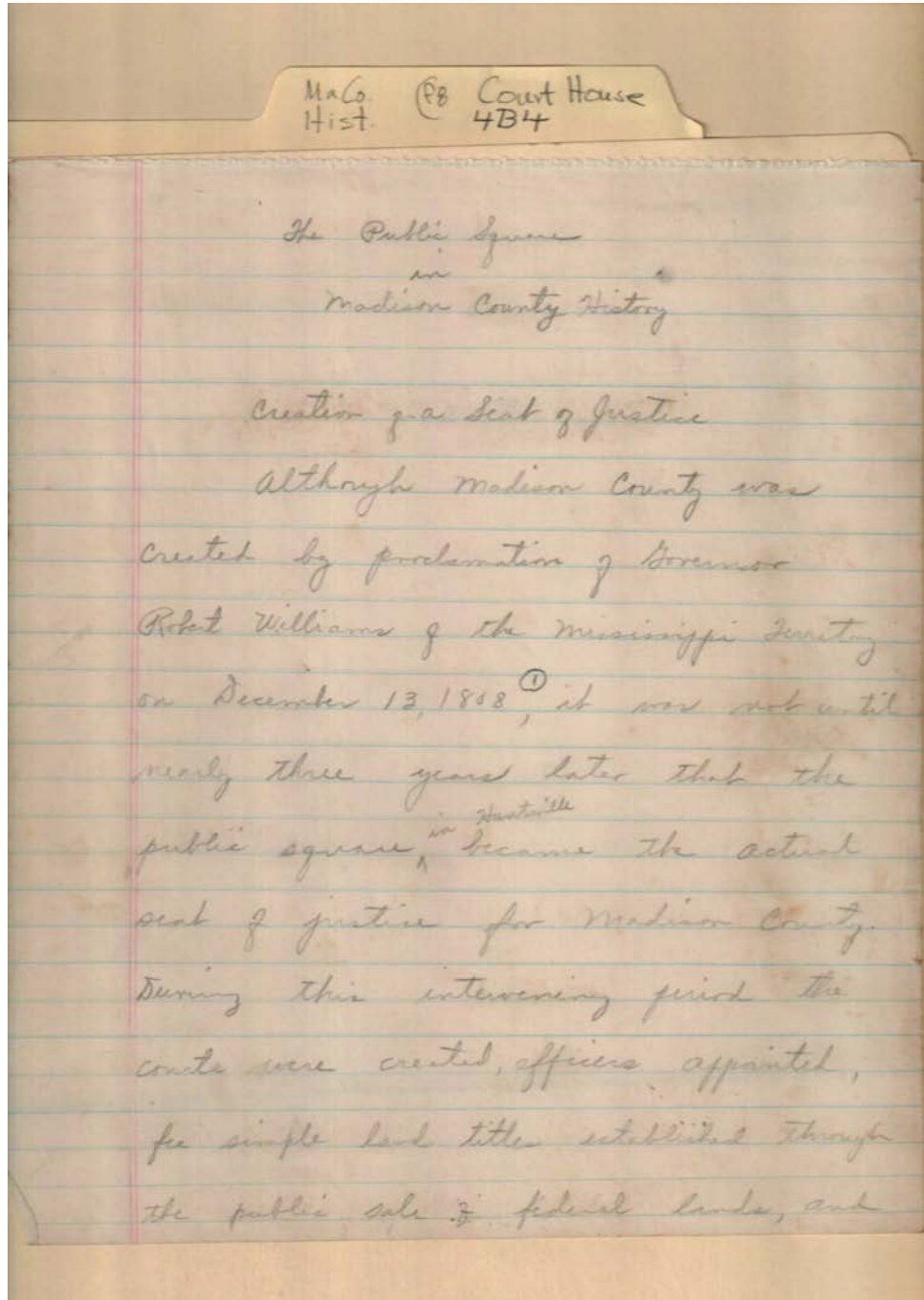
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Darwin, James, Dr.	Judge	Senator	
Darwin, Martha	Record, James	Taylor, Thomas	
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Names:

Williams, Robert,
Governor

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the necessary legislation passed to
establish a permanent county seat.

At the time Madison County
was created there were around
_____ settlers living within its
bounds. ² On December 19, 1868, five
days after its creation, Stephen Neal,
a resident of Washington City,
Mississippi, was appointed sheriff
of the county as well as a justice
of the peace. Thomas Freeman, chief
government surveyor of Madison County lands, and
two settlers, Hugh McVay and Benjamin
Williams also received commissions

Names:

Freeman, Thomas
Surveyor

McVay, Hugh
Neal, Stephen Sheriff

Williams, Benjamin

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as protectors of the peace. ⁽³⁾

Further steps of organization were taken on February 27, 1809, when the Territorial legislature extended the laws of the United States and those of the Mississippi Territory over Madison County. ⁽⁴⁾ On March 3, 1809, three additional officers were appointed: Louis Winston, a lawyer serving as private secretary to Governor Williams, was made attorney general, Peter Perkins of Nashville, clerk of the circuit court, and William Winston of Madison County, clerk of the county court. ⁽⁵⁾

Names:

Perkins, Peter

Williams, Governor

Winston, Louis

Winston, William

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The resignation of Governor Williams on March 3, followed by an interim of four months before David Holmes succeeded to this office, probably slowed down the completion of appointments requisite to a full organization of the county's government. Shortly after assuming his duties as Mississippi Territorial governor on July 1, 1819, Holmes asked the aid of Attorney General Winston of Madison County and William Dickinson of Nashville in completing the roster of Madison County officials. (6)

Names:

Dickson, William

Holmes, David,
Governor

Williams, Governor

Winston, Attorney
General

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acting on recommendations submitted
by three men, William Dickson, Edward
Ward, and Peter Perkins of Nashville Tennessee
and LeRoy Pope and Thomas Bibb of
Petersburg, Georgia were named
justices of the quorum on November
7, 1819. Dickson was named chief
justice and William Winston, who had
received his appointment in March,
was to act as clerk for the
initial term of the Orphan's Court
to be held on the first Monday
in January, 1820.⁽¹⁾ This court had
jurisdiction in matters concerning

Names:

Bibb, Thomas
Dickson, William

Perkins, Peter
Pope, LeRoy

Ward, Edward

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the settlement of estates, care of the poor, transfer of lands, laying out of roads, licensing of ministers and enrolling of lawyers. It also served to supplement the work of the justices of the peace until a formal criminal court could be set up.

Before a superior court with criminal jurisdiction for Madison County could be established, special congressional action was necessary to create an additional federal judgeship for the Mississippi

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eritory. a law for this purpose,
as well as to extend the right
of suffrage to Madison's citizens,
was approved on March 2, 1810.⁽²⁾ The
guiding influence of the Georgia group
who settled in Madison County
showed up in the appointment of
of the first superior court judge.
Obadiah Jones, of Georgia, recommended
to the President by the Georgia
delegation in Congress, was chosen
in preference to Marmaduke
Williams of Madison County, recommended
by his brother, Robert Williams, former

Names:

Jones, Obadiah

Williams,
Marmaduke

Williams, Robert

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governor of the Mississippi Territory. ⁽⁹⁾
The first term of the Superior Court of law and equity convened on October 1, 1810, with Judge Jones presiding, Peter Perkins serving as clerk, and Louis Winston as attorney general. The minutes of the court do not record the place where this session was held but it does record that John C. Hamilton, George Coulter, Gabriel Moore, James Rogers, Louis Winston, Marmaduke Williams, and

Names:

Coulter, George
Hamilton, John C.
Jones, Judge

Moore, Gabriel
Perkins, Peter
Rogers, James

Williams,
Marmaduke
Winston, Louis

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John W. Walker produced their commissions and were authorized to practice law. (10)

Sheriff Stephen Neal, executive officer of the county, served the court by summoning jurors, executing warrants and writs, presenting offenders to the court and performing other duties assigned to him by the judge. (11)

He was assisted in his work by John Hunt, pioneer settler for whom Huntsville was named, who was appointed coroner on May 16, 1818. (12)

To insure law and order in

Names:

Hunt, John

Neal, Stephen Sheriff

Walker, John W.

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the various settlements throughout the county, John Grayson, John Kirksey, Williams Lanier, Abraham Perkins, John Martin and George Dilworth were appointed justices of the peace and David Cobb was named constable. Other officials added to the county's roster in 1810 and 1811 were Gabriel Moore, tax assessor, collector, and census taker, Hugh McVay, county surveyor, and Bennett Wood, treasurer. ⁽¹²⁾

To provide for defense, the Seventh Regiment was created as

Names:

Cobb, David
Dilworth, George
Grayson, John

Kirksey, John
Lanier, William
Martin, John

McVay, Hugh
Moore, Gabriel
Perkins, Abraham

Wood, Bennett

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Madison County's unit of the Mississippi territorial militia and ^{Colonel} Peter Perkins was appointed commander of the group on January 4, 1810. (14) During the following summer all the able-bodied men between the ages of sixteen and fifty organized into eight companies and on October 29, 1810 the first county wide muster was held. Governor David Holmes attended the request of Louis Winston who felt that the Governor's presence would have a tendency to quiet some of the discontent among ^{the} settlers.

Names:

Holmes, David,
Governor

Perkins, Peter,
Colonel

Winston, Louis

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with the territorial administration. ⁽¹²⁾
militia companies were important
units in the county's early development,
not only from the standpoint of
providing defense, but also in
furnishing organized groups through
which public affairs could be
administered. At local muster
grounds located at various settlements
in the county, taxes were assessed
and collected, notices of elections read,
politics discussed, ^{at} terms of court
announced. ^{and they were}
^{often} private also

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By territorial statute of December 23, 1809, a commission composed of William Dickson, Edward Ward, Peter Perkins, Alexander Gilbreath, and Louis Winston, was appointed and vested with the authority to choose a permanent county seat for Madison County. The act further provided that a majority of this group could "procure by purchase or otherwise" not less than thirty nor more than one hundred acres of land to be laid off in half acre lots with the

Names:

Dickson, William
Gilbreath, Alexander

Perkins, Peter
Ward, Edward

Winston, Louis

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exception of a three acre plot which was to be reserved for the location of the public buildings. all lots were to be sold at public auction on twelve months credit and the proceeds arising therefrom; after the land had been purchased, were to be applied by the Commissioners towards defraying the expenses of erecting public buildings for Madison County. ⁽¹⁶⁾

The second section of the act stated that the town to be

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laid out would "be called and known by the name of Twickenham." according to tradition this name was suggested by LeRoy Pope, who had purchased the lands around Hunt's spring with the idea of making it the county seat if possible. He was reported to have selected this unusual name because of his great admiration for the classical poet, Alexander Pope whose English home was called Twickenham.⁽¹⁷⁾

Shortly after the passage of

Names:

Pope, Alexander

Pope, LeRoy

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This statute, LeRoy Pope, James Jackson, and William P. Anderson, who had invested rather heavily in the lands around and including Hunt's Spring, began to make plans for platting a town called Swickenhorn on this tract. Though no copies of the articles of agreement of these proprietors have been preserved, it is evident, from the correspondence of these men and the land office records, that Jackson and Anderson agreed to use their influence

Names:

Anderson, William P.

Jackson, James

Pope, LeRoy

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with the commissioners to locate the county seat at the "Big Spring" and to have the town platted. Pope apparently furnished a considerable amount of the money invested, for the two quarter sections involved in this deal were entered in his name in the receiver's ledger at the land office. (18)

John Coffee, a deputy surveyor for William P. Anderson, was chosen by Anderson and Jackson to represent them in platting

Names:

Anderson, William P.

Coffee, John

Jackson,

Pope,

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The Town and bargaining with the commissioners for its acceptance. In his instructions to Coffey, Anderson urged that the Town plot be made as "desiring as possible and the ground on which it shall stand as eligible as may be." (19)

John W. Walker, LeRoy Pope's son-in-law, represented him in bargaining with the commissioner for acceptable terms on which they would agree to locate the county seat at the Huntville settlement. (20) By this

Names:

Pope, LeRoy

Walker, John W.

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time, Hunt's Spring was generally
spoken of as Huntville, and the
county court had convened its
first session in this community.
Walker's job, besides securing the
support of the Madison County
commissioners, included the superintending
of the sale of lots in the town plat
reserved for the proprietors. ⁽²¹⁾

In late June, Coffee surveyed the
original plat of "Swickertown" in order
that it would be ready for the
Commissioner's meeting scheduled
for the first week in July, 1810.

Names:

Coffee,

Walker,

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The streets of the town were laid out with reference to the spring bluff and ran at the peculiar angle of thirty-four degrees north of west. By this arrangement Jefferson Street became the basis for the survey and made it possible for the spring area to be enclosed in one of the three acre squares included in the plat. Three streets to the east and one to the west were surveyed parallel to Jefferson and six perpendicular to it. The rectangle thus formed contained twenty squares of three acres each or

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sixty acres exclusive of the land included in the streets that were sixty feet in width. Every block, with the exceptions of the Public Square and the Big Spring Square, was subdivided into four lots and numbered from left to right beginning with the northwest boundary. Names given to the streets were selected from the heroes of the American Revolution, national political figures, and territorial officials. Near the center of the Public Square was an elevated rocky knoll, a

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fitting place indeed for a "Temple of Justice." ⁽²¹⁾ Thus did Coffee fulfill the expectations of his employer as well as the specifications laid down by the territorial legislature.

Persuading the commissioners to agree to accept this well planned town proved to be much more difficult for Walker and Coffee than putting the finishing mechanical touches to a natural setting. Edward Ward, one of the commissioners who had large landings holdings in the county, led a forceful

Names:

Coffee,

Walker,

Ward, Edward

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fight to prevent the acceptance
of Coffee's plan. Not only did Ward
use his eloquent oratory in the
closed session of the commission,
but he also spoke publicly to
the populace. Finally, on July 5, 1810,
a majority of the commissioners voted
to make Huntsville, hereafter to
be called Twickenham, the county
seat. ⁽²²⁾

According to the terms of the
agreement, the proprietors agreed
to sell thirty acres in the
southern part of town to the

Names:

Coffee,

Twickenham,

Ward,

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commissioners for \$23.50 an acre,
the exact amount paid by them
for the tract. There was obviously
a swap-out in the transaction
by which the proprietors retained
the southern part of the square
containing the Big Spring and
the commissioners received the
northern part of the Public Square.
The town was guaranteed the use
of the spring waters, but no dams
or machinery could be erected that
might endanger the purity of the
water. Special provision was also

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made whereby the proprietors were to receive lots in the southern part of the town to compensate them for the acreage contained in the streets not included in the thirty acre purchase. At first two lots were reserved for this purpose, but when the final deed was drawn, four lots were transferred because it was found that the streets in the commission's part of town contained a little more than three acres. (24)

when the first contract was

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drawn, only one-fourth of the
purchase price, ^{the land} had been paid.
Consequently it was not until
the final payment was made
in August of 1814⁽²⁵⁾, that a
patent was issued to Pope for
the southwest quarter of section
thirty-six, township three, range one
west on which Huntsville was
situated. In the meantime he
had been successful in purchasing
the interests of the other proprietors,
and when the deed to the town
was drawn up on September 1, 1815

Names:

Pope,

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Pope and his wife were the only
grantors who signed the transfer. (26)

On the evening of July 5, both
the proprietors and the commissioners
opened their lots for sale. Coffee and
Walker disposed of only four while the
commissioners sold twenty-four. The
total sale netted around \$8,000 with
lots selling from \$100 to \$750 each.
In reporting this transaction to James
Jackson and W. P. Anderson, Coffee
stated that he and Walker had
decided to postpone the sale of the
rest of their lots to a future

Names:

Anderson, W. P.
Coffee,

Jackson, James
Pope,

Walker,

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date when they would sell at higher prices and thus insure greater returns from their Huntsville "speculation." (27)

Louis Winston, in ~~the~~^a letter to Governor Holmes from Swickenham, September 23, 1810, reported that Colonels Pope and Bibb, and their friends from Georgia had all arrived in the county. In describing the populace, he wrote, "we have a fine society; Virginians are flocking to this delightful country." (28)

Swickenham was never a

Names:

Bibb, Colonel

Holmes, David,
Governor

Pope, Colonel
Winston, Louis

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popular name with the people living in the county seat for they had grown accustomed to use of Huntsville. This question became a political issue and resulted in a special territorial act on November 25, 1811 which changed the official name of the town to Huntsville. Two weeks later, on December 9, an act of incorporation was passed thus giving the town a charter and a government. (29)

at the time of its incorporation Huntsville had all the signs of

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becoming a thriving commercial center in the heart of a rich agricultural area. The squatter population in 1889 had numbered around three hundred, and to this group had been added a number of merchants, millers, clerks, distillers, mechanics, lawyers, doctors and planters. Many of these people had been leaders in the states from whence they migrated; others, young men trained in law or medicine, had migrated to the frontier

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where advancement would perhaps be more rapid.

According to the Territorial act which empowered the commissioners to create a county seat and erect public buildings, the courts were directed to occupy the court house as soon as it was "fit for the reception of the courts of said county." ⁽³⁰⁾ By the time of the fall meeting of Superior Court ~~By~~ November, 1811, the first courthouse had been completed to the point that its ^{interior} could be used for the fall term of Superior Court. ⁽³¹⁾

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The two story brick structure which sat on the highest part of the public square faced south⁽³²⁾. at first only the lower story was completed to house the county officials and the courts. apparently the basement portion which opened on the north was used for a public market place. On the north east corner of the public square a small wooden jail ~~and~~ ^{with} pillory ~~was~~ ^{was} constructed to care for public offenders.

During this early period the courthouse served as meeting place

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for both civic and religious groups.
~~Around the~~ and the public square
became the hub of commercial
activity as stores were constructed
on all sides of it. (33)

~~It was~~ that until after the
defaming years of the war of 1812
~~that~~ ^{did} the county officials ^{take} ~~take~~
the necessary steps to provide for
the completion of the second story
of the courthouse. By ^a special territorial
act of December 16, 1816, ~~proposed that~~
~~a tax, not to exceed more than one-~~
~~half of the regular territorial, was levied~~

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~~to provide funds for the completion~~
~~of the public buildings in Madison county.~~
the justices of county court, ^{was empowered} to act
as commissioners to contract for
and superintend its completion. the
measures also provided for the purchase
of a ^{suitable} lot upon which to construct ^{an} adequate
jail and pillory. (34)

On June 19, 1817, William M.
Watkins and John H. Hickman entered
into a contract with Leroy Pope,
Abner Tatum, and David Moore, justices
of the Quorum, to undertake the
completion of the courthouse within

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Hickman, John H.
Moore, David

Pope, LeRoy
Tatum, Abner

Watkins, William M.

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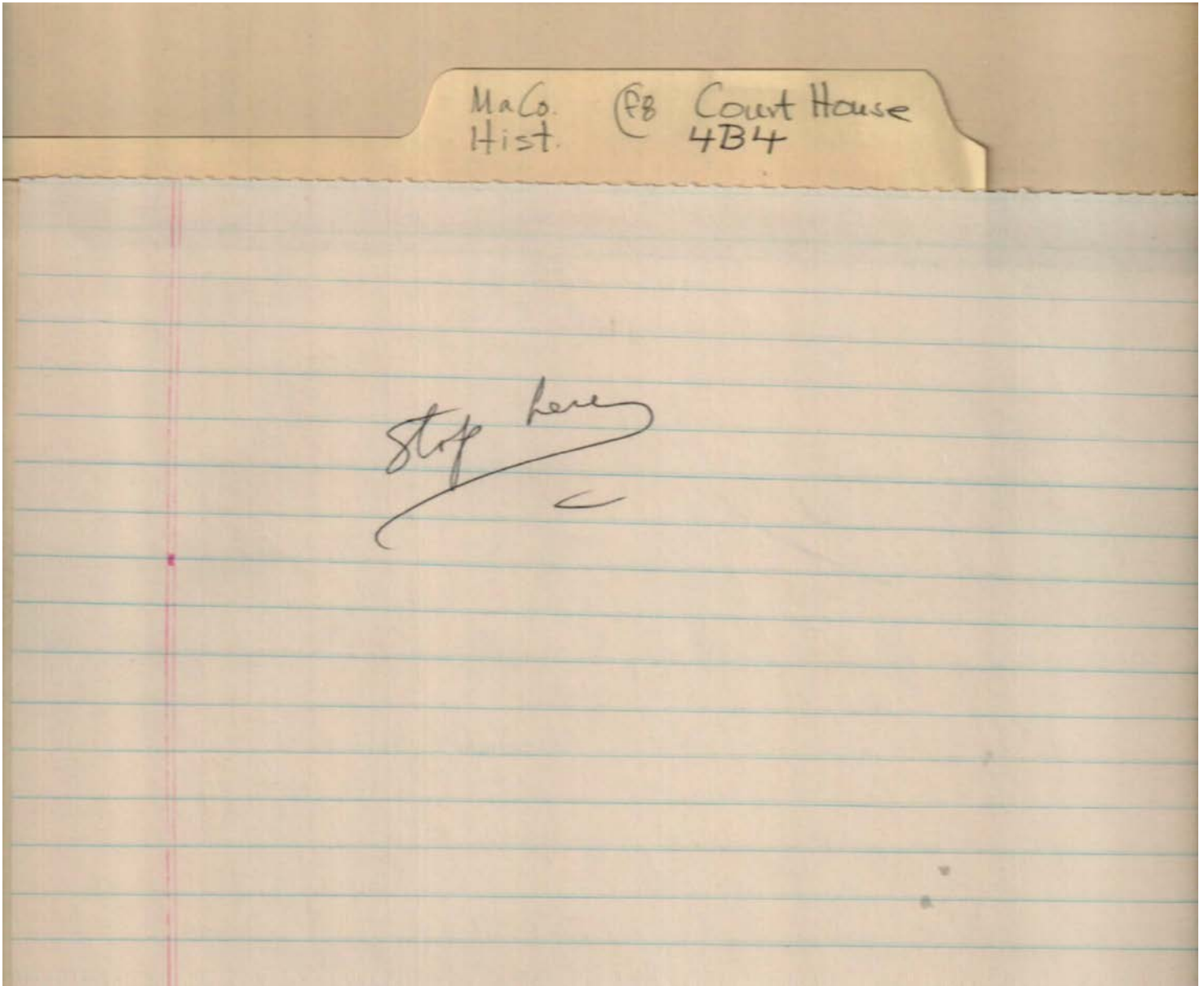
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fire months. The agreement included
placement of enclosed window sashes in the upper
story, repairing the crown molding of the
cornice, covering the roof ^{of the west} and ^{the} cupolas
with ^{new} poplar shingles, remodeling ~~and~~
painting the cupols, and topping it
(35) with "a new and neat turned block,
dressed off with gold lines and a
new speare (air) and twin blocks dressed
off with gilt and crown the whole
with a neat gilt Eagle not less than
three feet across." (35)

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undersigned when it was determined that the funds in the county treasury were not sufficient to cover the cost of completing the courthouse and constructing a jail, a special tax ~~which could~~ not exceed one-half of the territorial levy was authorized by the legislature on February 13, 1818 to provide the necessary finances. (36)

Although no permanent record was made of ^{construction and} the total cost of the first public buildings, Judge Thomas Jones Taylor stated in his Early History of Madison that the

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Taylor, Thomas
Jones, Judge

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second jail was constructed east
of the public square and remained
in this location until lot number
fourteen, located at the corner of
Greene and Clinton Streets, ⁽³⁷⁾
~~proposed for the site of the third~~
~~jail.~~ ⁽³⁷⁾

By 1818, the public square
had become the hub of extensive
activity. Ann Royal in his travel
account, Letters from Alabama, reported
on January 1, 1818 that Huntsville contained
260 houses made principally of bricks,
a bank, a courthouse and market place,
and many stores. Commenting on the

Names:

Royal, Ann

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on the square she wrote:

There is a large square in the center of the town, like the towns in Ohio, facing this are the stores, twelve in number. The buildings form a solid wall, though divided into apartments. The workmanship is the best I have seen in all the State; and several of the houses are three stories high and very large. There is no church. The people assemble at the Court House to worship. Huntsville is settled by people mostly from Georgia and the Carolinas - though there are a few from almost every part of the world. - and the town displays much activity. The citizens are gay, polite, and hospitable, and live in great splendor. (28)
Nothing like it in our country.

In August 2, 1819, another writer described the county seat thus:

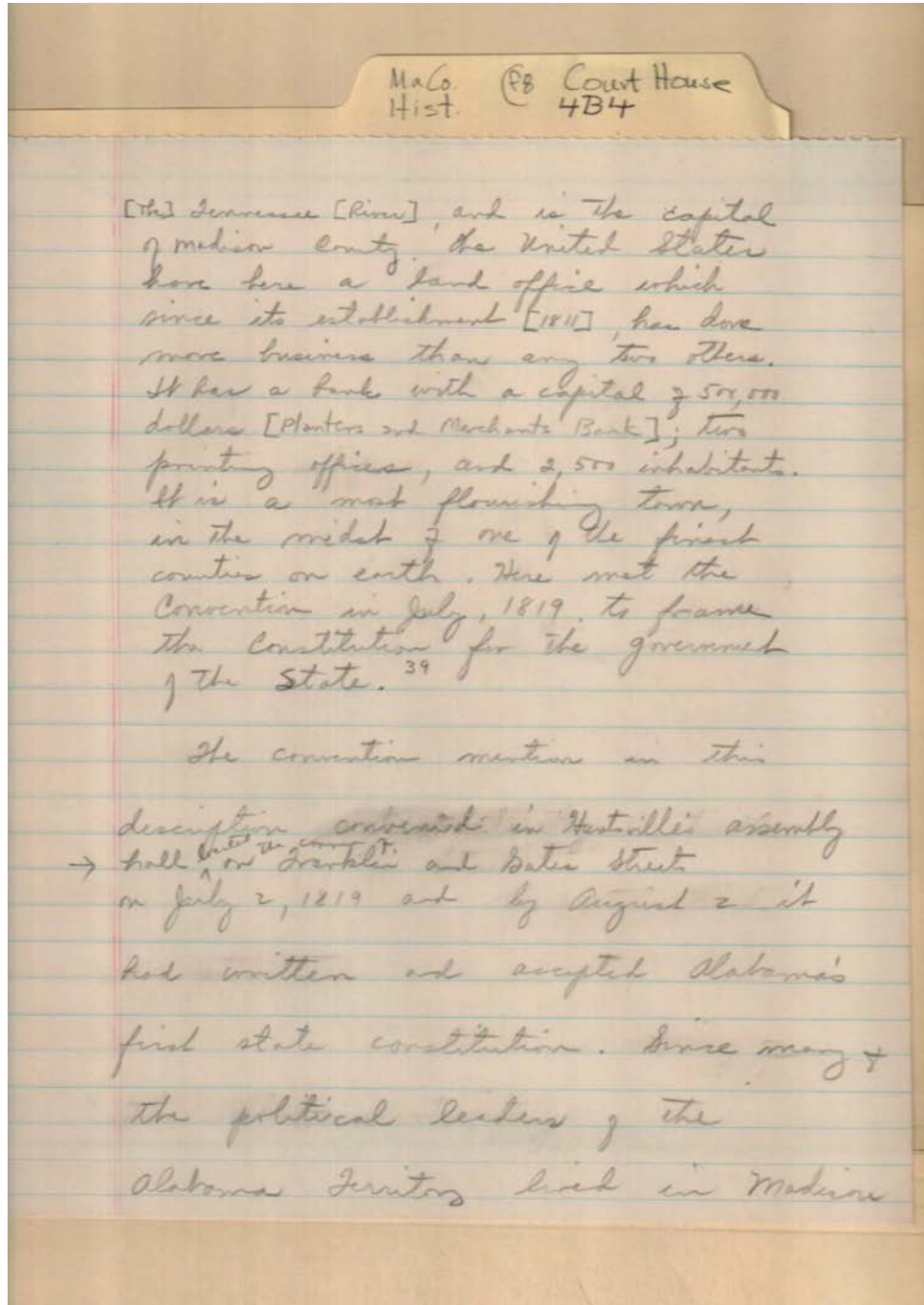
Huntsville is the principal and oldest town in the Valley of

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County, it was through their influence that Huntsville was chosen as the temporary capital of the state from July through December of 1819.

After the Constitution was completed, elections were held throughout the Alabama on the third Monday and Tuesday of September, 1819 to choose state officials and members of the legislature. On October 25, the legislature convened in temporary quarters to begin its work. On November 7, the House of Representatives began holding its meetings in the courtroom on

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The ground floor of the courthouse,
and on November 9, William Wyatt Bibb
was inaugurated governor in this
room in the presence of a joint
session of the House and Senate.
Normally the Senate ^{held its} deliberations in
a room located in the House of
James Dunn on _____
which was rented for this
purpose. The work of this first
legislative session was monumental
in that it set in motion patterns
of state and local government that
served the needs of the people for
many years.

Names:

Bibb, William Wyatt

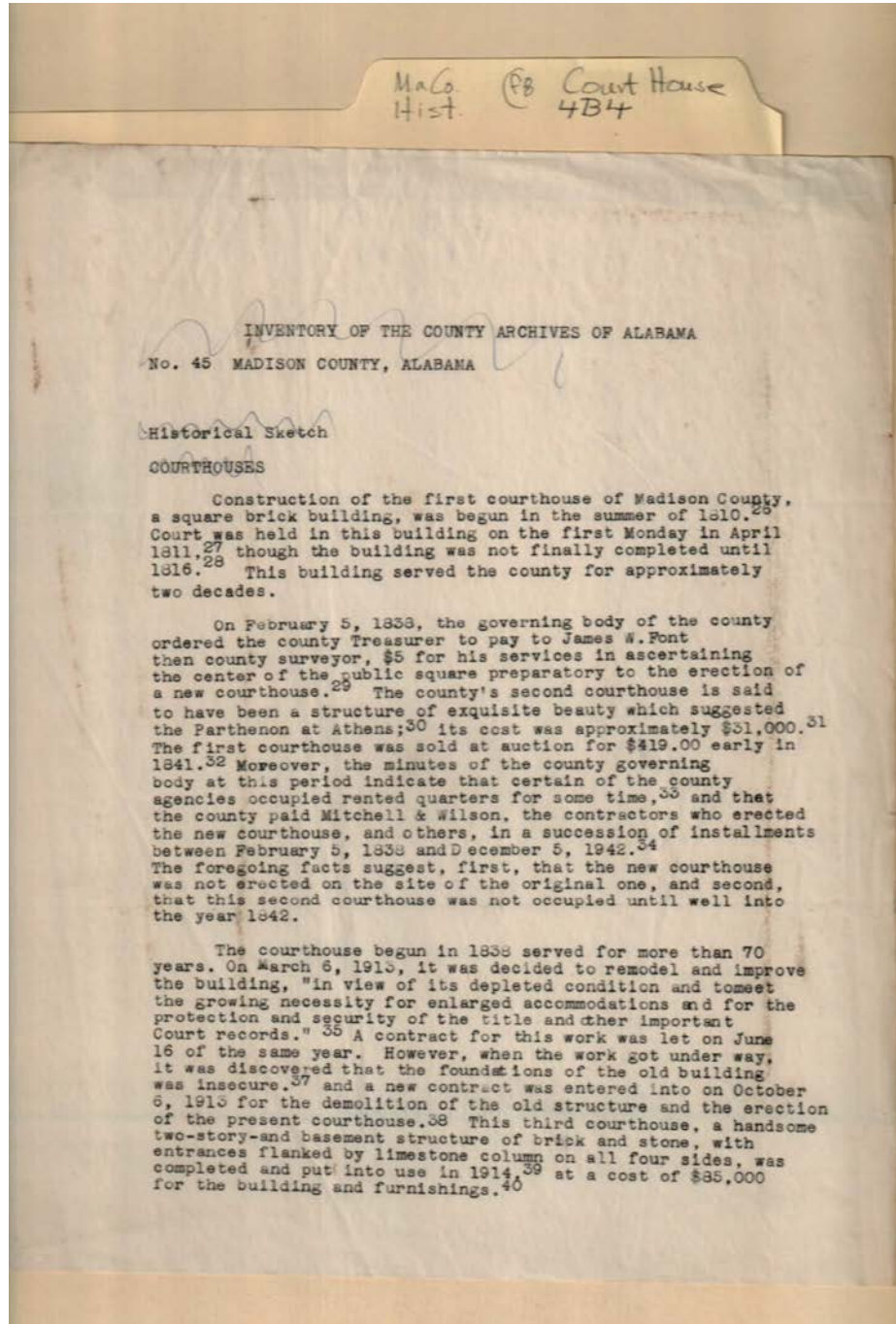
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Font, James W.

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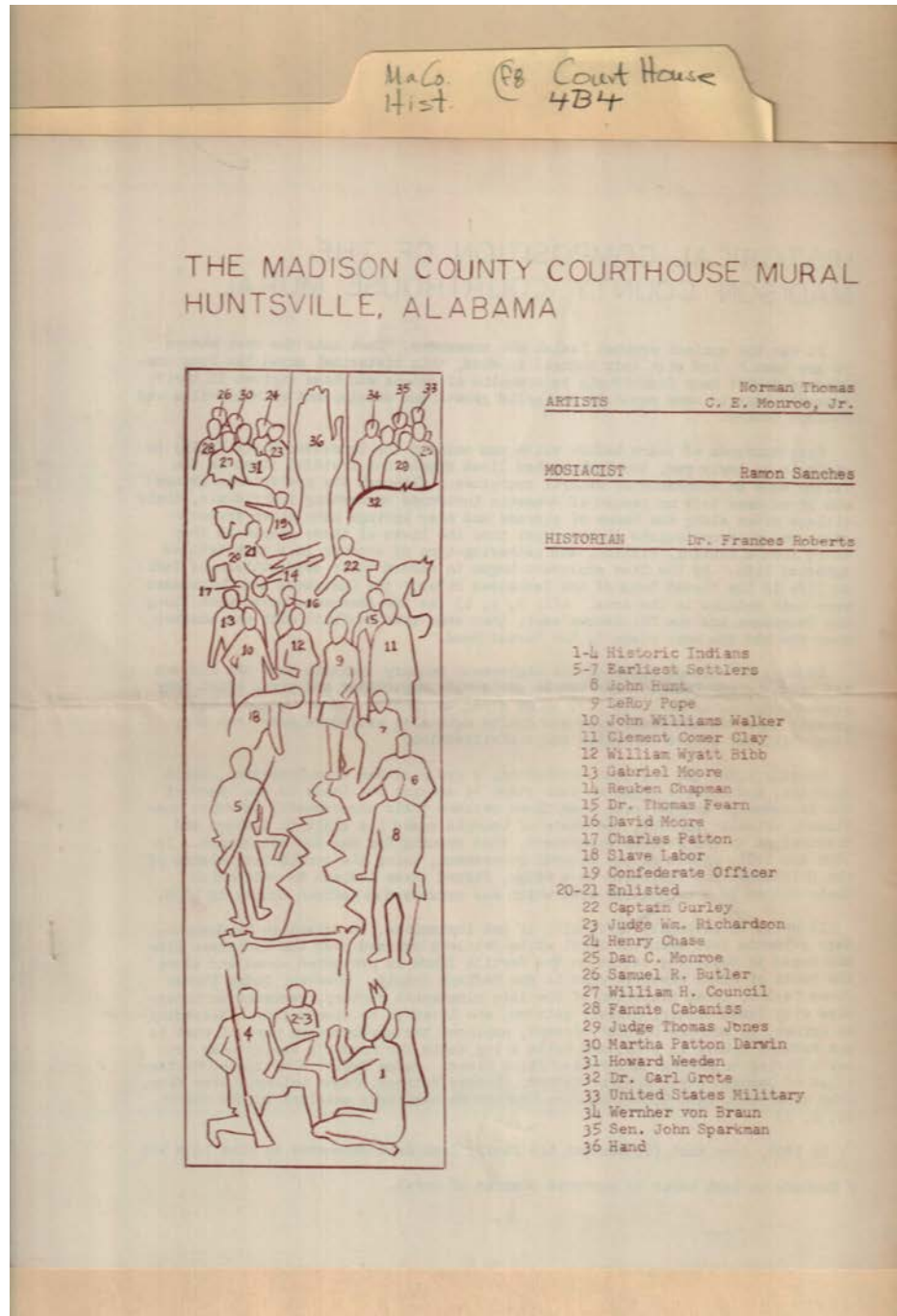
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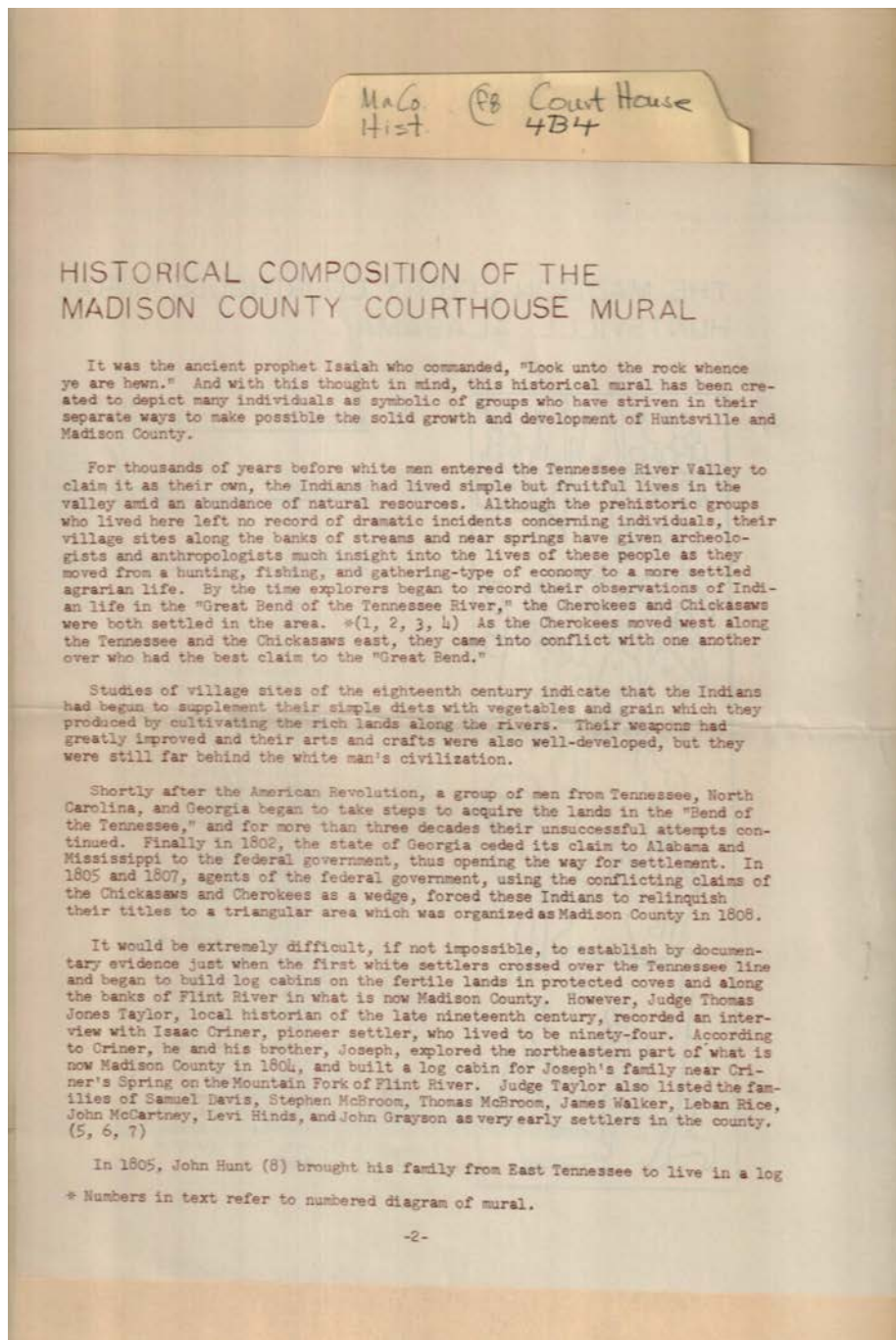
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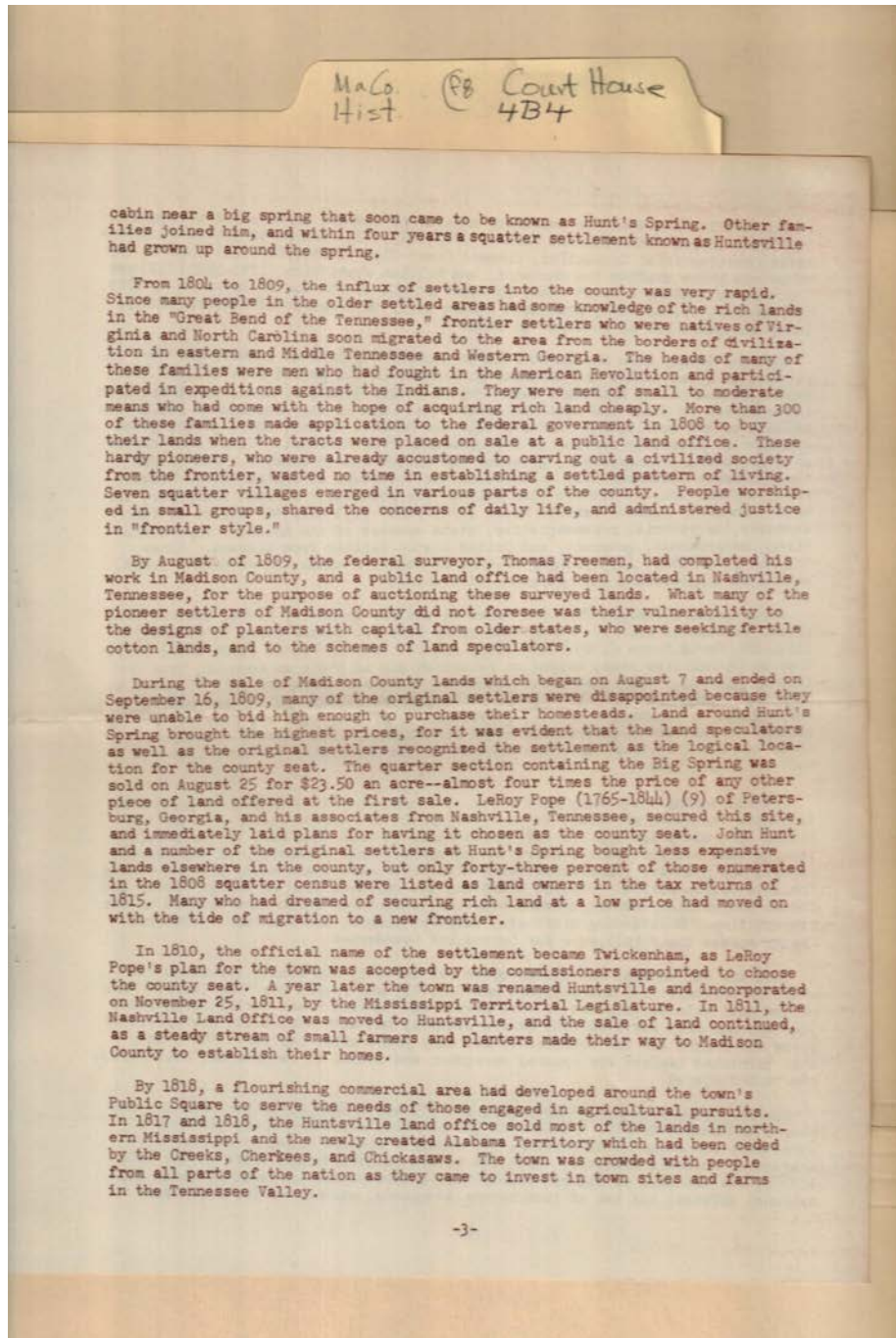
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Monroe, Dan C.

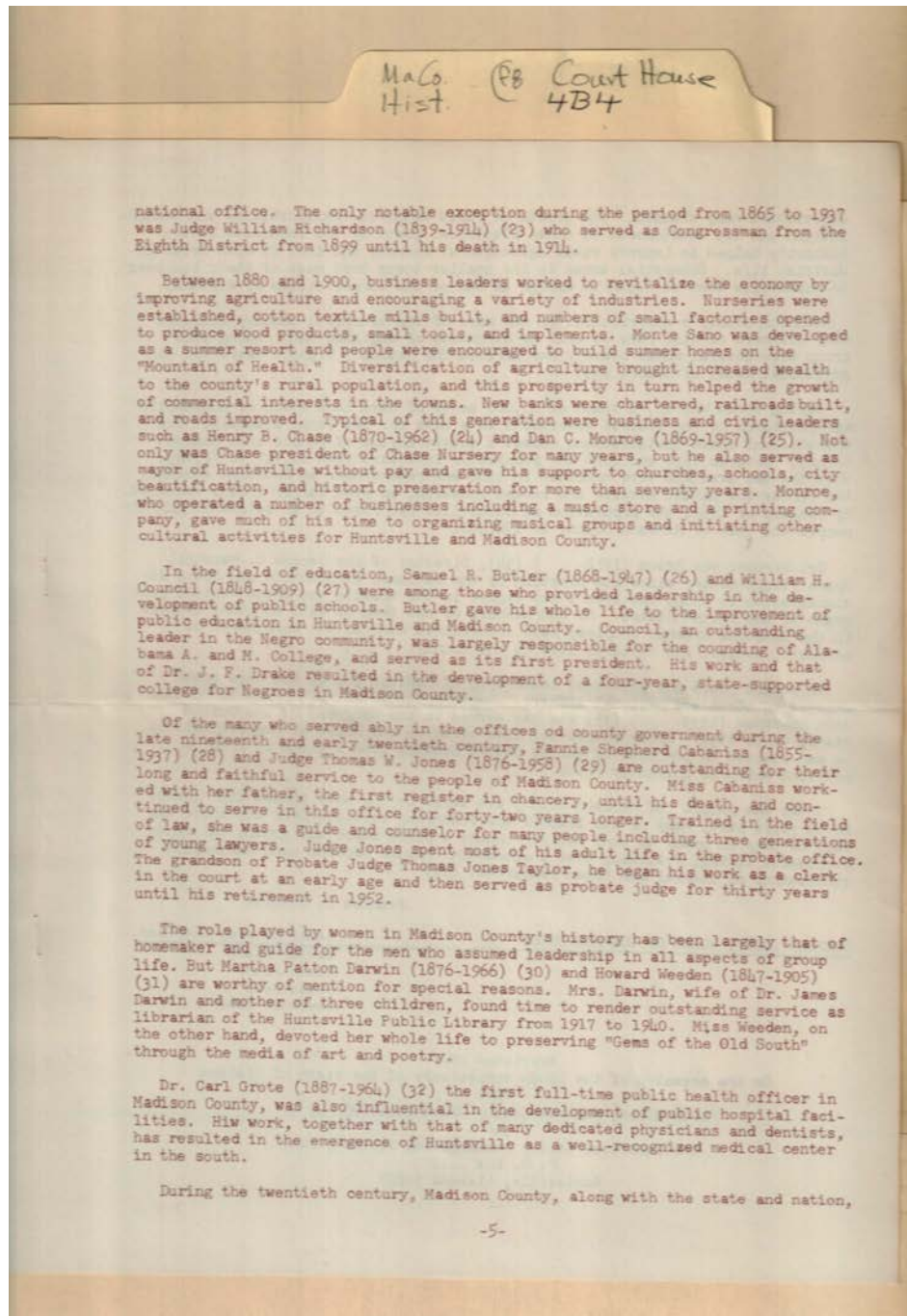
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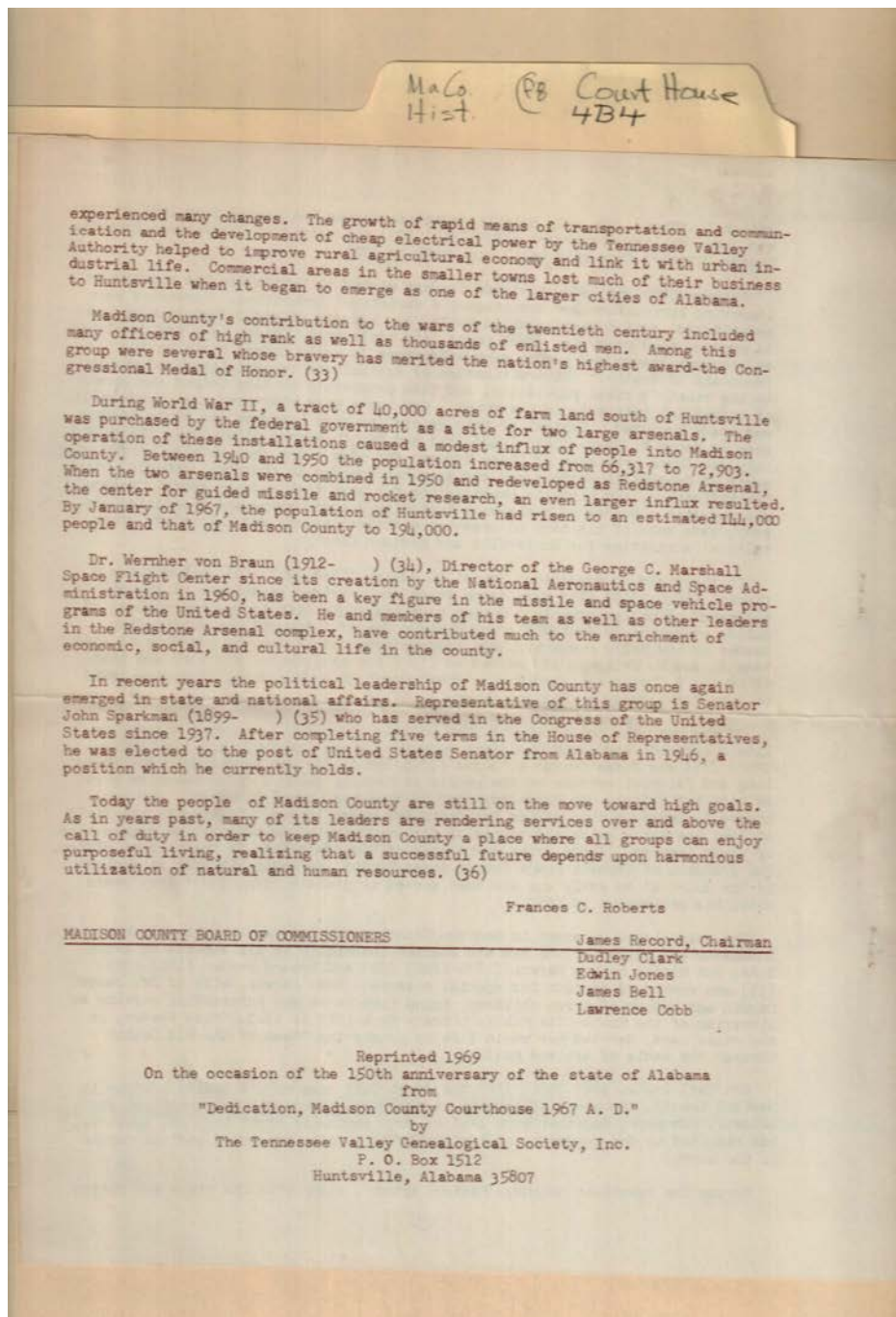
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Sparkman, John,
 Senator

Taylor, Thomas
 Jones, Judge
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 Williams
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 Dr.

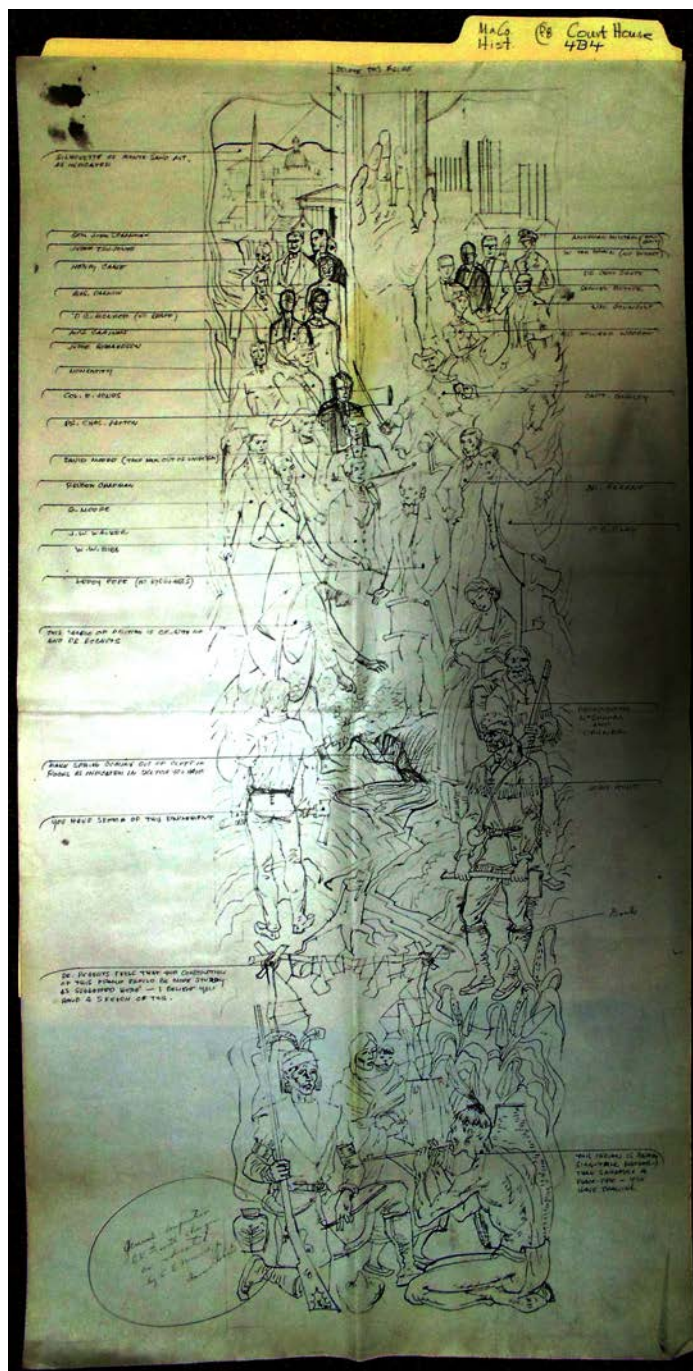
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