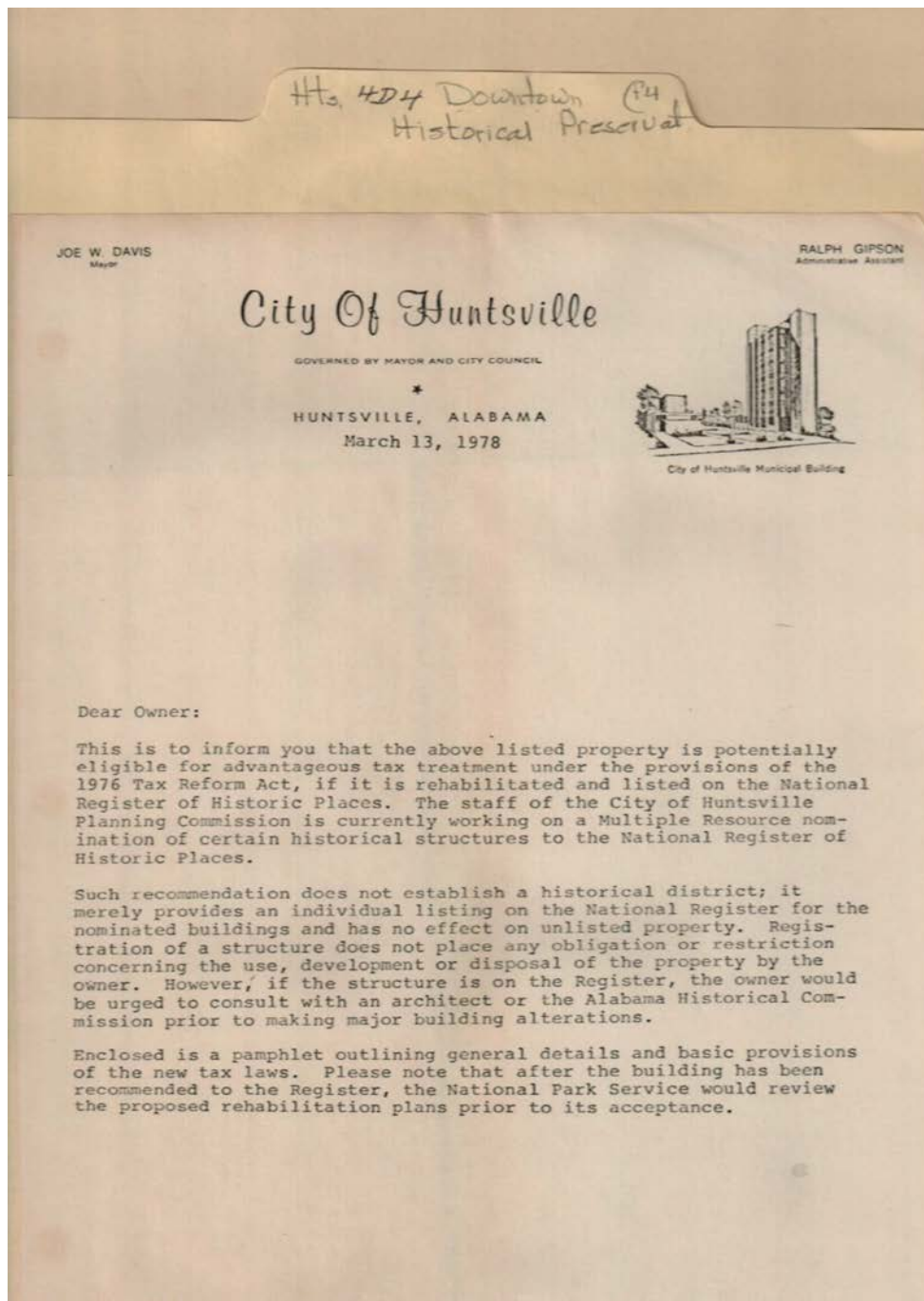


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National Register of
Historic Places

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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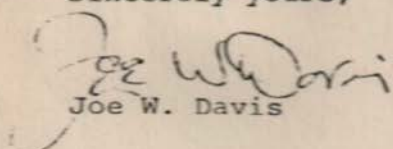
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The Planning Commission of the City of Huntsville would like an indication of your interest in being included in a Multiple Resource recommendation to the National Register of Historic Places. Any questions concerning the eligibility of structures or rehabilitation plans should be directed to Ms. Linda Bayer at the Planning Commission. Please express your opinion, pro or con, as to having your property nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,


Joe W. Davis

JWD:js

Enclosure

Names:

Bayer, Linda

Davis, Joe W.

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Hts. 404 Downtown (14)
Historical Preservation

NAME: Hotel Russell Erskine
LOCATION: 123 McIntosh Ave.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 3, Block 17
UTM:
PRESENT OWNER AND ADDRESS OF OWNER: 1st Alabama Bank
PRESENT OCCUPANT: vacant
PRESENT USE: hotel
DATE ERECTED: 1930
ARCHITECT: Marr + Holman of Nashville, Joe Holman arch of Hotel
BUILDER: E. G. Holiday of Nashville + Birmingham; Hutchens Co. plumb, heat + wiring;
Otis elevators
ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS: interior remodelled 1974
12-floors
OLD VIEWS AND DESCRIPTIONS: Drawings of Hotel: Weekly Times 9-13-28
See
HISTORICAL EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE STRUCTURE:
incorporation papers filed 4-21-28

Names:

Holiday, E. G.

Holman, Joe

Hotel Russell Erskine

Marr,

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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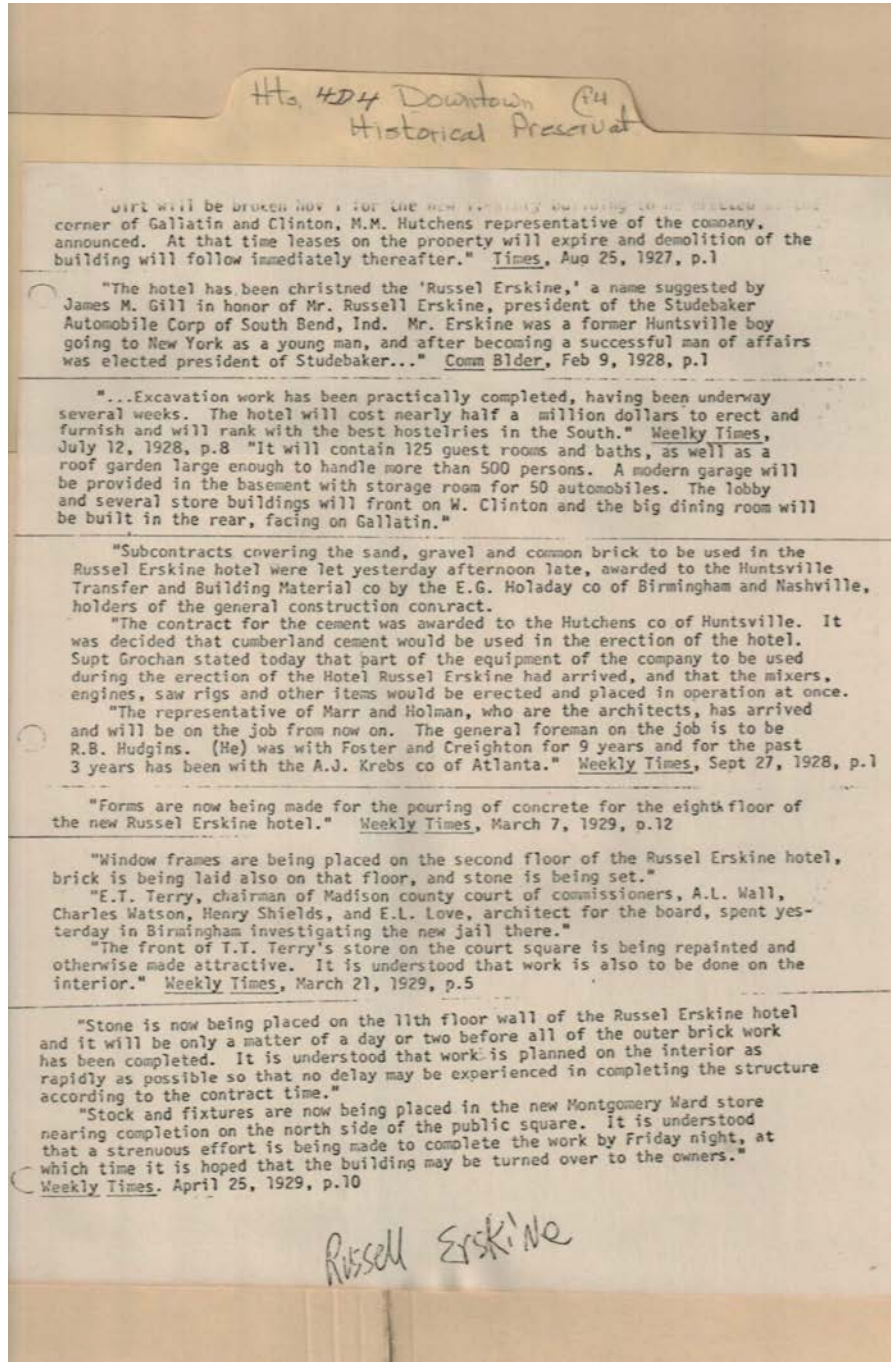
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Gill, James M.
Grochan, Supt.
Holaday, E. G.

Holman,
Hudgins, R. B.
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Krebs, A. J.

Love, E. L.
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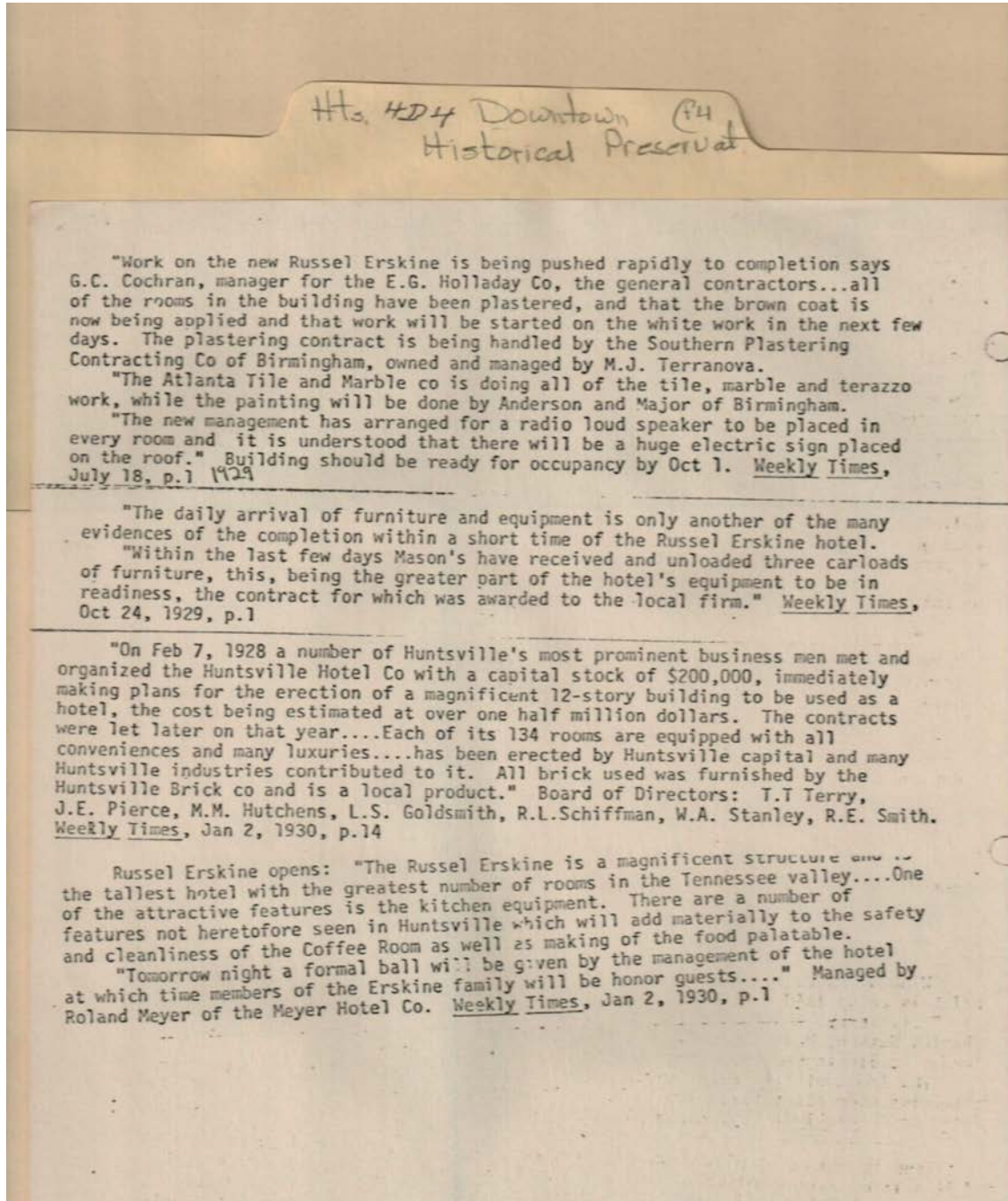
Wall, A. L.
Watson, Charles

Types:

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Dates:

Apr 25, 1929



Names:

Cochran, G. C.
Erskine,
Goldsmith, L. S.

Holladay, E. G.
Hutchens, M. M.
Meyer, Roland

Pierce, J. E.
Schiffman, R. L.
Smith, R. E.

Stanley, W. A.
Terranova, M. J.
Terry, T. T.

Types:

news

Dates:

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| ✓1. | 102 W. Clinton | Terry Hutchens | Huntsville Land Co |
| ✓2. | 123 W. Clinton | Russel-Erskine | First Alabama Bank |
| ✓3. | 116 E. Clinton | Mason | Fidelity Federal S&L |
| 4. | 101 E. Holmes | Post Office | US Government |
| 5. | 103-105 E. Holmes | Struve | c/o Carey Walker |
| 6. | 107, 108, 109, 110 E. Holmes | | Hutchens Co |
| 7. | 220 E. Holmes | Times-Bldg | Madison County |
| 8. | 100-104 S. Jefferson | W.T. Hutchens | Hutchens Estate |
| 9. | 106, 110, 116 S. Jefferson | | Huntsville Land Co |
| 10. | 118 S. Jefferson | Henderson Bank | Henderson Bank |
| 11. | 105-111 N. Jefferson | | Huntsville Land Co |
| 12. | 117, 121 N. Jefferson | Struve-Hay | Charles E. Shaver, Jr. |
| 13. | 123 N. Jefferson | Struve-Hay | Mrs. Bess Bradley |
| 14. | 222 N. Jefferson | Church of Visitation | Same |
| 15. | 300 N. Jefferson | Halsey | W.L. Halsey |
| 16. | 307 N. Jefferson | Kelly Bros & Rowe | Jesse W. Wilson |
| 17. | 315 N. Jefferson | Lombardo Bldg | George M. Beason, Davis Estate |
| 18. | 201-203 East Side Square | Milligan Block | Security Federal S&L |
| ✓19. | 205 East Side Square | Law Library | Madison County |
| ✓20. | 231 East Side Square | Schiffman | L.B. Goldsmith, Jr. |
| 21. | 101 North Side Square | Security Federal | Same |
| 22. | 105 North Side Square | Donegan Block | Alvin Blackwell |
| 23. | 107-111 North Side Square | Donegan Block | Jane K. Lowe |
| 24. | 113 North Side Square | Marja's | Martinson & Beason |
| 25. | 100 South Side Square | First Federal | Mary Alice Yarbrough |
| 26. | 102 South Side Square | | Ford Caldwell Ford & Payne |
| 27. | 104 South Side Square | | Joyce Pearson & Prout |
| 28. | 106 South Side Square | | H. Kenan Timberlake |
| 29. | 108 South Side Square | | Smith-Gaines & Gaines |
| 30. | 110 South Side Square | | Dan Moran |
| 31. | 112-114 South Side Square | | Ira Terry |
| 32. | 116 South Side Square | | Johnston & Johnston |
| 33. | 118 South Side Square | | Mrs. John W. Johnston |
| 34. | 120 South Side Square | | Charles E. Shaver, Jr. |
| 35. | 122 South Side Square | | Culver & Miller |
| 36. | 124-126 South Side Square | Harrison Hardware | Harrison Bros |
| 37. | 128 South Side Square | | Mrs. James M. Dyer |
| ✓38. | 101-111 S. Washington | | Stan Johnson |
| ✓39. | 100 N. Washington | Dunnavants | Earl Cloud, Sr. |
| 40. | 101-113 N. Washington | Stegall Hotel | J.A. Holmes |
| 41. | 102-106 N. Washington | Gudenrath Bldg | Robert Yarbrough |
| 42. | 115-121 N. Washington | | HHA |
| 43. | 123 N. Washington | | c/o Louis Salmon, White Estate |
| ✓44. | 127-129 N. Washington | Yarbrough Hotel | Robert Yarbrough |
| 45. | 100 Gates | House | VanValkenburg |
| 46. | 400 Franklin | Clark Cruse & Travel | Clark Cruse |
| 47. | 210 Randolph | Church of Christ | Same |
| 48. | 236 Church | First Baptist Church | Same |
| 49. | Big Spring | | City of Huntsville |

Names:

Bayer, Linda
Beason,
Beason, George M.
Blackwell, Alvin
Bradley, Bess, Mrs.
Caldwell,
Cloud, Earl, Sr.
Cruse, Clark
Culver,
Dyer, James M., Mrs.

Ford,
Gaines,
Goldsmith, L. B., Jr.
Halsey, W. L.
Holmes, J. A.
Huntsville Downtown
Businesses
Johnson, Stan
Johnston, John W.,
Mrs.

Joyce,
Lowe, Jane K.
Martinson,
Miller,
Moran, Dan
Payne,
Pearson,
Prout,
Salmon, Louis
Shaver, Charles E., Jr.

Smith,
Terry, Ira
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Places:

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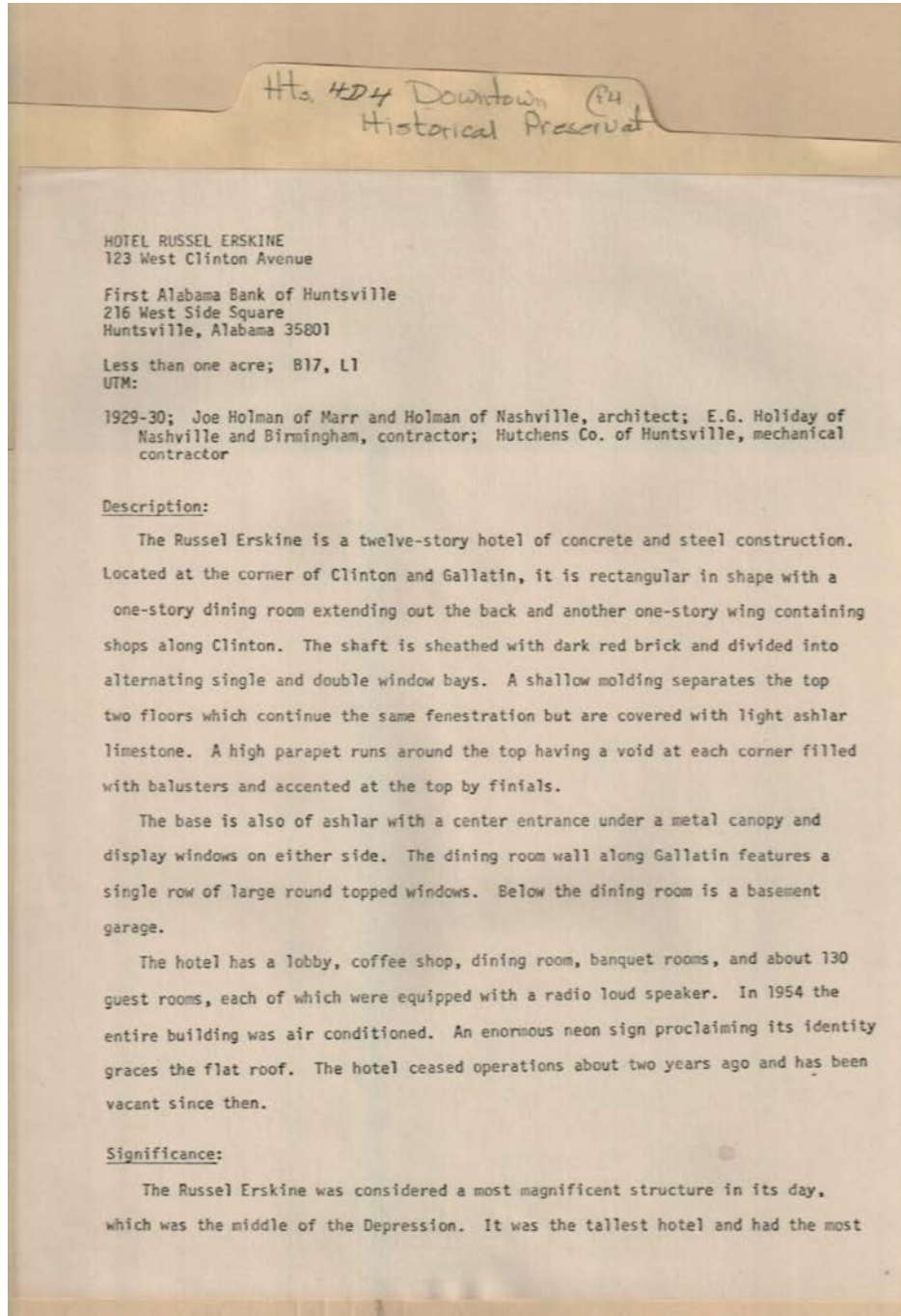
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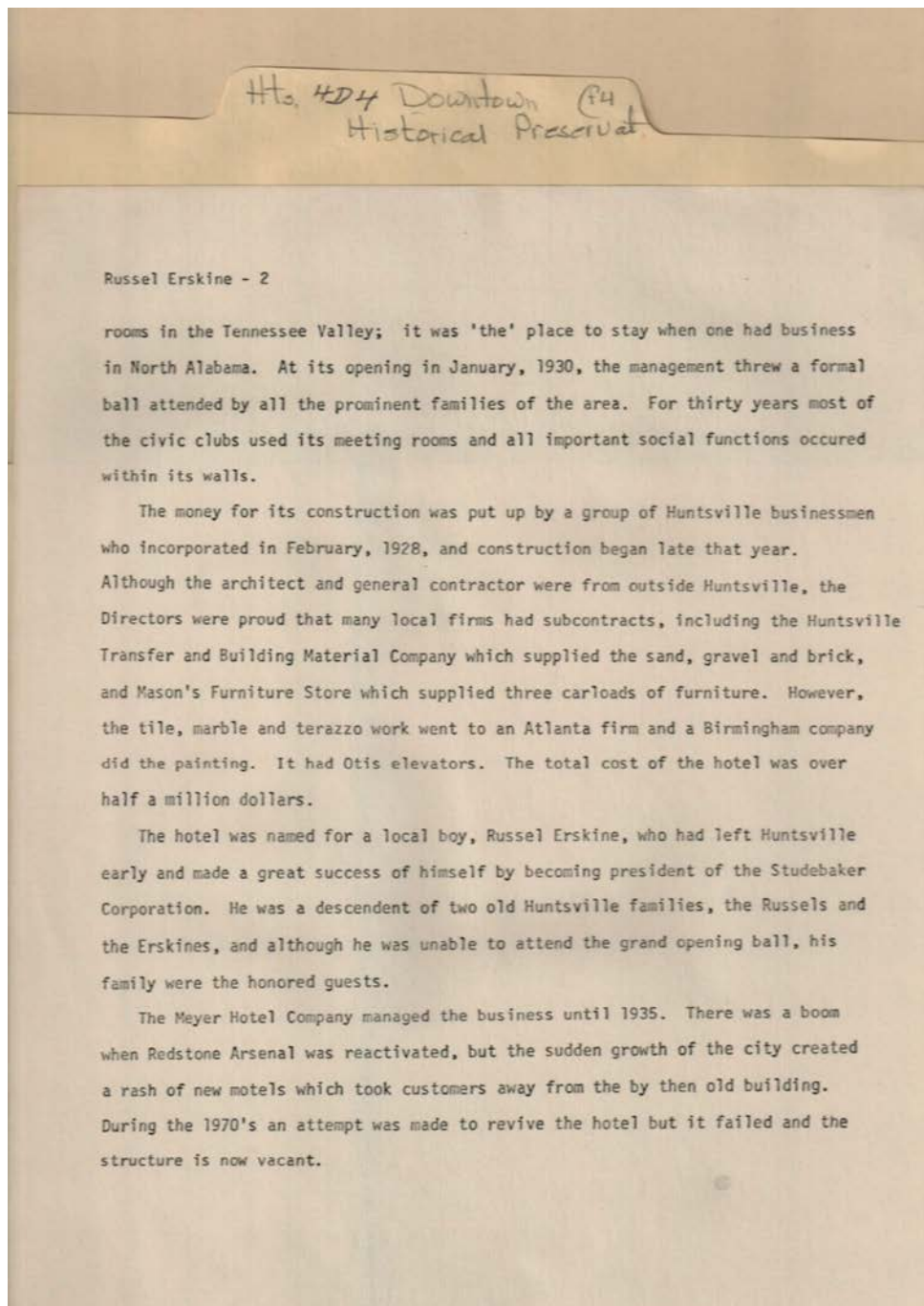
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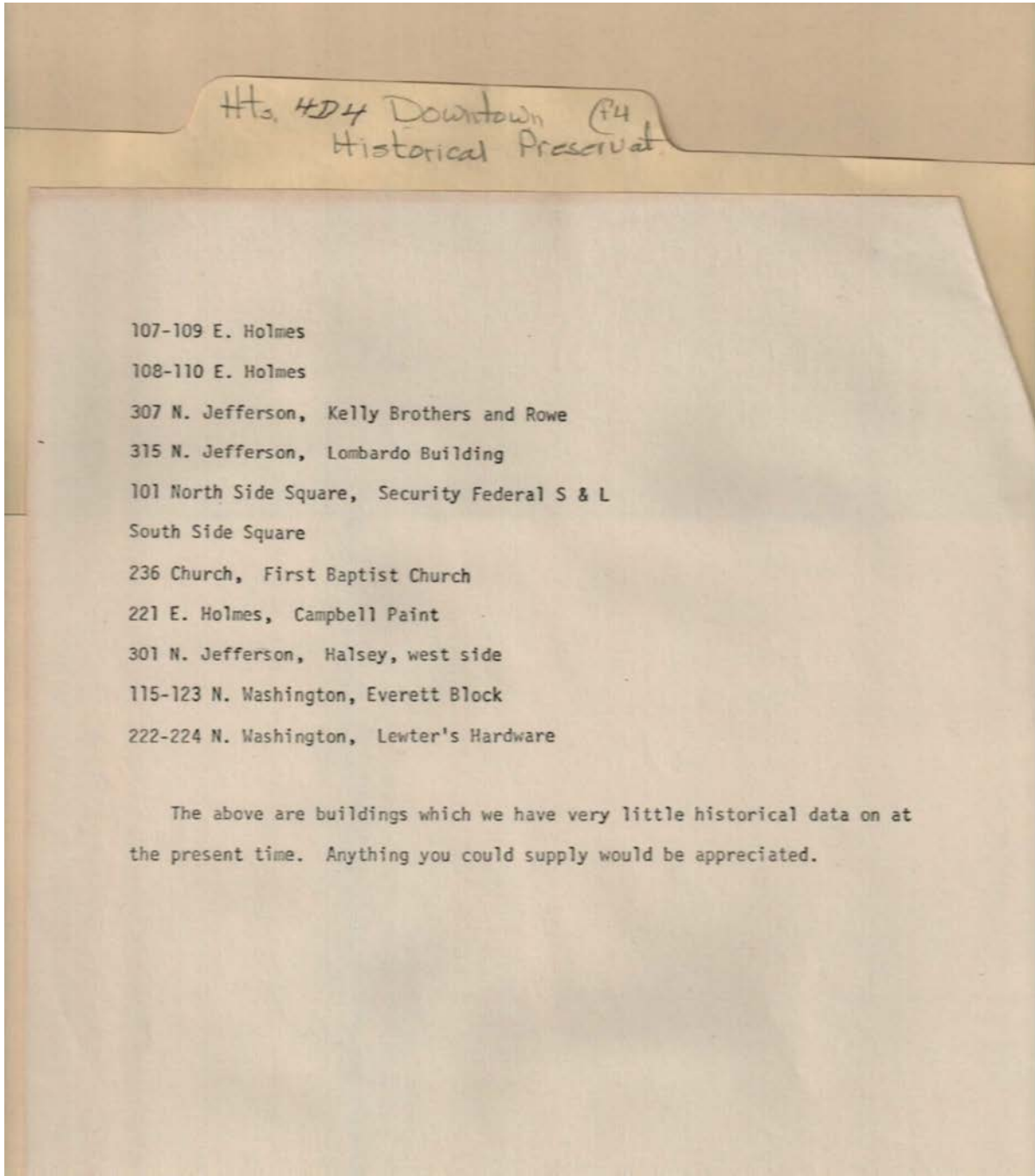
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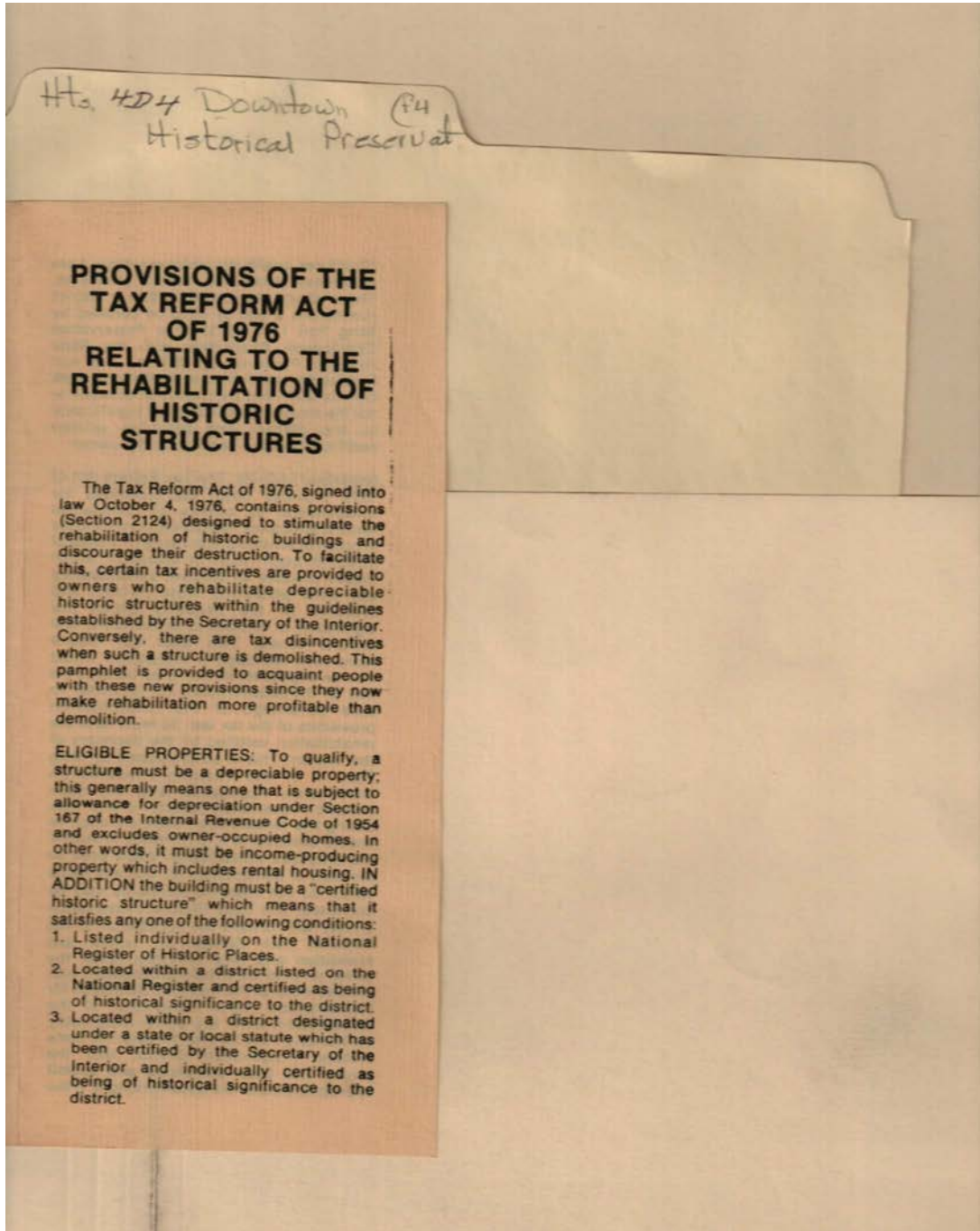
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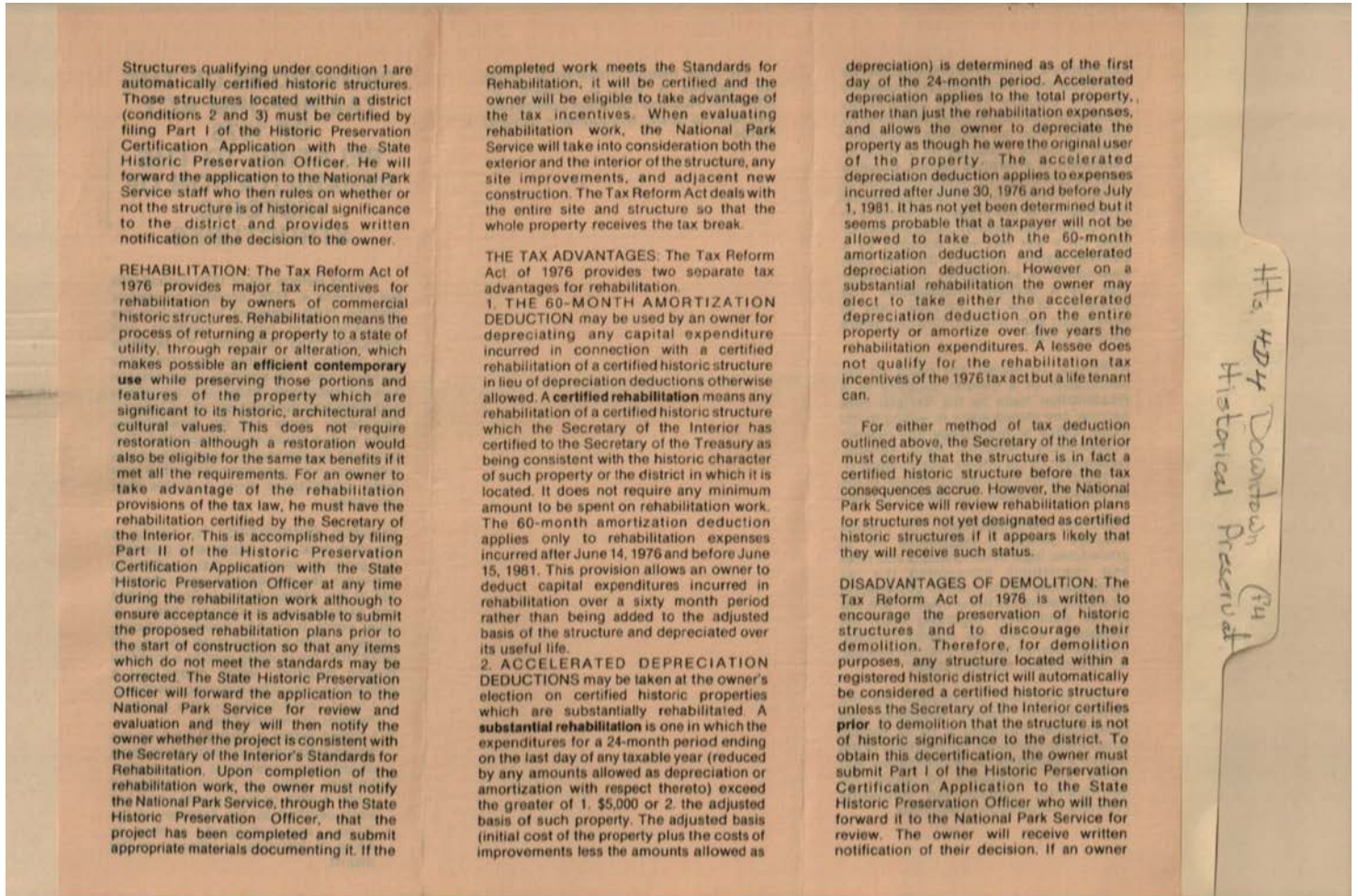


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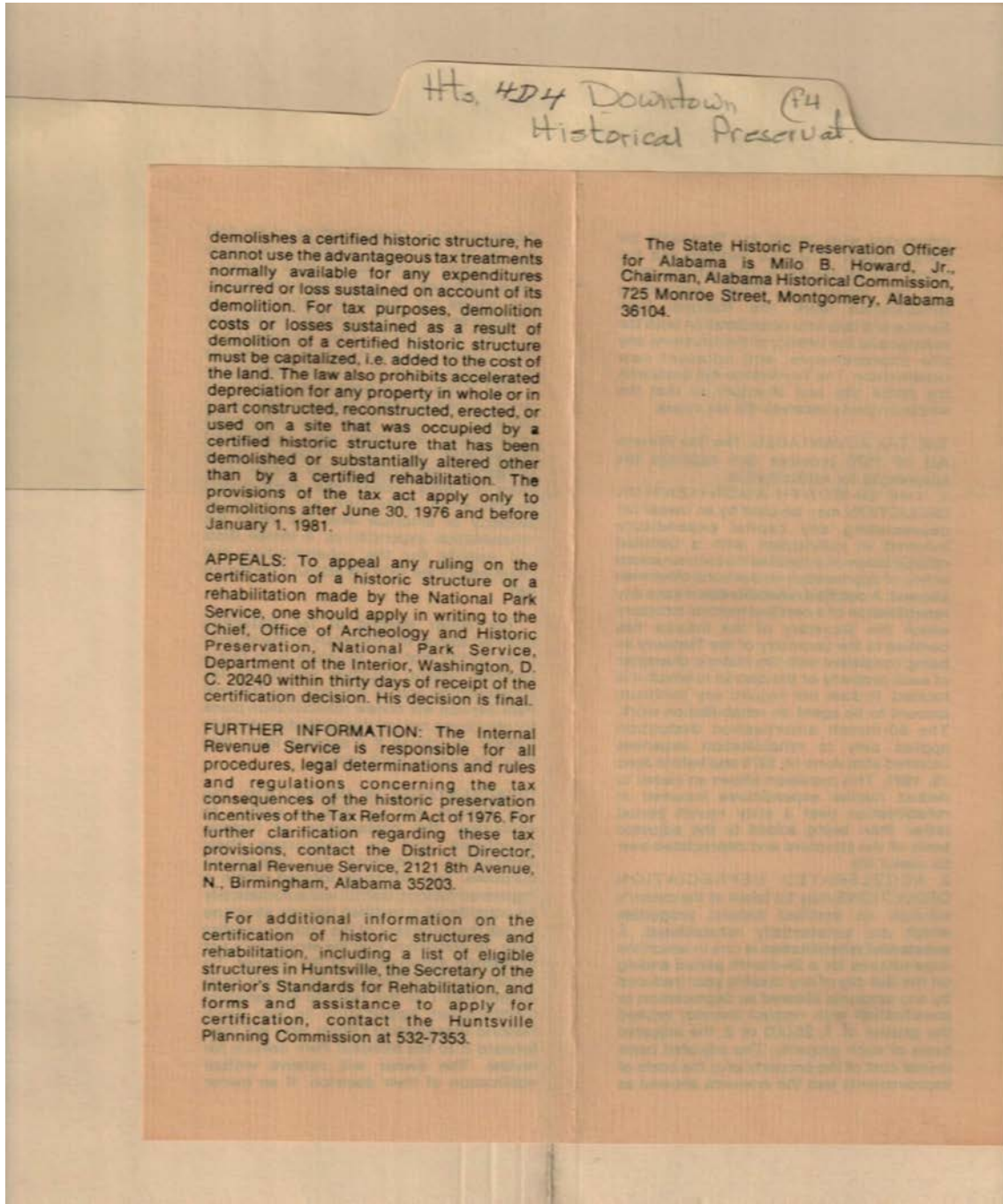
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Downtown Parking

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

newsletter

Dates:

Nov 1976



Names:

Armstrong, T.
Wallace
Brewer, Albert,
Governor

Constitution Hall
Park
Jones & Herrin
Jones,

Nallin, Bill
Porter, Nathan F. S.
Rank, Dr.

Wallace, George,
Governor

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

newsletter

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EXTERIOR REHABILITATION AT AMERICAN INSULATION CO. VIRTUALLY COMPLETE PAGE 3

American Insulation Co. at 305 Jefferson Street North has virtually completed an exterior rehabilitation of its structure to showcase the services it can provide to homeowners.

"We wanted to take the front of the building," said Roy Smith, president, "and show folks what we could do for them. While we have been strictly a wholesale place here downtown, we are interested in working with do-it-yourselfers and other persons."

Smith said that the structure has been under gradual rehabilitation for the last four to five years. "We've tried to do a little bit each year on the interior," he said, "and this year we finally reached the point where we could get to the outside of the building."

The structure is located within the project boundaries of Project Ala. R-46, the city's largest urban renewal project. Smith is participating in the program of voluntary rehabilitation which has been a cornerstone of the clearance-conservation project since June of 1966.

Smith estimated that he has spent about \$3,000 on interior rehabilitation and \$2,000 on exterior rehabilitation.

When Smith decided to embark on exterior rehabilitation, he received an assist from a Housing Authority draftsman through the Downtown Urban Renewal Office. "We're working directly from Jim Sager's drawing," said Smith. "I think it



American Insulation Company's new location at 305 Jefferson Street is a good example of what can be done to revitalize an old structure at modest cost.

was just wonderful, he got as near to what I really wanted to do as is humanly possible."

Smith says that he started out in the home improvement business in March of 1946 with insulation and weather stripping and then gradually worked in to the roofing and siding business.

"In the beginning," he said, "I rented this building as a storage facility. Then folks talked to me about carrying a little

stock here, and gradually the present business downtown grew up. I have always felt like I was helping the homeowner as well as making a living; this business kind of gets in your craw after a while. We're glad to work with anybody, and I think the new front on the building shows the kinds of things that we can do."

Smith said that anybody who works downtown on a day by day basis can "tell you that she's headed back. No doubt about it."




Huntsville's Bicentennial-Christmas Parade brought thousands to the CBD Area on Saturday November 22, 1975. News Photos by Jim Taylor

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PARKING VALIDATION PROGRAM SOUTH

department of transportation, private rehabilitation of CBD structures, and construction of Constitution Hall Park and Weeden Home Gardens.

All this construction will occur essentially within the original nine-block core of downtown Huntsville. One result will be to remove all metered on-street parking in this general area within about a year.

In addition to on-street parking lost, the Constitution Hall Park project will eliminate spaces for about 140 vehicles which have been using the half-block site between South Side Square and Gates Avenue for surface parking.

More than sufficient spaces have been provided in the city's new Downtown Parking System to offset the spaces which will be lost. These spaces lie in a number of surface lots spotted in and around the core,

in the Municipal Parking Structure across from the Municipal Building on Fountain Row, and in three parking structures now under construction.

The key to avoiding a parking problem, according to CCA members, is making the public aware of the location of these lots, and bringing the price for parking down to a reasonable fee which downtown patrons won't hesitate to pay.

Under the parking validation concept, individual downtown merchants and businessmen — including lawyers, doctors, and other professional men — would, in effect, pay for at least a portion of the parking cost to persons patronizing their firms.

Back when the CCA administered these parking lots downtown, this validation was handled through tokens. The tokens were given to persons parking in the CCA lots who visited CCA member firms. These tokens, when inserted in the same mechanism which accepts coins and un-

locks the gates, would raise the gate at any CCA lot.

"I feel that some validation program similar to the one we had is going to be the key to the downtown parking situation," said Joe Cooper, who offered the motion to proceed with a validation concept.

Councilwoman Jane Mabry, liaison person from the council to the CCA, said that she believed that some such program would probably be the only way to ensure that the city would eventually recoup the \$10 million it has put into the creation of the new parking system.

The CCA board also voted to ask Richard Kramer, director of the transportation department, to work out a program of signs to be placed at approaches downtown during the coming construction year. These signs would state which streets were under construction, and map alternate routes for persons going to or through downtown.

Names:

Christmas Parade
Cooper, Joe
Kramer, Richard

Mabry, Jane,
Councilwoman
Sager, Jim

Smith, Roy
Taylor, Jim

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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newsletter photograph

Dates:

Nov 22, 1975

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SEMI-MALL CONTRACT LET

construction calendar will be vital, says a Housing Authority spokesman. If utilities are able to adhere strictly to the schedule drawn up, then construction should proceed smoothly. The major utilities task in this project is the replacement of water, sewer, and gas lines under the streets to be included in the semi-mall.

The contract calls for the completion of the semi-mall within 360 calendar days. It also stipulates that the portion of the semi-mall surrounding the Madison County Courthouse must be completed by Oct. 1 of 1976.

The contractor will be under a penalty clause of \$150 per calendar day for each day that construction runs over the stipulated limits.

A spokesman for G. W. Jones & Sons, which prepared the drawings and specifications, said that the contractor felt he would be able to meet the time frame. "It will take close coordination and supervision, however," the F. W. Jones spokesman said.

During the formal board of commissioners action, a resolution passed unanimously which directed the staff to "inform the contractor of our concern over timely completion and to instruct the contractor to respond with his assurances."

The commissioners also directed the staff to prepare a projection of construction progress on the semi-mall and present it at the next formal board meeting.

The semi-mall will be constructed in six phases. Each phase will include three blocks of construction. The phases have been planned to coordinate with utility work and to minimize traffic disruption downtown. Most of the phases will take about 60 days to complete. The first phase will take somewhat longer, and the last could run a little shorter.

The point of the phasing is to avoid simultaneous construction of any two blocks in a straight line. Each phase is to be essentially completed before work on the next phase proceeds.

The commissioners' order to proceed to let the contract means that the Housing Authority will undertake construction of almost the entire downtown semi-mall plan adopted by the Huntsville Planning Commission and filed with the Madison County Probate Judge.

This Downtown Semi-Mall Plan calls for the redevelopment of some 21 downtown



Southeast corner of courthouse square to receive semi-mall redevelopment and beautification - on-street parking will be eliminated in favor of pedestrian designed sidewalk and crossways.

blocks between Williams Avenue and Monroe Street by the year 1990 into a semi-mall. When the plan was adopted, it was agreed that the Housing Authority would handle as much of the construction as it could with money budgeted under the Ala. R-46 Urban Renewal Plan for a "Courthouse Plaza" project, and that the city would complete the blocks that the Authority was not able to redevelop by 1990.

This particular plan was the outcome of a continuous planning process initiated when the city decided to beautify Courthouse Square under the urban renewal project. At that point, in 1966, it was decided that all on-street parking would be removed from downtown streets in the vicinity of courthouse square and that several streets would be completely malled.

Some \$1.286 was budgeted in the Urban Renewal Plan to develop this concept and execute it. As the planning process continued, however, it became increasingly apparent that the best approach to the Central Business District beautification and traffic flow problem would be that of a semi-mall rather than a full mall. Rather than completely closing any streets, on-street parking would be removed from them and this space given over to pedestrian amenities.

The planning process reached concrete form in a concept plan prepared by Urban Consultants of Montgomery. This plan was adopted and filed in probate; from that point on, no public or private body might develop anything contradictory to the

concept plan. The concept plan was next taken by the Housing Authority and developed into a fully detailed construction project plan.

After this detailed plan was approved by the city, by HUD, and by the HHA board of commissioners, the Authority proceeded to advertise for bids.

The full plan would run the "step-ladder" configuration of the semi-mall all the way from Williams Avenue, the southern loop of the inner-city ring road, to Monroe Street, the northern loop.

The Housing Authority, through this contract, will be able to handle the entire southern end of the plan, including the square around the courthouse, and extend it as far as Holmes Avenue.

This leaves the city with only the long blocks of Jefferson and Washington Street between Holmes Avenue and Monroe Street to complete by 1990 to execute the whole plan.

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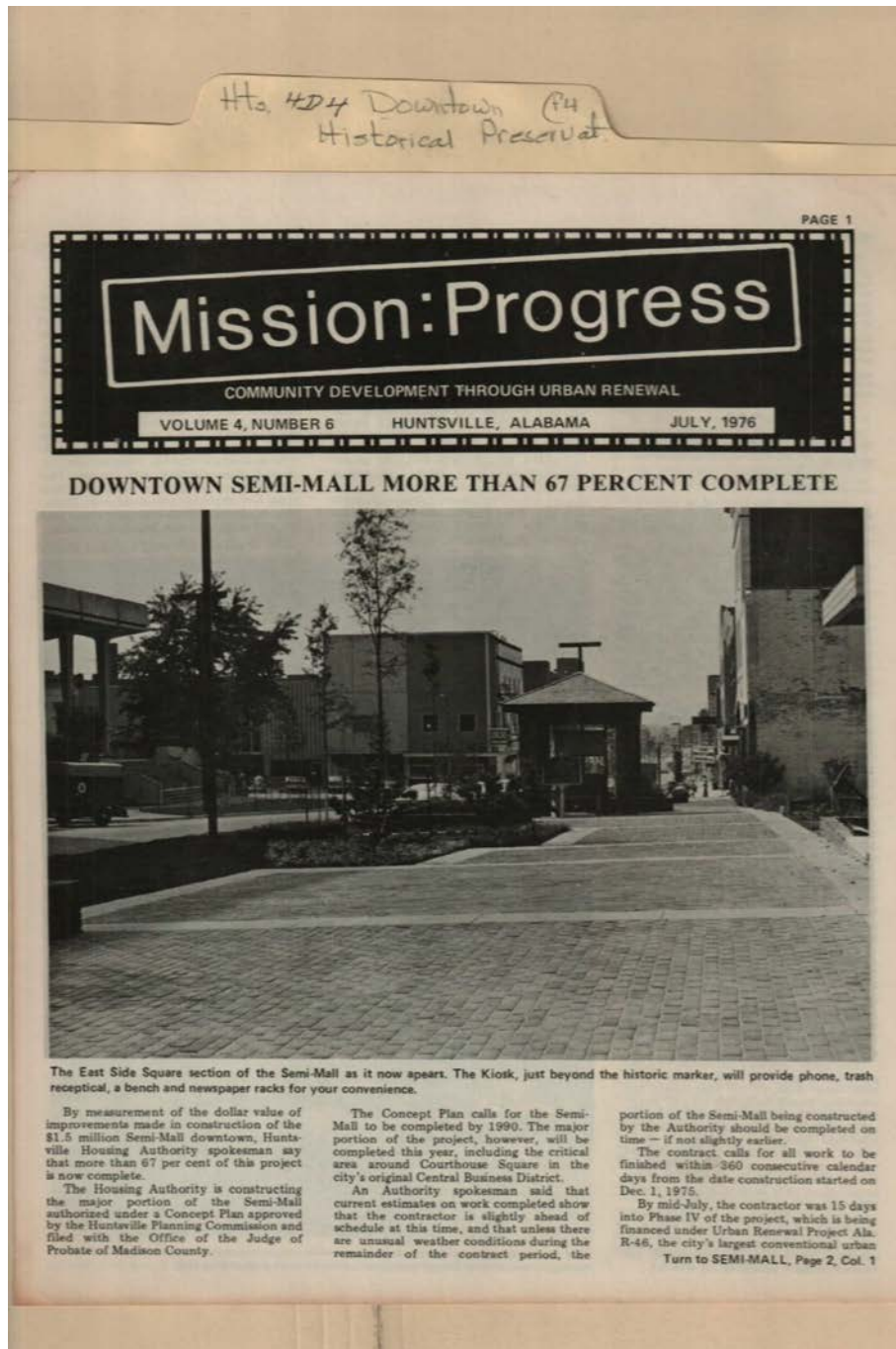
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East Side Square
Project

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Dates:

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Names:

Alexander, Laurence

Armstrong, T.
Wallace

Nallen, Bill
Porter, Nathan F. S.

West Side Square
Project

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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DOWNTOWN PARKING STRUCTURE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE

A spokesman for the firm of Jones and Herrin, Architects, reports that work is now virtually complete on the Downtown Parking Structure on Clinton Avenue and will be ready for use by mid-August.

By mid-July, the spokesman said, the contractors were already into the "punch-list" and doing general clean-up work on the structure.

To make a "punch-list," the architects go over the structure inch by inch with the contractor and note down places where work does not meet specifications or is incomplete.

The contractor then works the "punch-list" item by item to make sure that all aspects of the structure will meet specifications and that the structure will pass final inspection and be ready for use.

The Downtown Parking Structure is being constructed under a \$1,975,000

area which lay between the Twickenham and buildings fronting on Jefferson Street which was being used for parking.

After all the structures on-site were acquired and cleared by the City of Huntsville, which is building the structure under a \$10 million bond issue authorized for construction of two other major parking structures now complete and a number of satellite lots, it was learned that additional work would have to be done to provide the downtown structure with a firm foundation.

This 90-day lag affected the initial phasing plan laid down by the Authority for Semi-Mall construction because of the necessity of erecting barricades to provide pedestrian access and assure safety.

The Authority, however, was able to juggle the phasing timetable with the cooperation of the downtown community



Downtown parking facility nears completion, as street work progresses on Clinton Avenue between Washington and Jefferson.

contract let to the construction firm of Brasfield and Gorrie.

It is located on the half-block bounded by Clinton Avenue, Washington and Jefferson Streets, and the service alley behind the structures which front on North Side Square.

The original contract for the structure, which will play an important part in providing parking to support the \$1.5 million Semi-Mall now under construction by the Housing Authority in the city's Central Business District, had to be revised to allow 90 additional days of construction time because of difficulties with the foundation work.

At the time that borings were taken for the foundation specifications originally prepared by the architects, several structures covered the proposed construction site. Among these was the old Twickenham Hotel property.

The location of these buildings made it impossible to obtain borings except at one

so that the Semi-Mall Project has remained on schedule.

The spokesman for the architectural firm said it was not yet known when the city would officially open the new structure for public use.

The Central City Association has requested the City's Department of Transportation, which will administer this and other downtown parking facilities, to reserve the ground floor (and perhaps an additional floor) for short-term parking at reasonable rates, and the city had, in initial talks, indicated its willingness to go along with the proposal.

It has also been suggested that parking fees on the new structure be absorbed for possibly one month to allow the public to get accustomed to using the facility. It is not yet known what the city will do in this regard.

A spokesman for the architects pointed out that the new parking structure had been designed specifically for ease in use

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and for safety. "We realize that there are some persons in the community who do feel that parking in a garage is uncomfortable," he said, "but after they give this structure a fair try we feel that they will change their minds."

WEEDEN HOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

A select committee appointed by the Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville to monitor the historical restoration of the Weeden House downtown has held its first meeting and familiarized itself with some of the problems to be encountered in this project.

At its first session, the advisory committee elected Dr. Frances Roberts of the Department of History of the University of Alabama in Huntsville to chair the meeting.

The Weeden House, listed in the 1973 National Register of Historic Places, is being restored by the Huntsville Housing Authority under Urban Renewal Project Ala. R-46. Though it was not listed in the National Register until seven years after approval of Huntsville's largest conventional urban renewal project, HUD approved the historic restoration as a permissible item in the overall R-46 project plan.

The Federal Urban Renewal Act was the first in national history to recognize the need for preservation of the nation's historic heritage through allocation of public funds for the preservation and restoration of landmark historical structures.

Harvie Jones, a member of the firm of Jones and Herrin, Architects, which has entered into a contract with the Authority to prepare drawings and specifications for the restoration, gave a background description on the Weeden House to the committee including its history, details of design, and the present status of the structure.

The committee then discussed demolition procedures for the 20th Century portion of the structure, which is located at the intersection of Gates Avenue and Franklin Street just off the Semi-Mall, which is also under construction by the Authority under Project Ala. R-46.

The Authority will attempt to recreate in accurate detail the way the structure appeared during the Howard Weeden period. The committee discussed briefly such construction considerations as whether or not to paint or paper the walls, whether to replace the current modern glass panes with period glass, and how to install a system which would maintain the proper temperature and humidity conditions necessary to preserve period furniture and memorabilia from the Howard Weeden period.

The committee plans one meeting a month.

An Authority spokesman said that the considerations of the committee will play an important part in shaping the construction strategy. The spokesman said that considerable care will have to be taken in

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Clinton Ave. Parking Facility

Jones & Herrin
Jones, Harvie

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Weeden House Restoration

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

newsletter

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Davis, Joe, Mayor
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Kramer, Richard
Milligan, Barbara

Monroe, Gene, Sr.
Mission Progress

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Dates:

Aug 1976



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Armstrong, T.
Wallace

Doak, Hugh
Krame, Richard

Nailen, Bill
Porter, Nathan F. S.

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TWO VIEWS OF JEFFERSON STREET SHOW PROGRESS IN COMPLETING SEMI-MALL STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. TWO VIEWPOINTS IN EARLY AUGUST 1976.

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Above, left looking south from the corner of Jefferson and Holmes one views the nearly completed street. Kiosk lacks phone and news rack. Central city parking facility is on left beyond sterchis. Above, right, looking north just outside parking facility, contractor offloads sidewalk bricks as traffic moves around and through construction. At press time this work was virtually complete.

CITY COUNCIL ENACTS ORDINANCE RESTRICTING USE OF SEMI-MALL PARKING BAYS

Use of the parking bays in the new Semi-Mall downtown being constructed under Urban Renewal Project Ala. R-46 has been resolved by the Huntsville City Council.

On July 29, the council went into special session during their biweekly work meeting to enact an ordinance which limits parking in bays to 10 minutes.

The ordinance specifies that the vehicle must be attended. This means that a licensed driver must stay at the wheel even though the motor is not running.

Commercial vehicles may stand in the bays for 30 minutes under the same stipulation. Such vehicles must be clearly marked as commercial.

Enactment of this ordinance answers concerns of the downtown population expressed through the Central City Association for the last two months over the use of the bays.

As soon as the Housing Authority's contractor completed any block of the new Semi-Mall the bays — which were intended only for loading and offloading persons or merchandise — were immediately filled with all-day parkers.

Without an amended ordinance, it was impossible for the city's Department of Transportation to cite persons who, in the opinion of many downtowners, were abusing the opportunity afforded by the bays.

The situation was also causing traffic jams. With unattended vehicles standing in the bays, it was impossible for the large trailer-trucks which unload during business hours to retail outlets in the Courthouse vicinity to get completely out of the new travelways.

The new ordinance, therefore, bolsters the planning intent of Project R-46. The Urban Renewal Plan for that project states that a major goal of overall project activity would be to eliminate congestion in the Central Business District.

In the same ordinance, the City Council also made Clinton Avenue a two-way street for an additional block east of its former terminus to allow access to the new municipal Downtown Parking Structure just north of Courthouse Square.

The ordinance, however, prohibits traffic from entering Clinton Avenue from either Jefferson Street or Spragens Street (the short leg of street which intersects Clinton just west of the old Russell Erskine Hotel property).

Authority representatives participated in negotiations with the State of Alabama which eventually led to the sale of this site in 1969 by the Authority to the Alabama Department of Conservation as a state park.

The creation of the Twickenham Historical Preservation District, the Weeden House historical restoration project to be accomplished under Project Ala. R-46, and the construction of this historical recreation project just south of Courthouse Square will create a concentration of structures and museums of considerable historic significance in the southeastern sector of the core area of downtown — most of it accessible from the Semi-Mall and the southern loop of the Inner City Ring Road built under the urban renewal program.

The City of Huntsville has already graded the site of the park as a contribution toward the project, and the city's Department of Community Development has earmarked an additional \$94,000 in funding for it.

DOCUMENTATION ON CONSTITUTION HALL PARK VARIANCE REQUEST UNDER REVIEW

Further documentation to support elimination of certain provisions for the handicapped required by the State of Alabama from the proposed Constitution Hall Park project has been forwarded to Montgomery by Jones and Herrin, architects for the park.

The Alabama Department of Conservation, which will supervise construction of the park, has

completed its review of the revised plans and specifications drawn by the local firm.

During June, when the review was complete, the Department of Conservation informed Jones and Herrin that certain provisions for the handicapped required by state law would have to be added to final drawings and specifications.

The architectural firm submitted a reply to the review which contended that in this one case inclusion of these provisions would have an adverse effect upon the purpose of the project. As exact a recreation as possible of the way the half-block downtown site looked back in 1819 when delegates from what are now 22 Alabama counties assembled in Huntsville to draft the Constitution and enter this state into the Union.

In July, the Department of Conservation requested further documentation, and this documentation, said Harvie Jones, has been forwarded. The architects are now awaiting a reply.

Jones said that he was in full agreement that in all normal public works projects, provisions for the handicapped should be included. He said Constitution Hall Park was an exception, however, in that no such provisions were even thought of in 1819.

Under a new contract agreement between the state and City of Huntsville, the Alabama Department of Conservation will expend \$300,000 in capital construction money on the park and the city will have to pay the cost of any overrun. The state will have contract authority over construction, and upon completion will deed it over to the city as a municipal park.

The site of the park is a half-block of land bounded by Constitution Alley, Gates Avenue, and Madison and Franklin Streets. It will lie within the Semi-Mall being constructed under Project Ala. R-46. The site was initially acquired and cleared by the Housing Authority under Project R-46 and designated as a site for a parking structure, but when the movement began to create a state park on the spot where Alabama entered the Union, the Authority gave full cooperation.

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council both said that the semi-mall would be a valuable contribution to the downtown for years to come.

Sen. Sparkman stated that it was a good example of what cities could do in partnership with their federal government, and reminisced about the early days of the legislative efforts which produced the urban renewal and community development programs.

During his remarks, he cited Nathan F. S. Porter, executive director of the Housing Authority, as one of the top housing and urban development authorities in the nation.

The senator also said that he had kept up with developments in the city during his long years in Washington and noted that the semi-mall was among the developments he was most interested in.

Chairman Monroe of the Authority's Board of Commissioners said, in part: "All downtown improvements accomplished through urban renewal programs, were made possible with the city contributing in cash only 15% of the federal grant. This R-46 project that we are now completing was made possible without any cash outlay from the city's general fund."

The ceremony was climaxed by Stan Johnson, chairman of the Downtown Design Review Committee, who announced the recommendation that the completed semi-mall be named the Big Spring Plaza.

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WEEDEN HOUSE RESTORATION BID PACKET AWAITS HUD APPROVAL

The Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville is awaiting HUD approval on a bid package covering the first phase of Weeden House restoration downtown.

The Weeden House, listed in the 1973 National Register of Historic Places, is being restored by the Authority under Urban Renewal Project Ala. R-46.

The bid package now waiting approval covers the preparations for the restoration proper.

It includes such items as dismantling portions of the house which represent historical periods later in time than the period to which the house will be restored, removal of old and damaged plaster, and paint stripping.

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\$1.5 MILLION DOWNTOWN SEMI-MALL COMPLETED
HOUSING AUTHORITY ON SCHEDULE

The \$1.5 million downtown semi-mall constructed under a contract let by the Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville has been successfully completed on schedule.

Construction on the mammoth project, designed to improve and beautify the Courthouse Square area, began Dec. 1, 1975 and was finished within the specified contract term of 360 calendar days.

Completed and granted final inspection in November, the semi-mall was accepted into the maintenance program of the City of Huntsville in ceremonies on the Square Saturday, Dec. 4, 1976 (See Story, This Edition).

At that time, it was recommended that the semi-mall be named the Big Spring Plaza.

Completion of the semi-mall fulfills a major goal in the Urban Renewal Plan for Project Ala. R-46, which encompasses the majority of the land in the old Central City area of the 1950s.

That goal, approved in the Urban Renewal Plan in 1966, was the creation of a plaza around the Madison County Courthouse to beautify the area and to stimulate rehabilitation and redevelopment of the original core city.

The courthouse plaza, under the concept first agreed upon in the 1960s, was to have been a full mall. Streets would have been completely closed to vehicular traffic on at least three sides of the Courthouse Square, and the former travelways and sidewalks converted into a virtual park.


As the concept developed, however, it became increasingly apparent that another approach was needed to fulfill both urban renewal master planning goals and goals for downtown planning set by the staff and membership of the Huntsville Planning Commission.

The approach finally chosen was that of a semi-mall. In a semi-mall, substantial pedestrian improvements are made while still allowing the flow of vehicular traffic to continue.


This choice of approaches was later endorsed by Laurence Alexander of Laurence A. Alexander & Co., Inc. of New York City, one of the top consultants in mall and semi-mall concept planning, execution, and utilization in North America.

Alexander was retained by G. W. Jones & Sons here as a consultant when the contract between the Authority and G. W. Jones was amended to permit the engineering firm to develop the concept plan, detailed construction drawings, and specifications for the portion of the Huntsville semi-mall to be constructed with urban renewal money.

The decision to adopt a semi-mall approach was made by the Planning Commission after Urban Consultants of Montgomery and the planning staff of the city had developed a comprehensive land use plan, one component of which was a plan for development of downtown Huntsville.



East Side Square



South Side Square from parking facility, looking east.

This plan, which specified that a semi-mall would be constructed in a north-south stepladder configuration between Williams Avenue and Monroe Street, was adopted by the Planning Commission and filed with the Office of the Madison County Probate Judge.

The Authority took this basic concept plan and, with the assistance of the Semi-mall Design Review Committee appointed to monitor all phases of semi-mall design and give advice to the Planning Commission on the project, developed a more refined concept plan which was then developed into a detailed construction plan.

Under this plan, the Authority was to contract construction of the portion of the semi-mall between Gates Avenue and Holmes Avenue.

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Alexander, Laurence
Armstrong, T.
Wallace

Johnson, Stan
Monroe,
Nailen, Bill

Porter, Nathan F. S.
Sparkman, Senator

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Old Southern Railway Depot

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But in adopting the plan, the council did not include funding provisions for the project. Council President Jimmy Wall said that formal approval by the council was granted so that federal funding might be sought.

Under the concept plan for the museum, the historic depot and grounds would be converted into a museum which would link the development of the city's urbanized area to the development of all forms of transportation, including railroads.

In April of this year, the council reviewed the concept plan and appointed the Huntsville Museum Depot Board to proceed with the work necessary to implement it.

So far as can be determined, the carrying forward of this concept plan would create a transportation museum unique in the nation.

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The proposed museum would, with other historic properties inside R-46 boundaries, create a tourist catchment area which should help the growth and development of downtown as well as bolstering the entire local economy. These projects include the semi-mall, the Weeden House which will be restored by the Housing Authority under Project Ala. R-46, and Constitution Hall Park.

Guy Spencer, chairman of the Museum Depot Board, has estimated the total cost of museum development at about \$900,000.

At present, the City of Huntsville Department of Community Development has committed \$32,000 for the fiscal year which ended in October, 1976, and \$22,660 for the current fiscal year. The State of Alabama has committed \$27,500 in historical preservation moneys, bringing the total to about \$82,000.

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Finally, the project was ready for bid, and the contract went to Shelby Contracting Co. Work began on Dec. 1, 1975, and proceeded with unusual speed, with work crews either on or slightly ahead of schedule virtually all the way through the construction year.

The construction was planned in six phases to minimize disruption and inconvenience in the core area, and even though some of the phases had to be slightly juggled — principally to compensate for problems encountered in Central City Parking Structure construction — the phasing plan succeeded in its objective.

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Semi-mall construction involved cooperation with the private sector and various downtown populations as well as these public agencies. Working through the Central City Association, the Twickenham Association, and other private groups involved in the downtown, the Authority kept concerns and individuals affected by the construction fully informed all through the year.

Even before completion of the project, the semi-mall was beginning to have a favorable affect on the core city. There was new construction and rehabilitation along streets receiving the semi-mall treatment.

Numerous persons over the city who had not visited the downtown area in years came down to view progress and enjoy portions of the project which were virtually complete.

Several events were staged along the semi-mall prior to completion including a very successful "Street Fair" around the Square which drew more than a thousand participants.

Concern was expressed during the year over parking to support the semi-mall, but as the Department of Transportation completed its network of downtown parking structures and satellite lots, it became apparent that parking would be more than ample.

It should be noted that, overall, there was little adverse reaction to the project once construction began, and most of that came during the first months. As more and more of the unanimity in agreeing that the project would indeed benefit both downtown and the entire community emerged.

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West Side Square



The plan also included an "Option A" whereby the Authority would contract for additional blocks between Williams Avenue and Gates Avenue, and when the final plan and specifications for bids went before the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority, it was decided to include Option A in the portion of the semi-mall to be built by the Authority.

The portion of the full semi-mall that the Authority was to build, therefore, consisted of 14 blocks and two alleys, leaving the City of Huntsville committed to build the final blocks of semi-mall between Holmes Avenue and Monroe Street by 1990.

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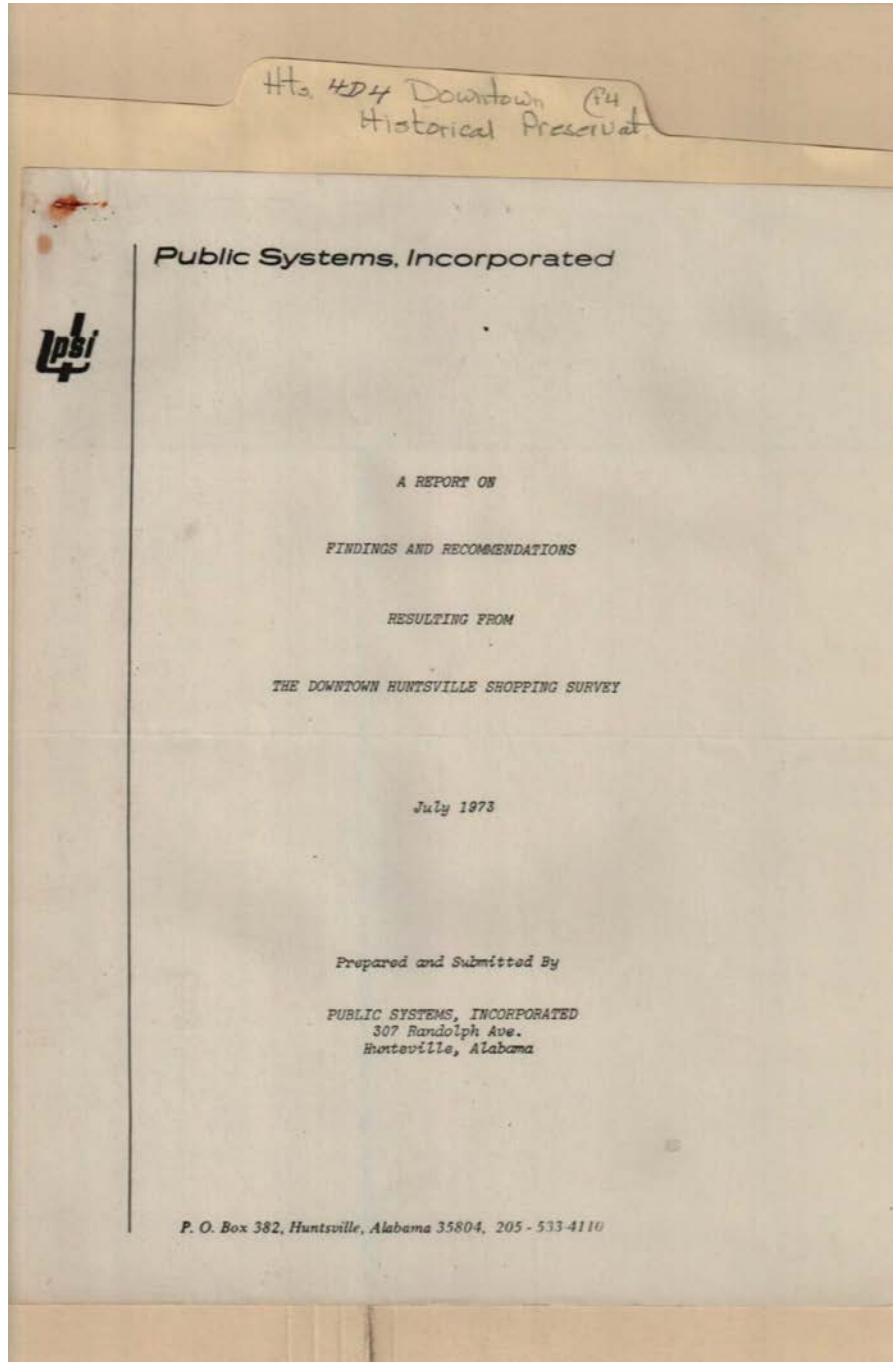
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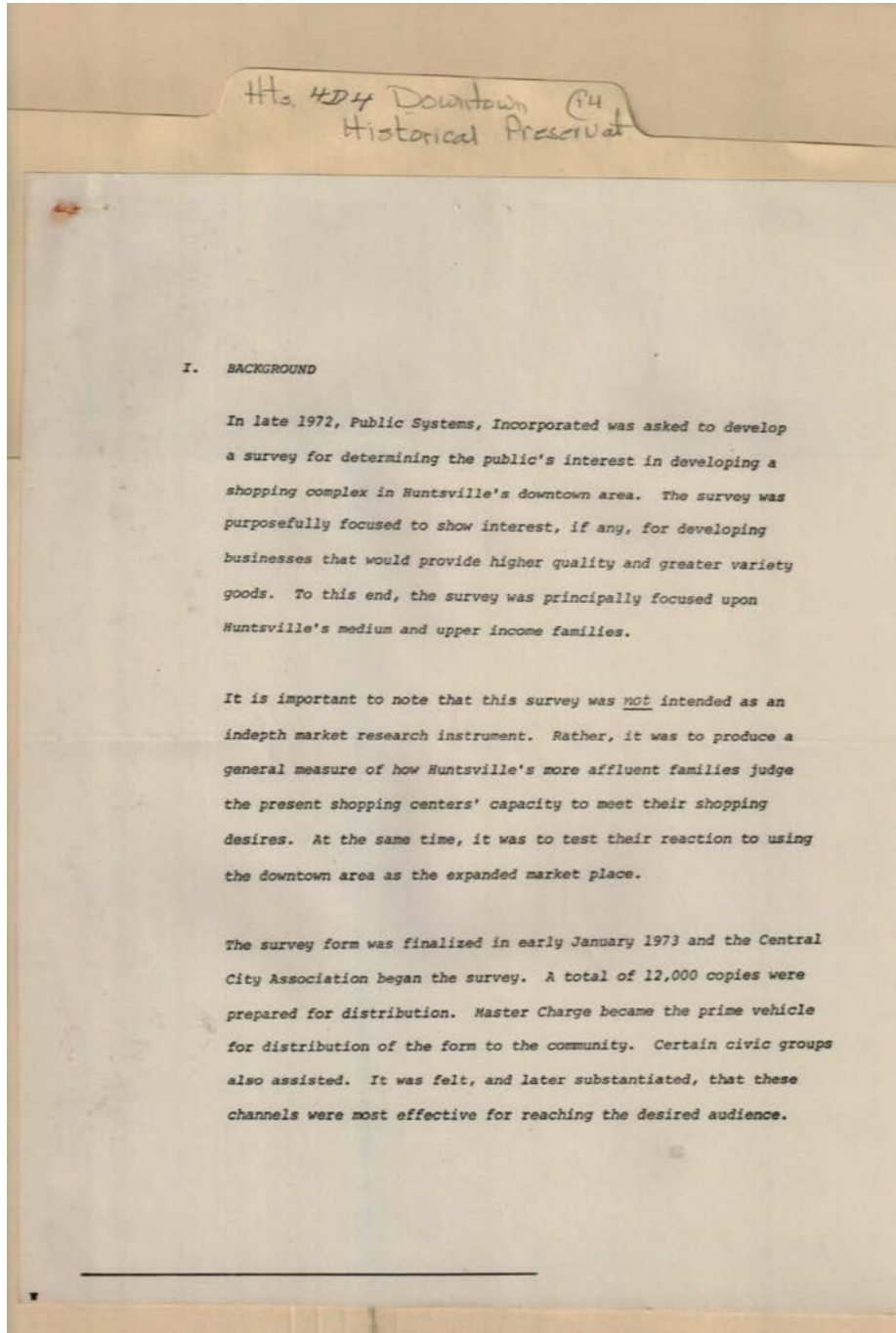
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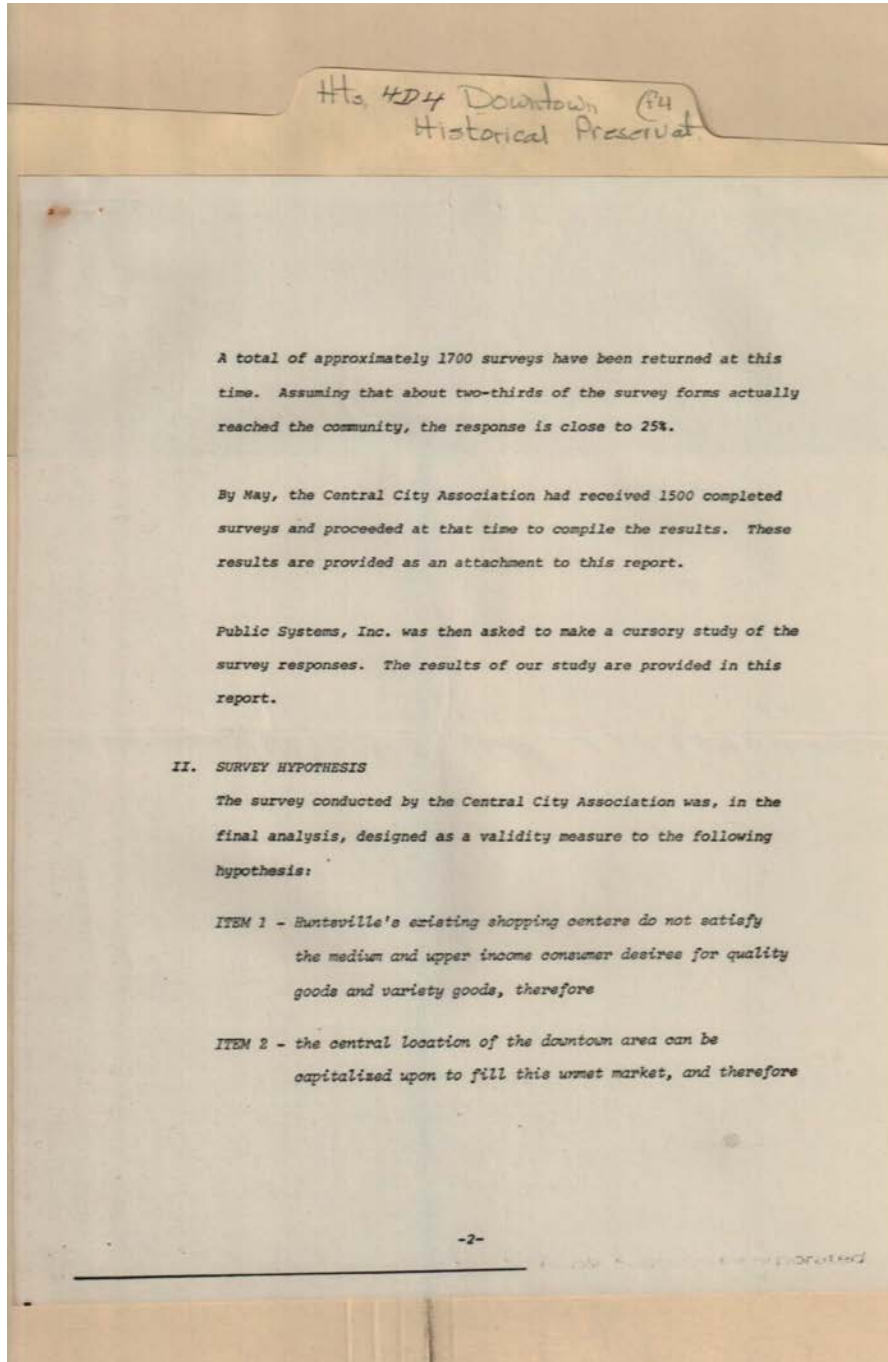
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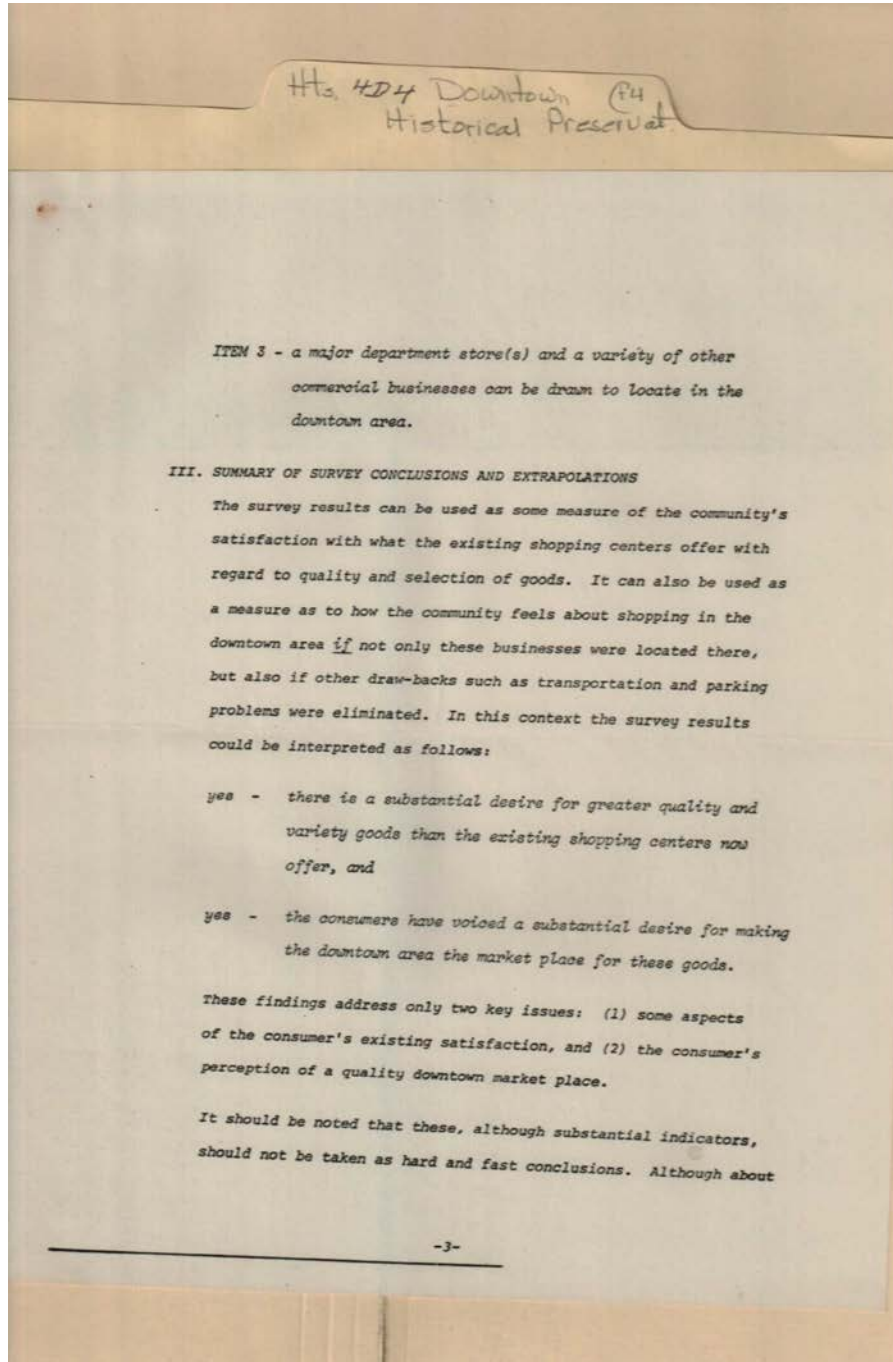
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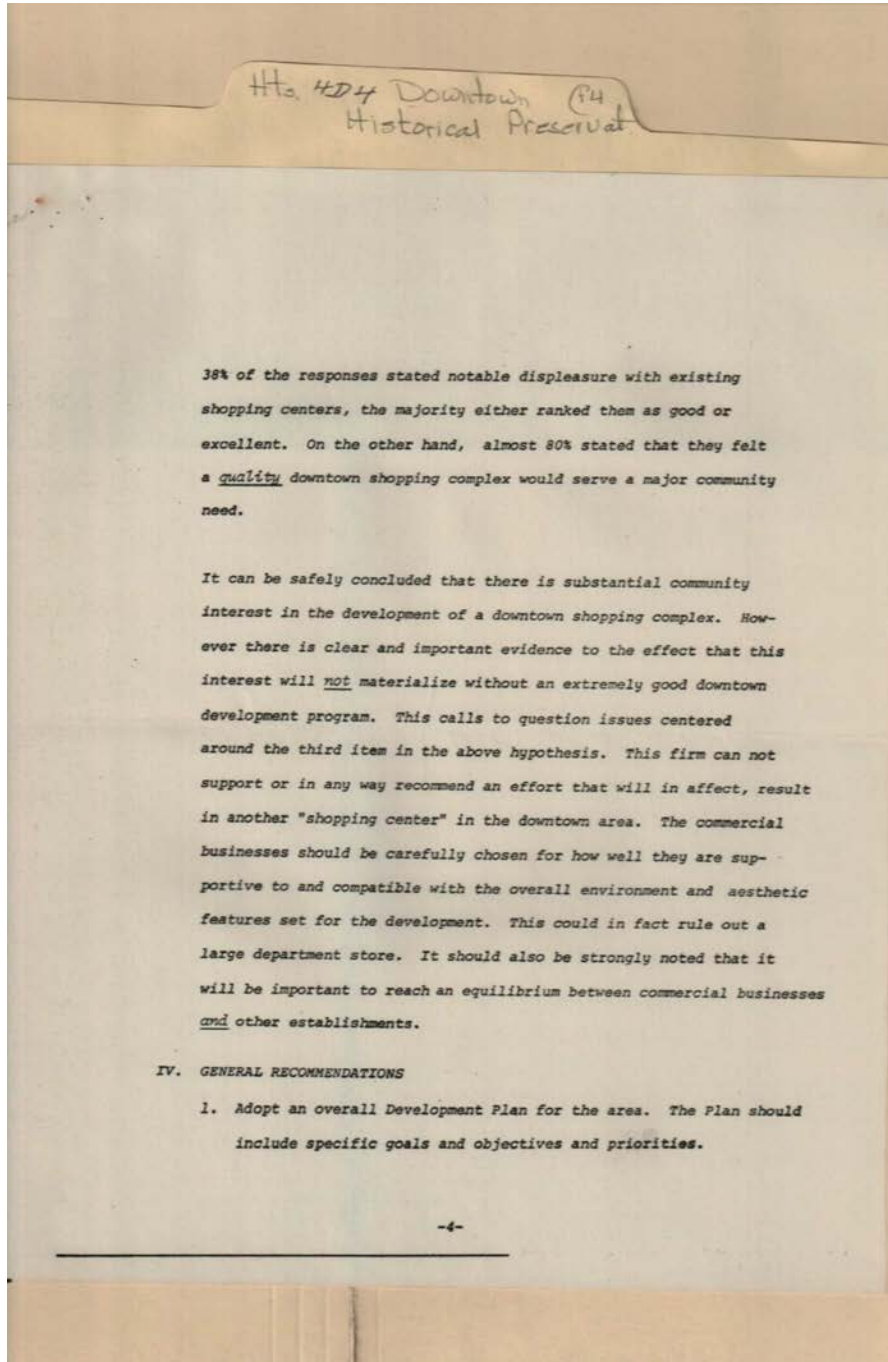
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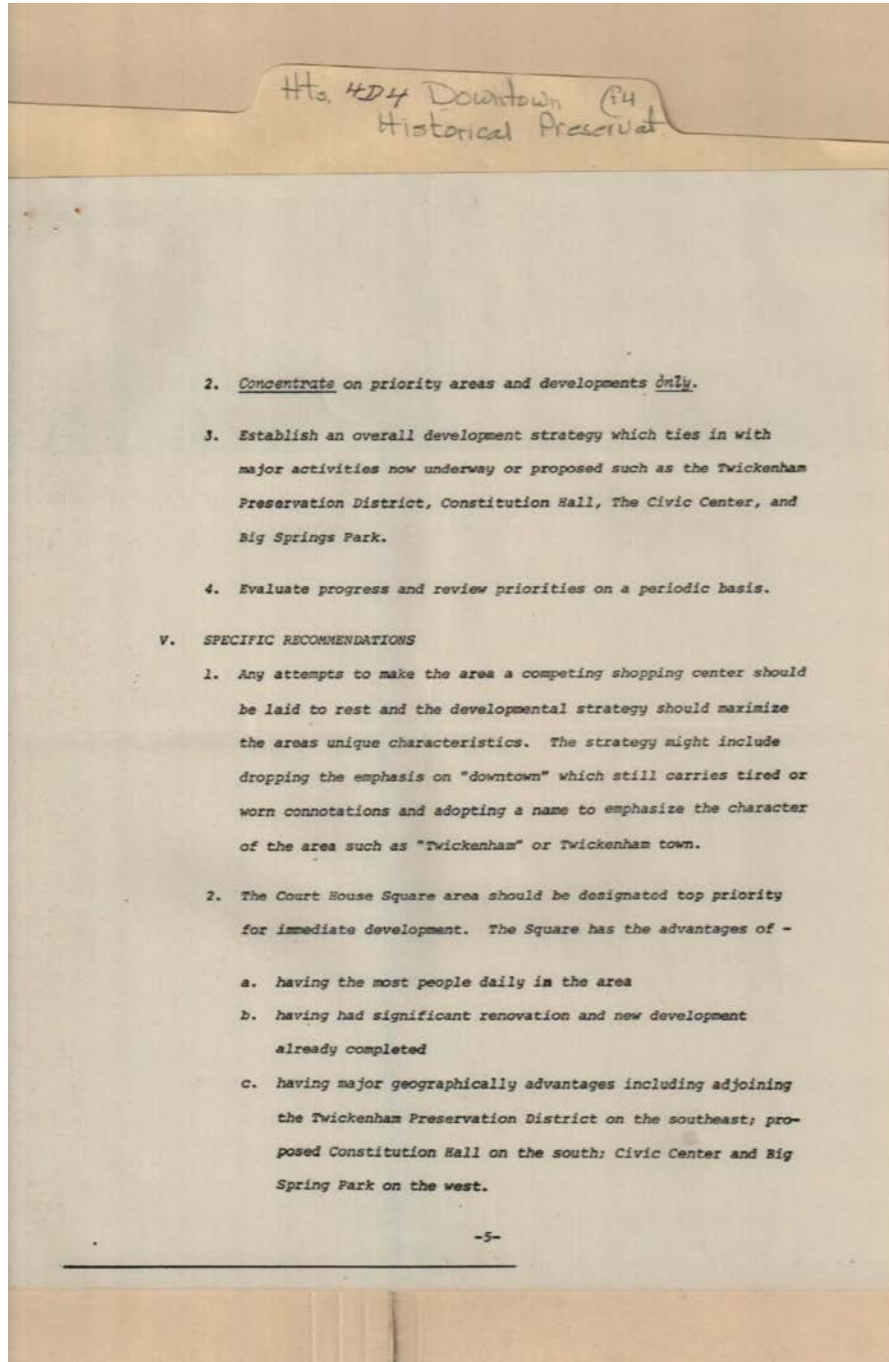
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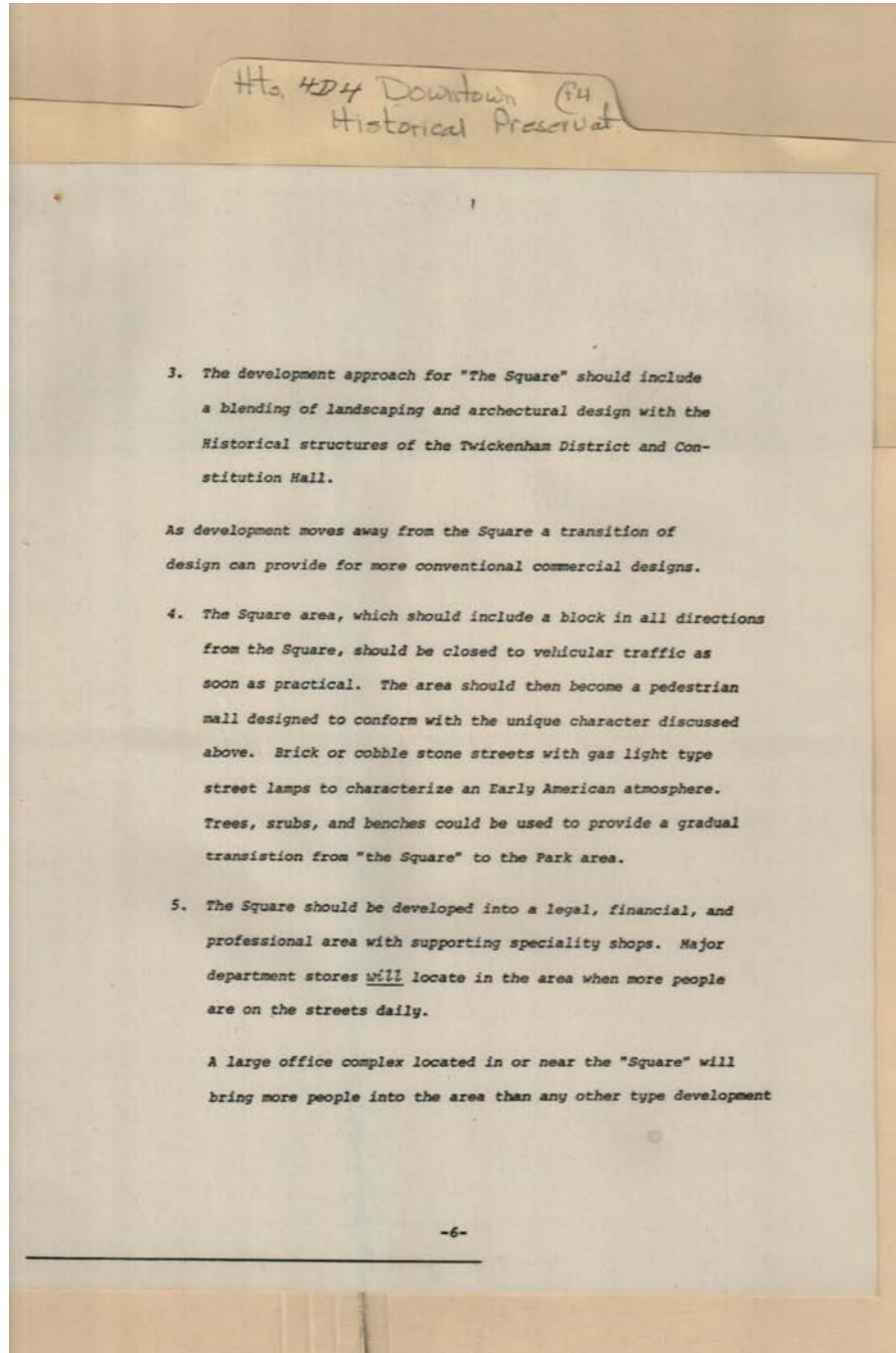
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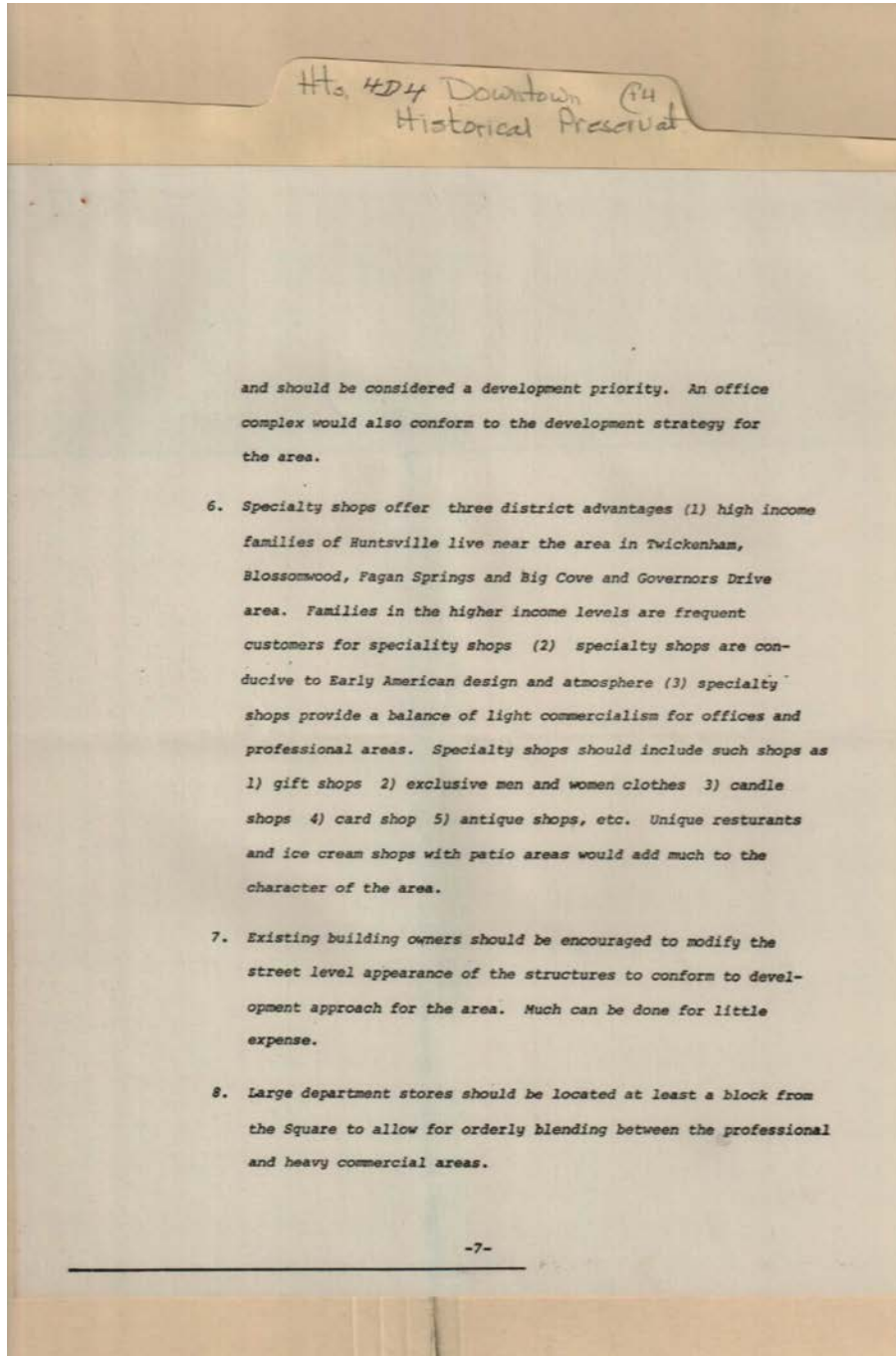
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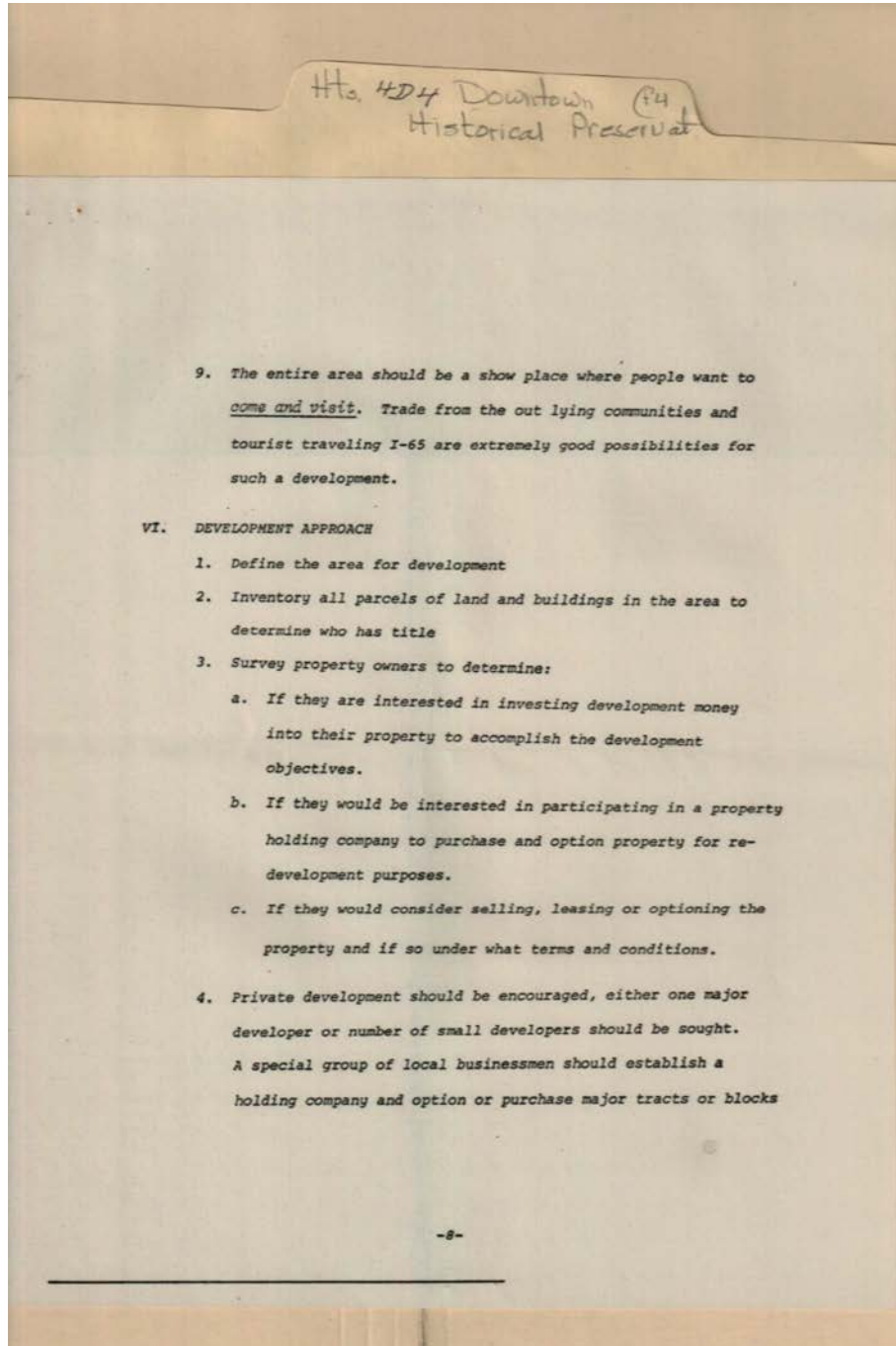
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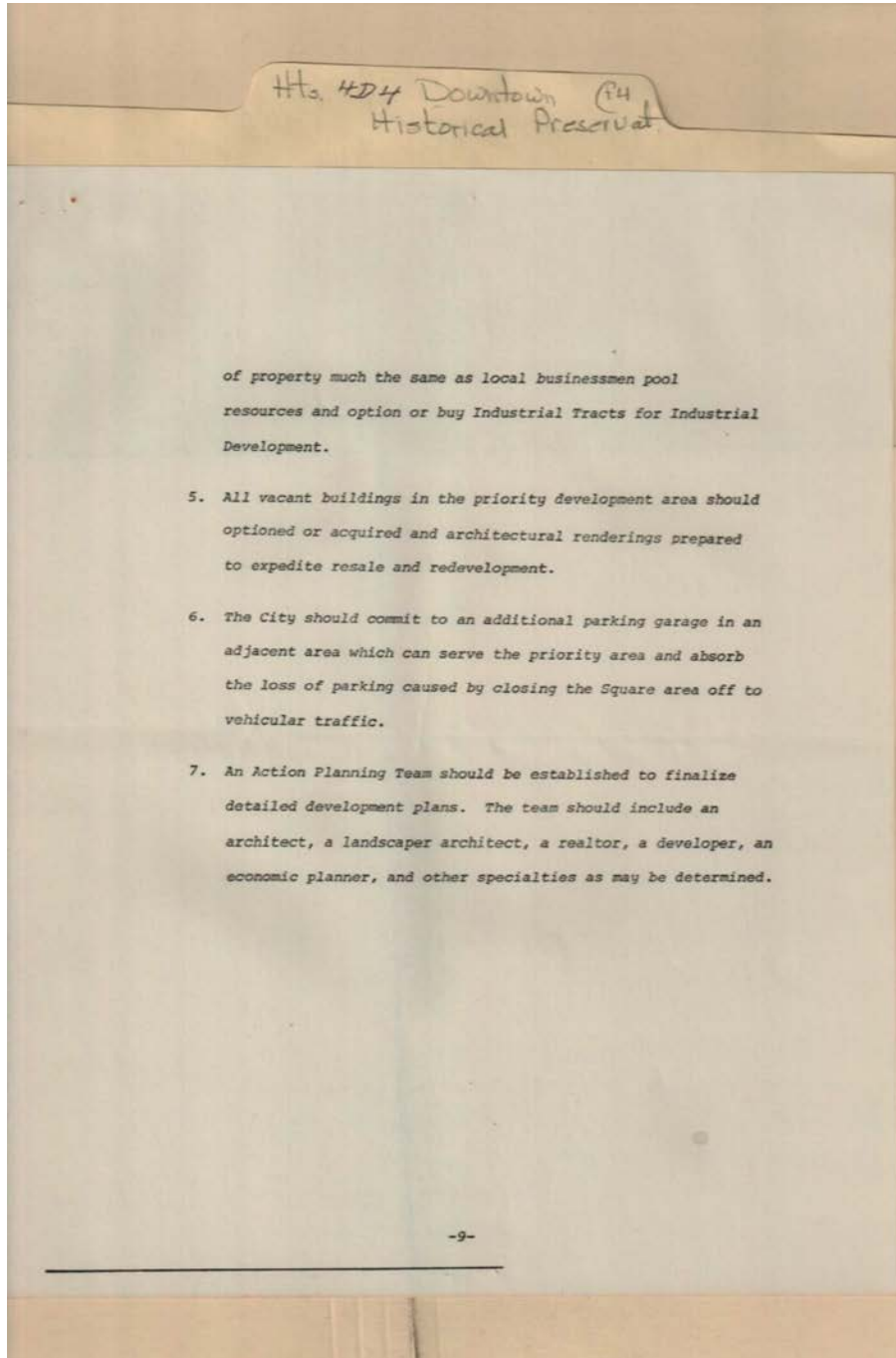
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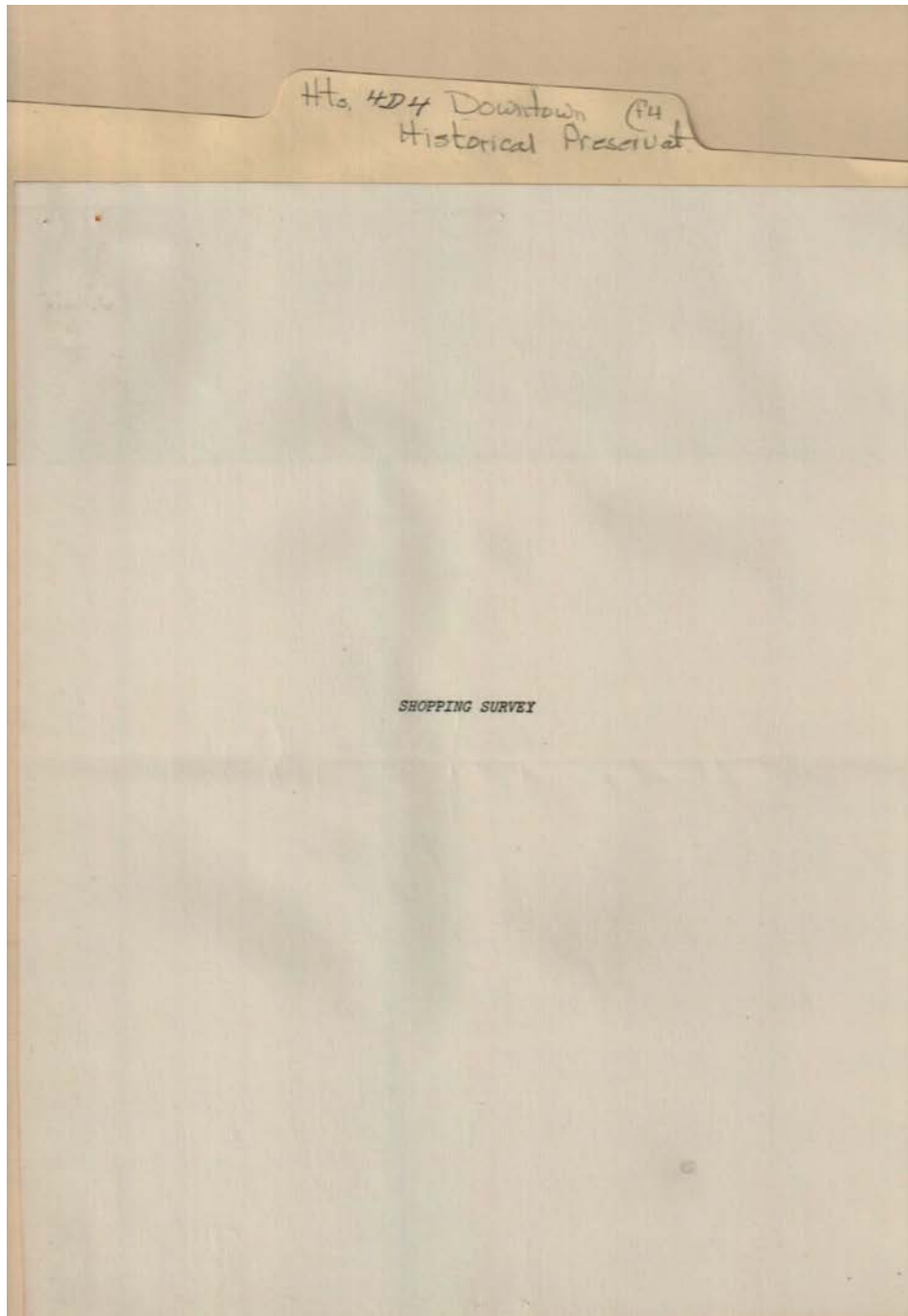


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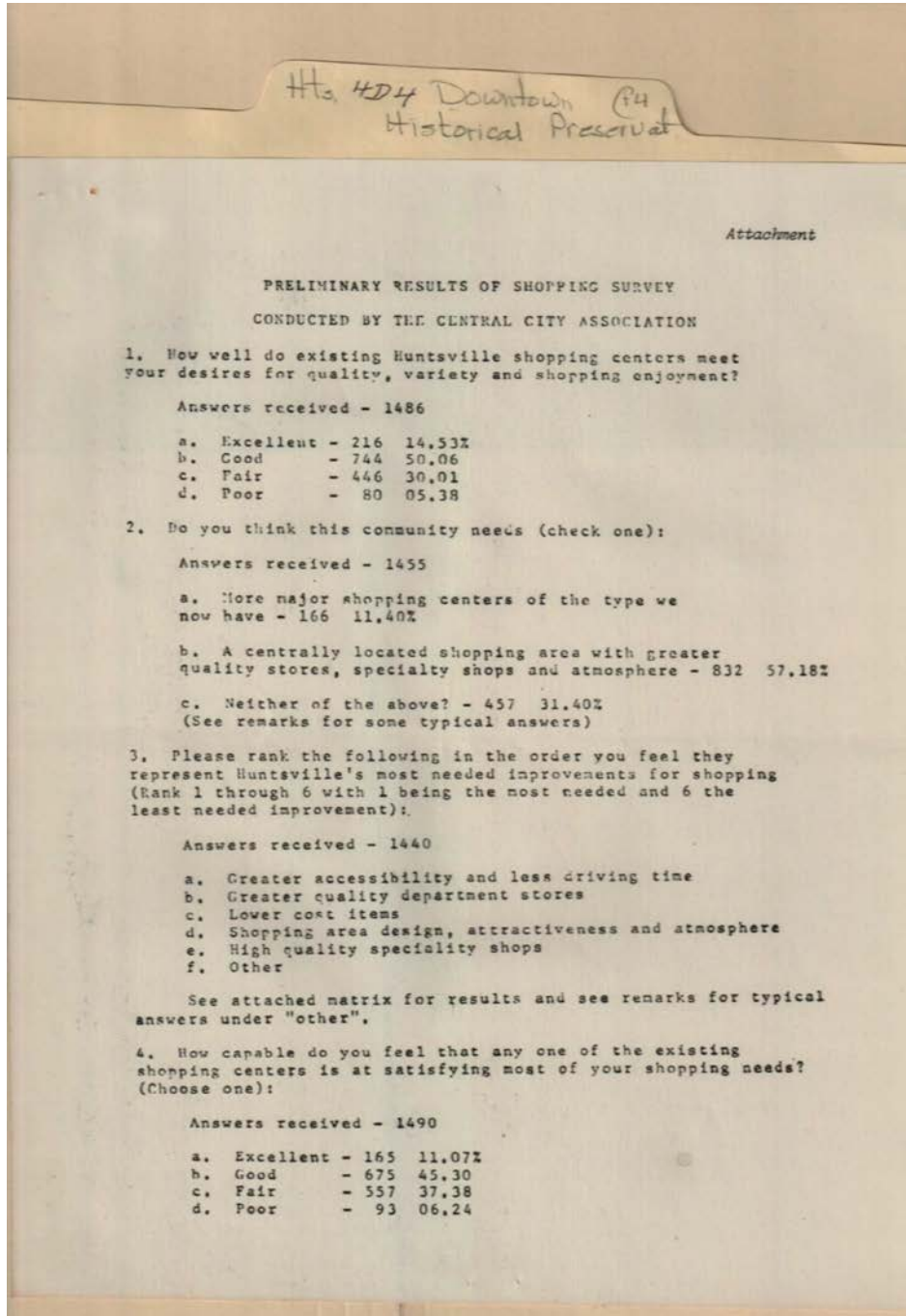
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| Greater quality Department stores | 418 29.02% | 328 | 746 51.80% | 337 | 144 | 82 | 30 02.02% |
| Lower cost Items | 247 17.15% | 226 | 473 32.84% | 231 | 270 | 265 | 68 04.72% |
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| High quality Specialty Shops | 145 10.06% | 228 | 373 25.90% | 205 | 251 | 338 | 111 07.708% |
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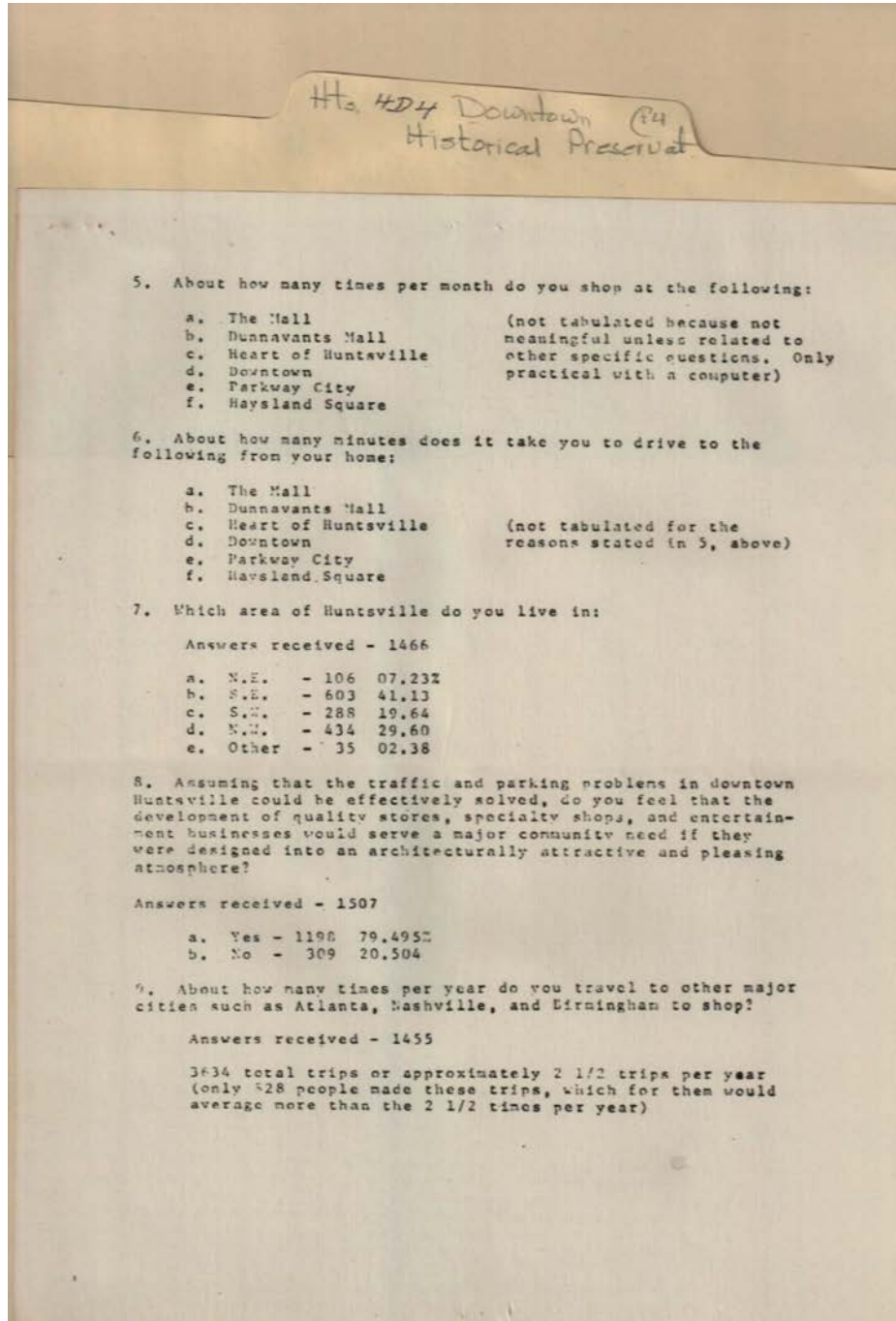
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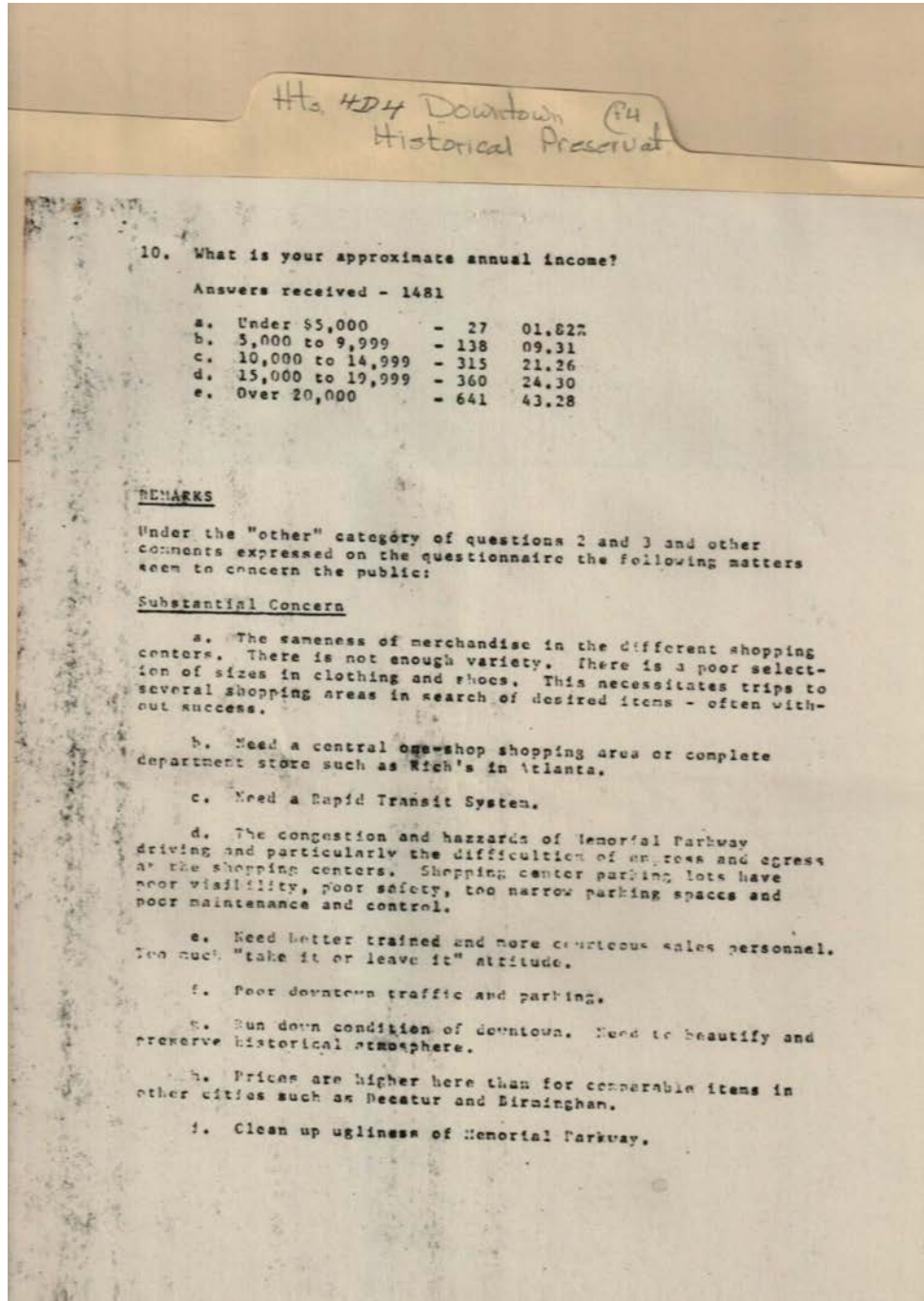


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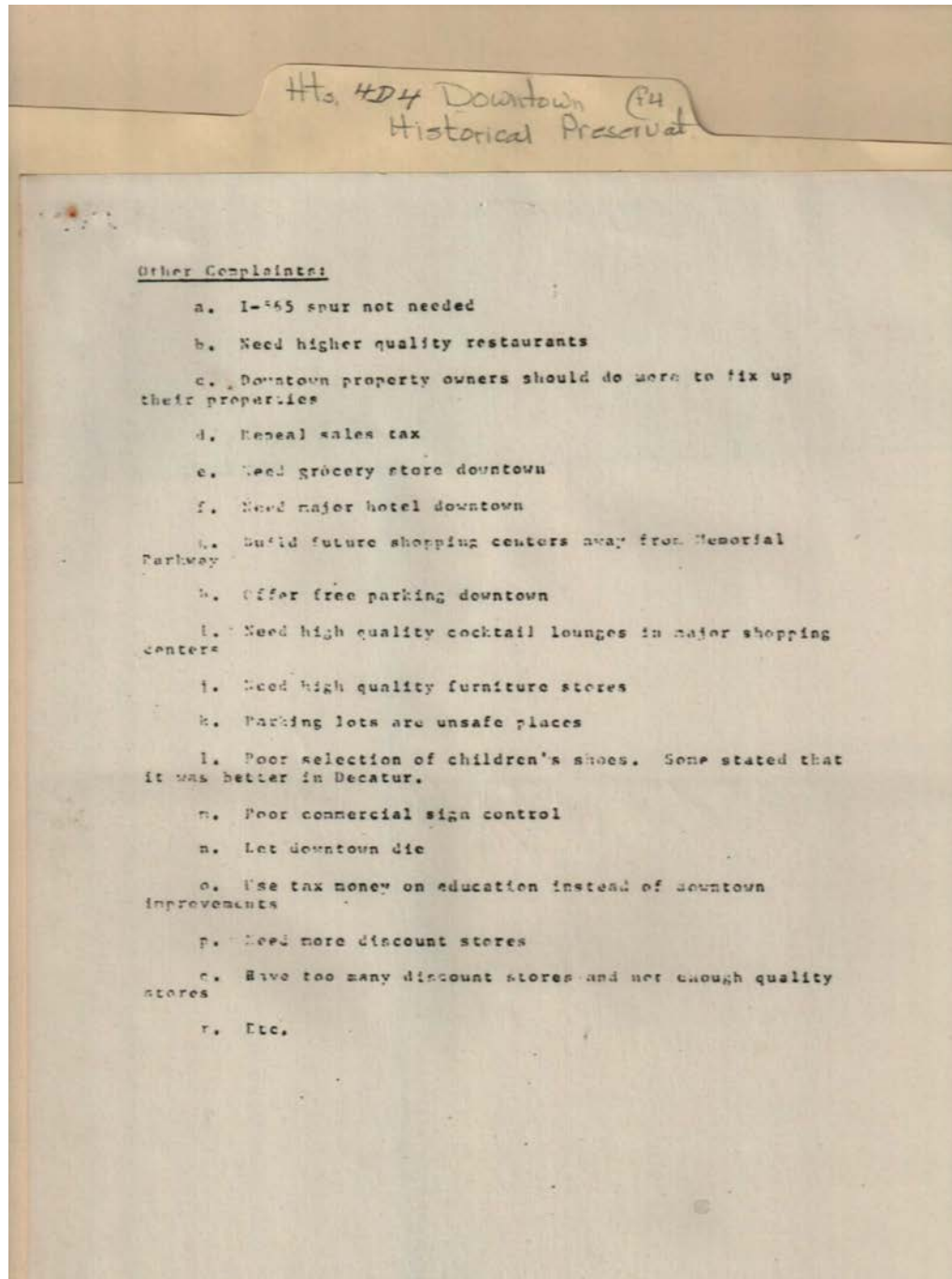


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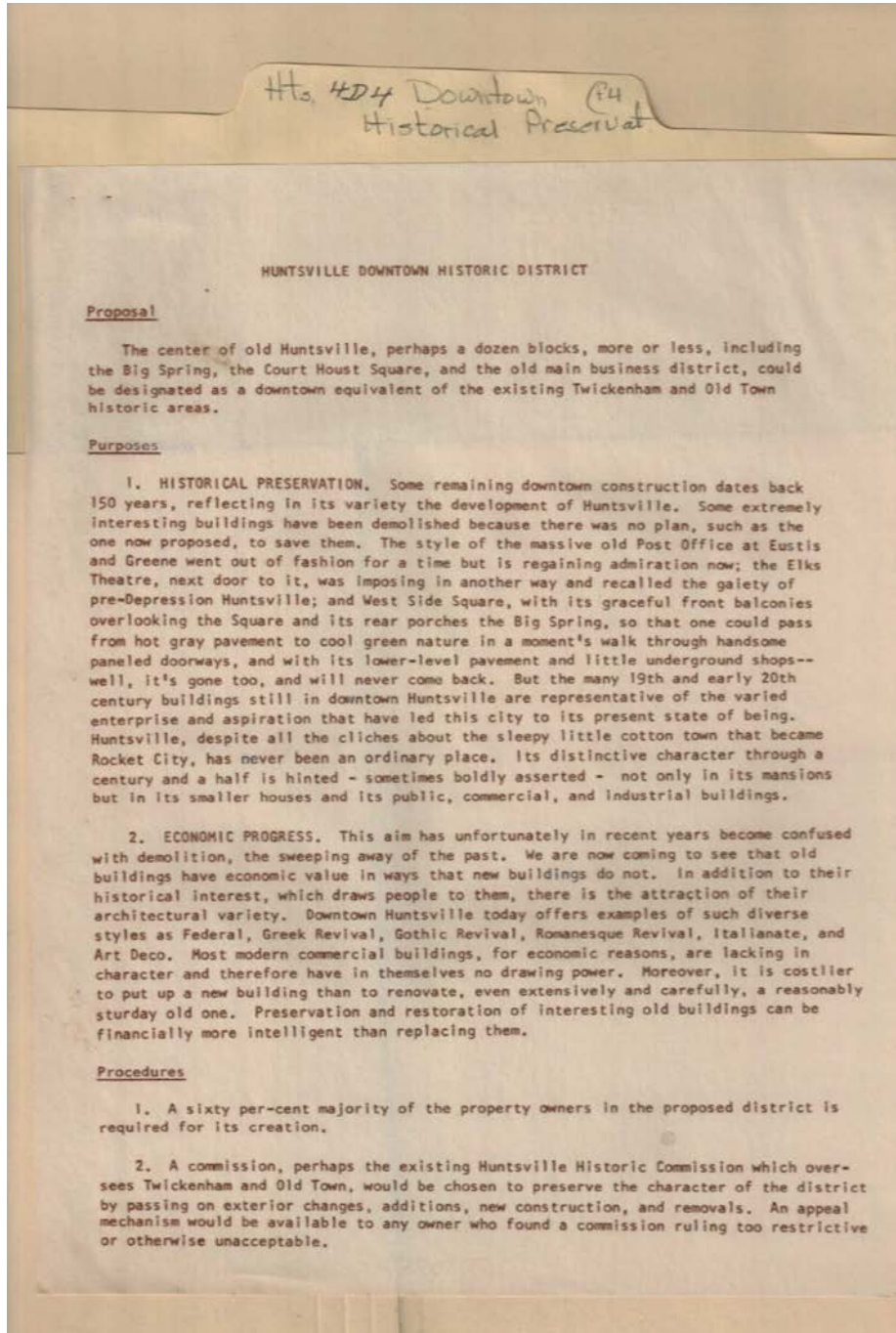


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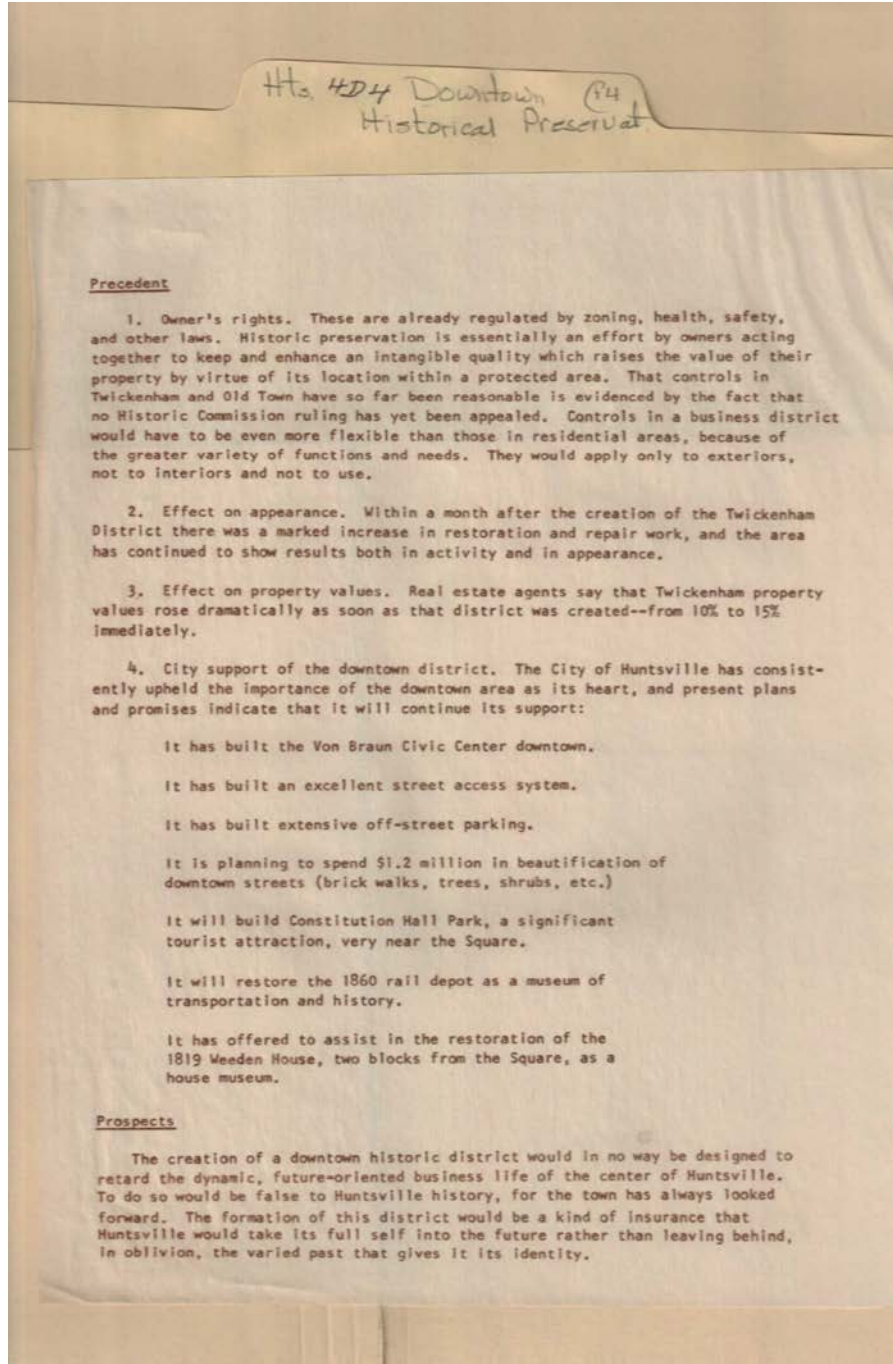
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| 184. 201. | Security Fed. Sav. & Loan | Professional Bldg. | 9,000 |
| 185. 203. | Madison County | Law Library | 12,000 |
| 186. 205. | Mr. Sanford Brown | Eleanor Shop Mrs. St. Clair | 4,000 |
| 187. 220. | Hornsby, Blankenship Higgs & Smith | Same | 5,000 |
| 188. 231. | L. B. Goldsmith, Jr. | I. Schiffman & Co. | 6,000 |

Names:

Blankenship,
Brown, Sanford

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| 203. 120 Green St. | First Methodist Church | Same | 15,000 |
| 204. 212 Eustis | Church of Nativity | Episcopal Church | 12,500 |
| 205. 214 Randolph | Church of Christ | Same | 5,000 |
| 206. 222 Jefferson | Church of Visitation & Rectory | Same | 8,000 |
| 207. 228 Church | 2nd Cumberland Presbyterian | Same | 18,000 |
| 208. Corner Church & Monroe Sts. | St. John A.M.E. Church | Same | 11,000 |
| 209. 236 Church | Church St. 1st Baptist Church | Same | 9,000 |
| 210. 307 Gates | First Presbyterian Church | Same | 12,500 |
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| 213. | Holmes St. Methodist | Same | |

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WASHINGTON STREET, SOUTH

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2. 111 ^{1/2} | Stan Johnson | Jewel Shop(Weinstein) | 120 |
| 3. 101 | Stan Johnson | | 6,500 |
| 4. 103 | Stan Johnson | | 18,200 |
| 5. 107 | Stan Johnson | | 17,940 |
| 6. 111 | Stan Johnson | Lyric Theater Charles Crute | 12,150 |
| 7. 115 | Stan Johnson | Vacant | 28,350 |
| 8. 116 | Martin Theaters, Inc. | Martin Theater | 12,000 |
| 48. 121 | Mrs. Bess Bradley | Rose Jewelry Co. | 12,200 |
| 49. 125 | Mrs. Bess Bradley | Tommy's Men's Wear Tommy Fowler | 10,600 |

Names:

Bradley, Bess, Mrs.
Crute, Charles

Fowler, Tommy
Johnson, Stan

Weinstein,

Types:

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|------|-----|-------------------|---|--------|
| 118. | 121 | HHA | I. Wind Co. Phillip Wind 536-3921 | 4,000 |
| 119. | 123 | Mrs. Shelby White | Vacant | 4,000 |
| 120. | 125 | Mrs. Shelby White | Victor's Clothing John Simone 539-2622 | 2,000 |
| 121. | 127 | R. Yarbrough | American Army Store Citano | 1,250 |
| 122. | 129 | R. Yarbrough | Hilding Holmberg's Marvin Monks 534-2542 | 2,500 |
| 123. | 200 | Warehouse World | Same | 5,600 |
| 124. | 201 | Eleanor Hutchins | Downtown Restaurant & Lounge F. Stewart | 3,000 |
| 125. | 202 | Mrs. Jackson | Burned, Vacant | 1,800 |
| 126. | 208 | W. L. Halsey | Virginia's Lounge | 1,500 |
| 127. | 210 | HHA | Maris Fitzgerald W'house | 7,500 |
| 128. | 212 | W. L. Halsey | Vacant | 1,750 |
| 129. | 214 | HHA | Vacant | 2,250 |
| 130. | 216 | Donald Lewter | Lewter Hware | 12,600 |
| 131. | 218 | Donald Lewter | Same | |
| 132. | 220 | Donald Lewter | Same | |
| 133. | 222 | Donald Lewter | Same | |
| 134. | 301 | W. L. Halsey | Good Will Industries | 6,000 |
| 135. | 320 | Donald Lewter | J. M. Lewter W'house | 3,600 |
| 136. | 322 | Donald Lewter | Ala. Wholesale Drugs | 4,000 |
| 137. | 401 | Donald Lewter | Home Home Chain Sava | 6,000 |
| 138. | 403 | Donald Lewter | Brooks & Collier | 5,000 |
| 139. | 404 | B. A. Stockton | International Harvester Co. Factory Branch Truck Division | 400 |

Names:

Citrano,
Halsey, W. L.
Hutchins, Eleanor

Jackson, Mrs.
Lewter, Donald
Simone, John

Stewart, F.
Stockton, B. A.
White, Shelby

Wind, I.
Yarbrough, R.

Types:

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WASHINGTON STREET, NORTH

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| 99. 199 | Earl Cloud | Vacant | 27,000 |
| 100. 191 | J. A. Holmes | Morrisons Men's Wear - Mr. Morrison 534-0271 | 2,500 |
| 191. 192 | E. Yarbrough | 536-3160 | 5,250 |
| 192. 193 | J. A. Holmes | Aron's Jewelers Mr. Vassar | 2,500 |
| 193. 195 | J. A. Holmes | E & B Gun Shop Charlie Deal 534-7981 | 2,500 |
| 194. 196 | R. Yarbrough | Vacant | 2,750 |
| 195. 197 | Mrs. E. V. Caldwell | Twickenham Barber Shop Harry Hunt | 5,000 |
| 196. 198 | R. Yarbrough | Lee Optical Dr. Mitchell | 1,875 |
| 197. 199 | Mrs. E. V. Caldwell | City Jeweler Mr. Turner 536-0189 | 2,400 |
| 198. 110 | R. Yarbrough | S & S Sewing Mch. Ed Hopper, Mgr. 536-5196 | 1,875 |
| 199. 111 | Mrs. E. V. Caldwell | Ritz Cafe Junior Taylor | 5,000 |
| 110. 111 ^{1/2} | Mrs. E. V. Caldwell | Patrick ^{JR} Tailor | |
| 111. 112 | Mrs. Berryhill | 534-3504 | 1,875 |
| 112. 114 | Mrs. Jessie Berryhill | Fashion Higs Bong Park 539-9059 | 1,875 |
| 113. 115 | HHA | Huguley's 534-5551 | 4,000 |
| 114. 115 ^{1/2} | HHA | Vacant | |
| 115. 116 | J. Love, Jr. | Belk-Hudson Caleb Glasson Mgr. | 43,700 |
| 116. 117 | HHA | Bargain Inn Mr. Clark | 4,000 |
| 117. 119 | HHA | Uncle Sam Loan Shop Mr. Wilbinski | 4,000 |

Names:

Beal, Charlie
Berryhill, Jessie, Mrs.
Caldwell, E. V., Mrs.
Clark, Mr.
Cloud, Earl

Glasson, Caleb
Holmes, J. A.
Hopper, Ed
Hunt, Harry
Lowe, J., Jr.

Mitchell, Dr.
Morrison,
Park, Bong
Patrick,
Taylor, Junior

Turner, Mr.
Vassar,
Wibinski, Mr.
Yarbrough, R.

Types:

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RANDOLPH AVENUE

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 140. 206 | Mrs. Bess Bradley | 2nd Floor Partially | 26,400 |
| 141. 209 | Mrs. Bess Bradley | CCA | 1,200 |
| 142. 211 | Mrs. Bess Bradley | Federal Land Bank | 1,200 |
| 143. 213 | Mrs. Bess Bradley | Jack Giles, Atty. | 1,200 |
| 144. 215 | Charles Shaver (Exec.) | Attorney | 1,440 |
| 145. 217 | Charles Shaver (Exec.) | Joe Cooper Agency | 1,440 |
| 146. 218 | HNA | | 6,750 |
| 147. 307 | Public Systems, Inc. | Public Systems Inc. Bill King | 6,000 |

Names:

Bradley, Bess, Mrs.
Cooper, Joe

Giles, Jack
King, Bill

Shaver, Charles

Types:

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MERIDIAN STREET

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|--------------|
| 28. 419 | Ernest Kaufman | Auto Electric Ser. | 7,500 |
| 29. 511 | B. A. Stockton | Vacant Old Stockton Buick | 20,000 |
| 30. 515 | Mr. & Mrs. Carl H. Maroney | Marks Fitzgerald Furn. Warehouse Old Smith Pontiac | 11,200 |

Names:

Kaufman, Ernest

Maroney, Carl H., Mr.
& Mrs.

Stockton, B. A.

Types:

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MADISON STREET

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 88. 400 | Pure Oil Co. J. Horton | Pat's Ser. Sta. | 2,500 |
| 89. 404 | Lanier, Shaver & Herrin | Lanier, Shaver, & Herrin | 3,250 |
| 90. 410 | Madison Properties Charles Shaver, Sr. | Martinizing Dry Cleaners | 3,000 |
| 91. 409 | People's Nat. Bank | Phil Chaffin | 20,000 |

Names:

Chaffin, Phil
Herrin,

Horton, J.
Lanier,

Shaver,

Types:

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LINCOLN STREET

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| 201. 400 | Fraternal Order of Masons - Helion Lodge | Fraternal Order of Masons | 5,400 |

Names:

Masonic Lodge

Types:

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| Jefferson Street | | | |
|------------------|---|--|--------------|
| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
| 78. 221 | Donald Lewter | Lewter Hardware Ware. same | |
| 79. 123 | Mrs. Bess Bradley Struve Estate | Cafe & Lounge | 12,000 |
| 80. 217 | Mrs. Sara Campbell West 401 Flemington Rd. 861-2354 | Cut Rate Furn. Mr. Prestage | |
| 81. 219 | W. E. & S. L. Davis | Wilson Furn. Warehouse | 5,000 |
| 82. 300 | W. L. Halsey | Goodwill Industries | 4,500 |
| 83. 301 | W. L. Halsey | W. L. Halsey Groc. Co. Local Cash & Carry | 3,000 |
| 84. 303 | Mamie Lombardo Davis <u>Deceased</u> -(Geo. Beason) | Vacant | 23,400 |
| 85. 305 | Dr. H. J. Coons Estate | American Siding Co. Roy Smith | 5,200 |
| 86. 307 | Wilson Bros. | Wilson Furn. Warehouse | 5,000 |
| 87. 421 | American Legion Post #237 | Same Mr. Baucom | 12,750 |

Names:

Baucom,
Beason, George
Bradley, Bess, Mrs.
Coons, H. J., Dr.

Davis, Mamie
Lombardo
Davis, S. L.
Davis, W. E.

Halsey, W. L.
Lewter, Donald
Prestage,
Smith, Roy

West, Sara Campbell,
Mrs.
Wilson,

Types:

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JEFFERSON STREET

| | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|---------------------|---|--------|
| 56. | 100N | James R. Cantrell | Sterchi Brothers Ed Allen | 38,250 |
| 57. | 101 | Huntsville Land Co. | | 2,000 |
| 58. | 102 | Hutchens Estate | Hale Bros. Furn. | 6,500 |
| 59. | 100S | Hutchens Estate | Vacant | 12,500 |
| 60. | 100 ^{1/2} | Hutchens Estate | Vacant Off. | 12,500 |
| 61. | 100 ^{1/2} | Hutchens Estate | Vacant Off. | |
| 62. | 103 | Huntsville Land Co. | Kaffeeklatch Sturdivant | 2,000 |
| 63. | 104 | Hutchens Estate | Jones & Herrin Architects | 10,000 |
| 64. | 105-7 | Huntsville Land Co. | Beckers Dept. Store Sandy Goldstein | 7,200 |
| 65. | 106 | Huntsville Land Co. | Hale Bros. Furn. | 12,500 |
| 66. | 100 | Huntsville Land Co. | Beckers Dept. Store - STATE FARM | 7,250 |
| 67. | 110S | Huntsville Land Co. | Monroe Bus. Equip. | 11,250 |
| 68. | 111N | Huntsville Land Co. | Summerwood Steve Co. | 3,000 |
| 69. | 112N | Huntsville Land Co. | Monroe Bus. Equip. | 11,250 |
| 70. | 114 | HHA | DEMOLISHED Being torn down | 3,750 |
| 71. | 113 | Hutchens Estate | Vacant | 7,500 |
| 72. | 112N | HHA | DEMOLISHED Being torn down | 3,750 |
| 73. | 116S | Huntsville Land Co. | Monroe Bus. Equip. | 15,000 |
| 74. | 116NE | HHA | | |
| 75. | 117 | C. Shaver (Admin) | Sparks & Stems Drugs | 1,875 |
| 76. | 113 | Henderson Nat. Bank | Henderson Nat. Bank | 10,840 |
| 77. | 121 | C. Shaver (Admin) | Atlanta Life Ins. Co. Mr. Bobbie Payne | 2,625 |

Names:

Allen, Ed
Cantrell, James R.
Goldstein, Sandy

Hale,
Hutchens,
Payne, Bobbie

Shaver, Charles
Sparks,
Stems,

Sturdivant,
Summerwood, Steve

Types:

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| HOLMES AVENUE | | | |
|---------------|-----|---------------------------------|---|
| 50. | 225 | Romar Enterprises, Inc. | North Ala. Bus. Organizations 3,500 |
| 51. | 228 | Madison County Courthouse Annex | The Times Bldg. Floors & Basement 59,000 |
| 52. | 301 | Bell Bros. | Bell Bros. Ser. Sta. Hershhal Bell 2,500 |
| 53. | 401 | Church of Visitation | St. Mary's School 18,500 |
| 54. | 406 | Hall Bryant, Sr. | Blake Plumbing Contractors 3,000 |
| 55. | 410 | Hall Bryant, St. | H. C. Blake Plumbing Hall Bryant, Jr. 3,000 |

Names:

Bell, Hershhal

Bryant, Hall, Jr.

Bryant, Hall, Sr.

Types:

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| HOLMES AVENUE | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TEJANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
| 31. 103 | c/o Carey Walker | Vacant | 1,250 |
| 32. 104 | Dr. Eleanor Hutchens | Downtown Rescue Mission | 1,250 |
| 33. 105 | c/o Carey Walker | House of Guns John Aday | 1,250 |
| 34. 106 | Hutchens Estate | Downtown Rescue Mission | 1,250 |
| 35. 107 | Hutchens Estate | Bell Finance Co. Mr. Turner | 1,250 |
| 36. 108 | Hutchens Estate | Post Off. Grill | 1,250 |
| 37. 108NE | Hutchens Estate | Top Matters Barber Shop | 1,250 |
| 38. 108NW | Mrs. Bess Bradley Struve Estate | Farker Shoe Hospital | 1,200 |
| 39. 110 | Hutchens Estate | City Shoe Shop | 1,500 |
| 40. 112 | Carey Walker | Vacant | 1,750 |
| 41. 116 | Carey Walker | Yarbrough Barber Shop | 900 |
| 42. 116 | Carey Walker | Yarbrough Hotel Vacant | 30,650 |
| 43. 216 | Madison County | Farmers Home Adm. Dept. of Agriculture | 2,500 |
| 44. 216 ^{1/2} | Madison County Courthouse Annex | | |
| 45. 218 | Madison County Courthouse Annex | General Finance Corp. | 2,000 |
| 46. 220 | Madison County Courthouse Annex | | 2,000 |
| 47. 222 | Madison County Courthouse Annex | Library Broadcasting MHLF | 2,000 |
| 48. 221-3 | Mrs. Ronald Boles | Campbell Wallpaper Co. Mr. I. Hunt | 4,500 |
| 49. 224 | Madison County | Aetna Loans & Finance | 2,000 |

Names:

Aday, John
Boles, Ronald, Mrs.

Bradley, Bess, Mrs.
Hunt, I.

Hutchens, Eleanor,
Dr.

Turner,
Walker, Carey

Types:

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Historical Preservation

| GREEN STREET | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------|
| ADDRESS | OWNER | TENANT | CLASS |
| 1. 102 | Mrs. Charles Bentley | Fruitt Radiator Shop | 5,500 |
| 2. 104 | Mrs. Charles Bentley | Fruitt Radiator Shop | 5,500 |
| 3. 106 | Mrs. Charles Bentley | Frank Authur's Auto | 4,000 |
| 4. 111N | M. C. Courthouse Annex | Food Stamp Off. | 3,600 |
| 5. 111S | M. H. Lanier | L & L Garage | 3,600 |
| 6. 117SE | Mr. Quick (Quick Bldg.) | Quick Beauty Salon | 2,500 |
| 7. 117 ¹ / ₂ SE | Mr. Quick (Quick Bldg.) Upstairs | Atlantic Aerial Survey VACANT | 5,000 |
| 8. 121SE | Mr. Quick (Quick Bldg.) Ground Floor | Vacant | 2,500 |
| 9. 123SE | Wes Hoagland | Offices | 5,000 |
| 10. 203 | Central Y.M.C.A. | Russel Barber sane | 33,600 |
| 11. 213 | Gene Monroe | Economy Off. Supply | 1,000 |
| 12. 219NE | Mrs. Sue Fleming | Monroe Bus. Equip. Monroe, Gene | 3,800 |
| 13. 226 | H. C. Hill Co. | Winn-Dixie Mr. Strickland So. pkwy. store | 6,000 |

Names:

Authur, Frank
Barber, Russel

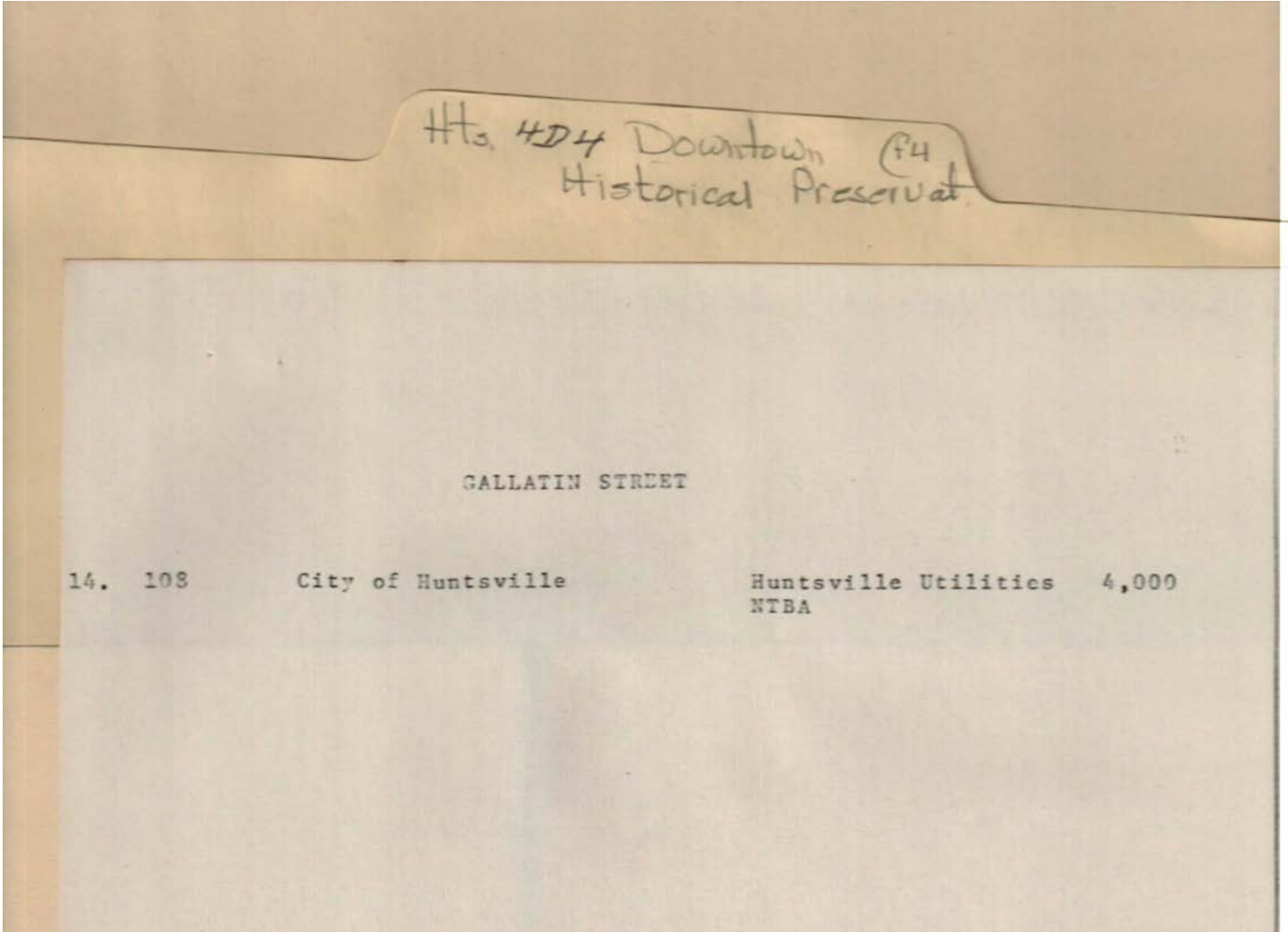
Bentley, Charles,
Mrs.
Fleming, Sue, Mrs.

Hoagland, Wes
Lanier, M. H.
Monroe, Gene

Pruitt,
Quick,
Strickland,

Types:

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Types:
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FRANKLIN STREET

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TEHANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| 20. 301 | Coy Madison | Dee Thomas & Kempaner | 4,500 |
| 21. 307 | G. W. Jones & Sons | G. W. Jones & Sons | 12,000 |
| 22. 309 | S. J. Mazza | G. W. Jones & Sons | 10,000 |
| 23. 311 | S. J. Mazza | Mazza Realty Co. | |
| 24. 313 | Episcopal Church | Church Sunday School | 3,375 |
| 25. 315 | Berry, Ables, Tatum, Baxter, Little | Legal Bldg. | 8,000 |
| 26. 401 | Morring | MORRING | 10,000 |
| 27. 407 | Barrister Bldg. | J. Stapp Law Off. | 6,000 |
| 400 | Clark Cruse | Clark Cruse & Travel | 4,400 |
| 403 | Mrs. W. R. Robinson | Residence | 8,000 |
| 405 | H. E. Fursden | Madison Antiques | 3,500 |

Names:

Ables,
Baxter,
Berry,
Cruse, Clark

Fursden, H. E.
Jones, G. W.
Kempaner,
Little,

Madison, Coy
Mazza, S. J.
Morring,
Robinson, W. R.

Stapp, J.
Tatum,
Thomas, Dee

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EUSTIS AVENUE

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 18. 208 | Church of Nativity Off. | Same - NTBA | 2,500 |
| 19. 304 | City of Huntsville & County Health Dept. | Madison County Board of Health | 6,000 |

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| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>CHURCH STREET</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 15. 228 1/2 | Charitable Society #1 | | Charitable Soc. #1 NTBA | 3,500 |
| 16. 330 | City of Huntsville | | Vacant RR STN Depot(Baggage Dept) | 4,000 |
| 17. 330 | City of Huntsville | | Historic Structure Depot | 6,000 |

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| CLINTON AVENUE | | | |
|----------------|---|---|--------|
| ADDRESS | OWNER | TENANT | CLASS |
| 150. 192W | Huntsville Land Co. | Terry Hutchens Bldg. | 35,000 |
| 151. 194W | Huntsville Land Co. | Vacant | 600 |
| 152. 106W | Huntsville Land Co. | Executive Answering Service Mrs. McLemore | 1,200 |
| 153. 108W | Huntsville Land Co. | Adkins Investigations Luther Adkins | 1,200 |
| 154. 110W | Huntsville Land Co. | A-1 Lock & Key | 1,200 |
| 155. 113W | Chambers Estate Oscar Grosser | Miller Furn. & Appl. Chet Miller | 6,000 |
| 156. 115E | Fidelity Federal S.&L. | Vacant | 33,000 |
| 157. 117E | J. A. Holmes | Vacant | 3,600 |
| 158. 123W | First Ala. Bank | Russel Erskine Hotel | 72,000 |
| 159. 201W | Huntsville Utilities | Huntsville Utilities | 18,000 |
| 160. 216E | C. S. Roberts & Charles Piper | Firestone Store Mr. Gilmore | 3,000 |
| 161. 300E | Standard Oil Co. | Bill Lusk Ser. Stat. | 1,250 |
| 162. 303W | South Central Bell Tele | South Central Bell | 26,000 |
| 163. 315E | Mrs. Sara Campbell West 401 Flemington Rd. 881-2354 | Dunnivant's Shipping & Receiving | 4,000 |
| 164. 508W | Coca-Cola Bottling Co. | Coca Cola Co. Bob Wilkinson | 7,500 |
| 165. 510W | J. C. Sanders, Jr. | Sanders Cleaners same | 5,000 |
| 166. 514W | Chambers Estate | Coca Cola Bottling Co. | 9,000 |
| 167. 600W | Orr & Davis | H. C. Glass Co. | 6,000 |
| 168. 601W | Mrs. J. C. Beene | Meadow Gold Dairies Curry Turner | 8,000 |
| 169. 604W | Orr & Davis | MAACO Paint & Body Shop | 6,000 |
| 215E | Love Hereford Farms | Goodyear Bill Pate | 4,500 |

Names:

Adkins, Luther
Beene, J. C., Mrs.
Chambers,
Davis,
Gilmore,
Glass, N. C.

Grosser, Oscar
Holmes, J. A.
Lowe,
Lusk, Bill
McLemore, Mrs.
Miller, Chet

Orr,
Pate, Bill
Piper, Charles
Roberts, C. S.
Sanders, J. C., Jr.
Turner, Curry

West, Sara Campbell,
Mrs.
Wilkinson, Bob

Types:

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Historical Preservation

SOUTH COURT SQUARE

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---|---|---------|
| 170. | 100 | Mary Alice Yarbrough | First Federal | 5,800 |
| 171. | 102 | Ford, Caldwell, Ford, & Payne | Same | 4,500 |
| 172. | 104 | Joyce, Pearson & Prout Architects | Same | 2,500 |
| 173. | 106 | Timberlake, Attorney | Same | 2,700 |
| 174. | 108 | Smith, Gaines & Gaines | Same | 2,700 |
| 175. | 110 | Dan Moran | Moran | 2,700 |
| 176. | 112 | Ira Terry | A Good Book Store Tom Paul 534-4373 | 4,500 |
| 177. | 114 | Ira Terry | Eslick Furn. Co. Mr. Prestage 536-2972 | 4,500 |
| 178. | 116 | Johnston & Johnston Attorney's | Johnston & Johnston | 4,500 |
| 179. | 118 | Mrs. John W. Johnston | Self Service Shoe Mrs. Fanning 539-1391 | 4,500 |
| 180. | 120 | Starmount Properties Charles Shaver, Jr. | HNA | 4,500 |
| 181. | 122 | Culver & Miller Attorney's | Culver & Miller | 4,500 |
| 182. | 124-126 | Harrison Brothers | Harrison Brothers 536-3631 | 9,000 |
| 183. | 128 | Mrs. Tyler Terry Dyer | American Nat. Bank | 9,000 |
| WEST COURT SQUARE | | | | |
| | | Central Bank Bldg. | Various | 116,221 |
| | | First Alabama Bank | First Ala. Bank | 22,000 |

Names:

Caldwell,
Culver,
Dyer, Tyler Terry,
Mrs.
Ford,
Gaines,

Harrison,
Johnston,
Johnston, John W.,
Mrs.
Joyce,
Miller,

Moran, Dan
Payne,
Pearson,
Prout,
Shaver, Charles, Jr.
Smith,

Terry, Ira
Timberlake,
Yarbrough, Mary
Alice

Types:

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NORTH COURT SQUARE

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>OWNER</u> | <u>TENANT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 100. 101 | Security Federal | Security Federal Robert Yarbrough | 7,000 |
| 100. 103 | Security Federal | Security Federal Buddy Pettey | 1,820 |
| 101. 105 | Alvin Blackwell | Blackwell Realty Assoc-Finance Co. VACANT (backstairs) | 4,200 |
| 102. 107 | Jane K. Lowe | Southern Sun Book Store - D. Anderson | 4,200 |
| 103. 111 | Jane K. Lowe | Wilson Furniture Co Jessie Wilson 530-0547 | 10,000 |
| 104. 113 | George Beason & Doug Martinson | Marja's Dress Shop Marvin Posey 530-0251 | 5,200 |
| 105. 115 | George Beason & Doug Martinson | VACANT Office 530-0171 | 5,000 |
| 106. 117 | L. B. Goldsmith, Jr. | Blazer Financial Ser. Mr. Griffin | 5,000 |
| 107. 119 | L. B. Goldsmith, Jr. | Town & Country Shoppe Ethel McAnally 534-9861 | 5,000 |
| 108. 121 | James Bennett | Sno-Wite 534-0280 James Bennett | 5,000 |
| 109. 123 | L. B. Goldsmith, Jr. | Scotties 536-6190 Lewis Barnwell | 7,500 |
| 200. 125 | L. B. Goldsmith, Jr. | Lorch's Jewelry David McCune 536-0759 | 7,500 |

Names:

Anderson, D.
Barnwell, Lewis
Beason, George
Bennett, James

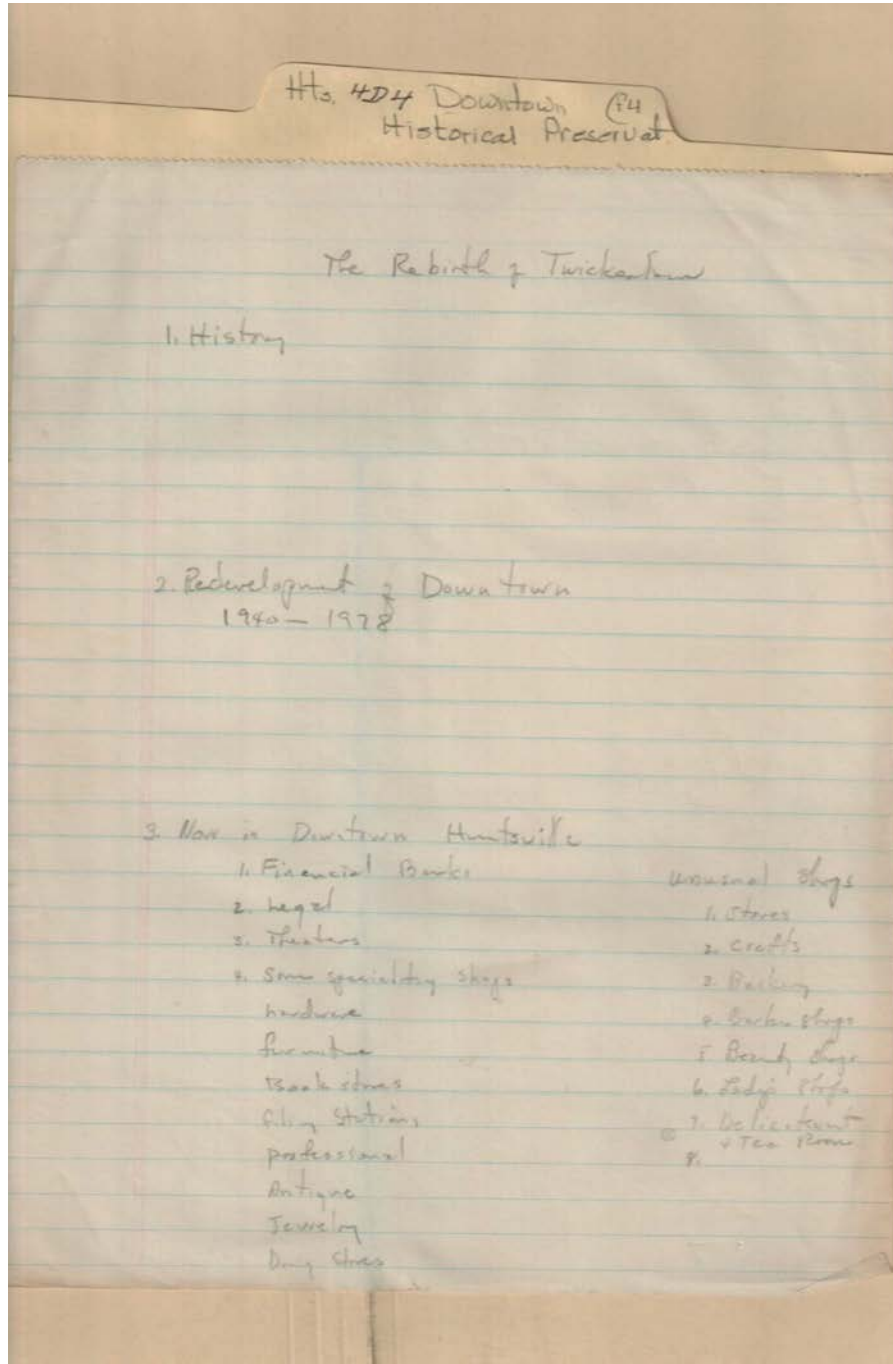
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Goldsmith, L. B., Jr.
Griffin,
Lowe, Jane K.

Martinson, Doug
McAnally, Ethel
McCune, David
Pettey, Buddy

Posey, Marvin
Wilson, Jessie
Yarbrough, Robert

Types:

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Names:

Rebirth of
Twickenham

Places:

Huntsville, AL

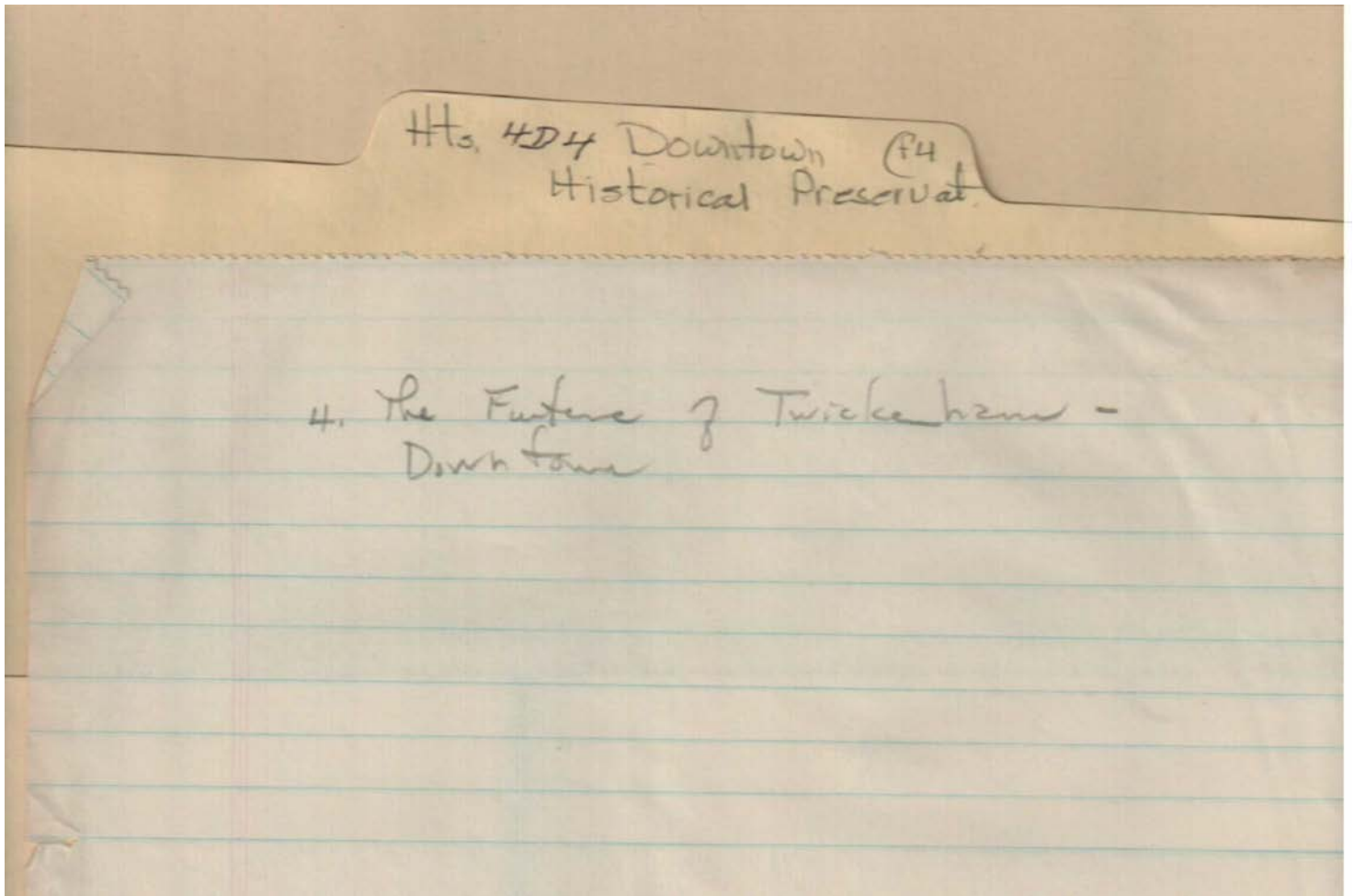
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