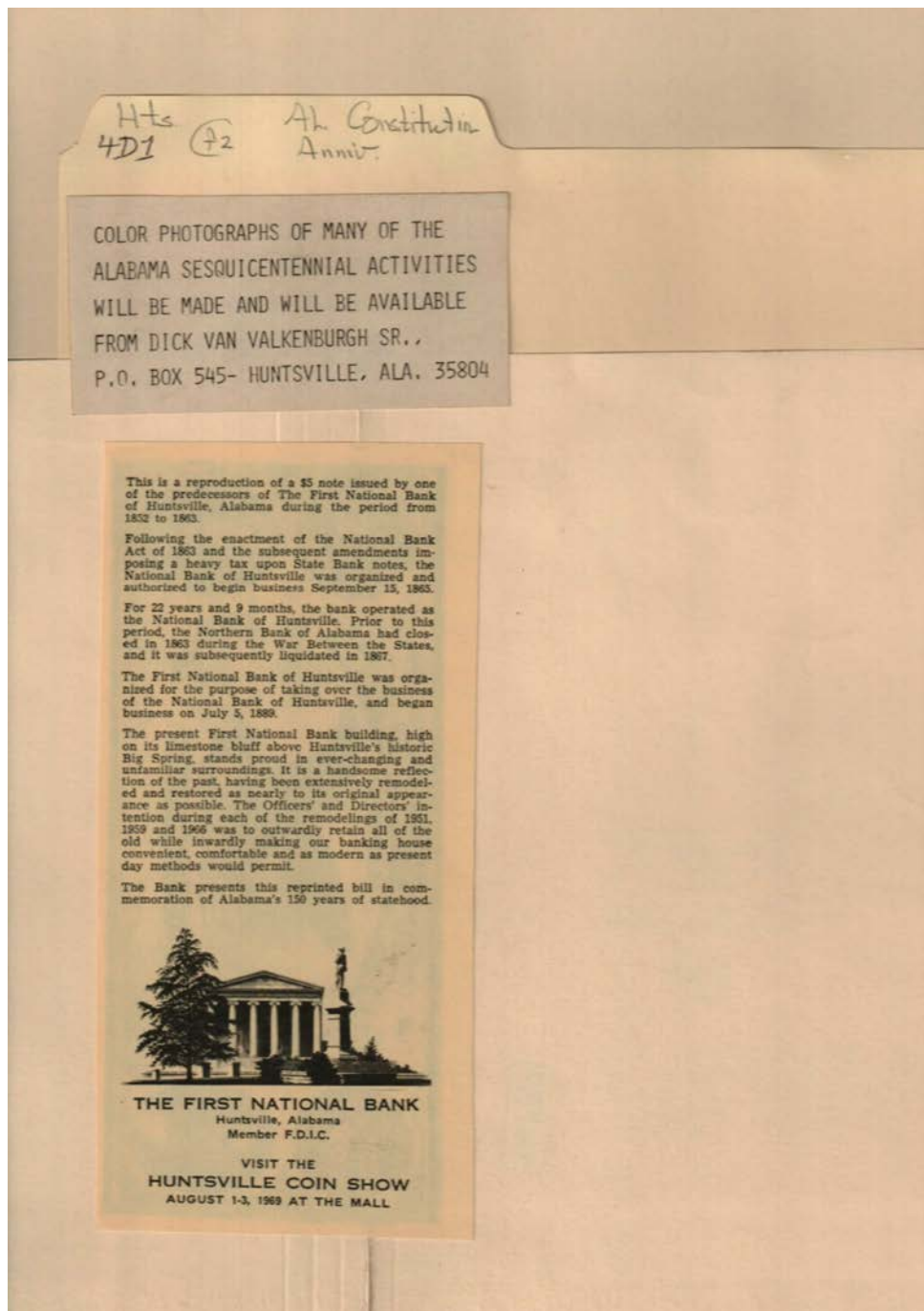


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Alabama  
Sesquicentennial

Celebration  
First National Bank

Van Valkenburgh,  
Dick, Sr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

program

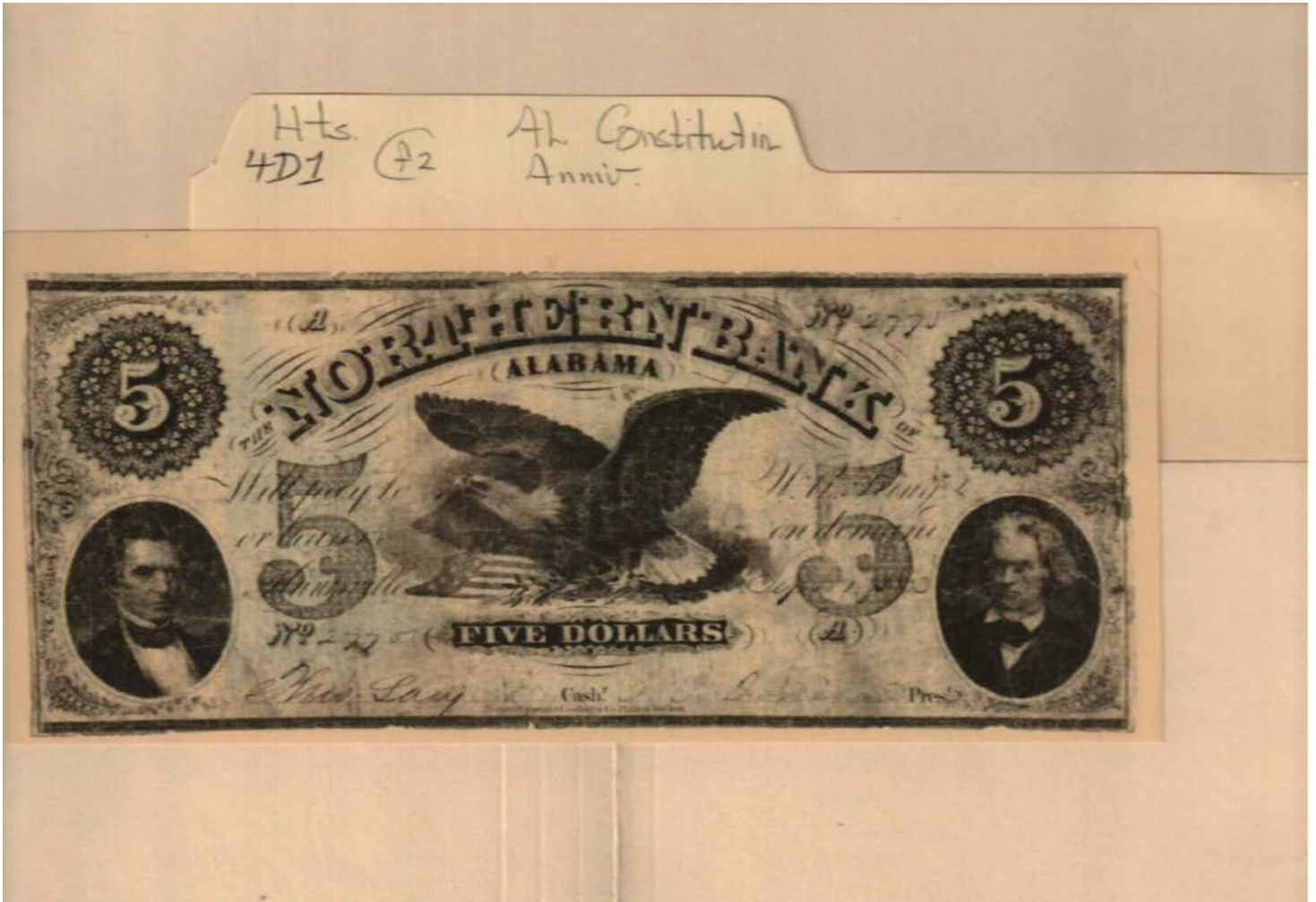
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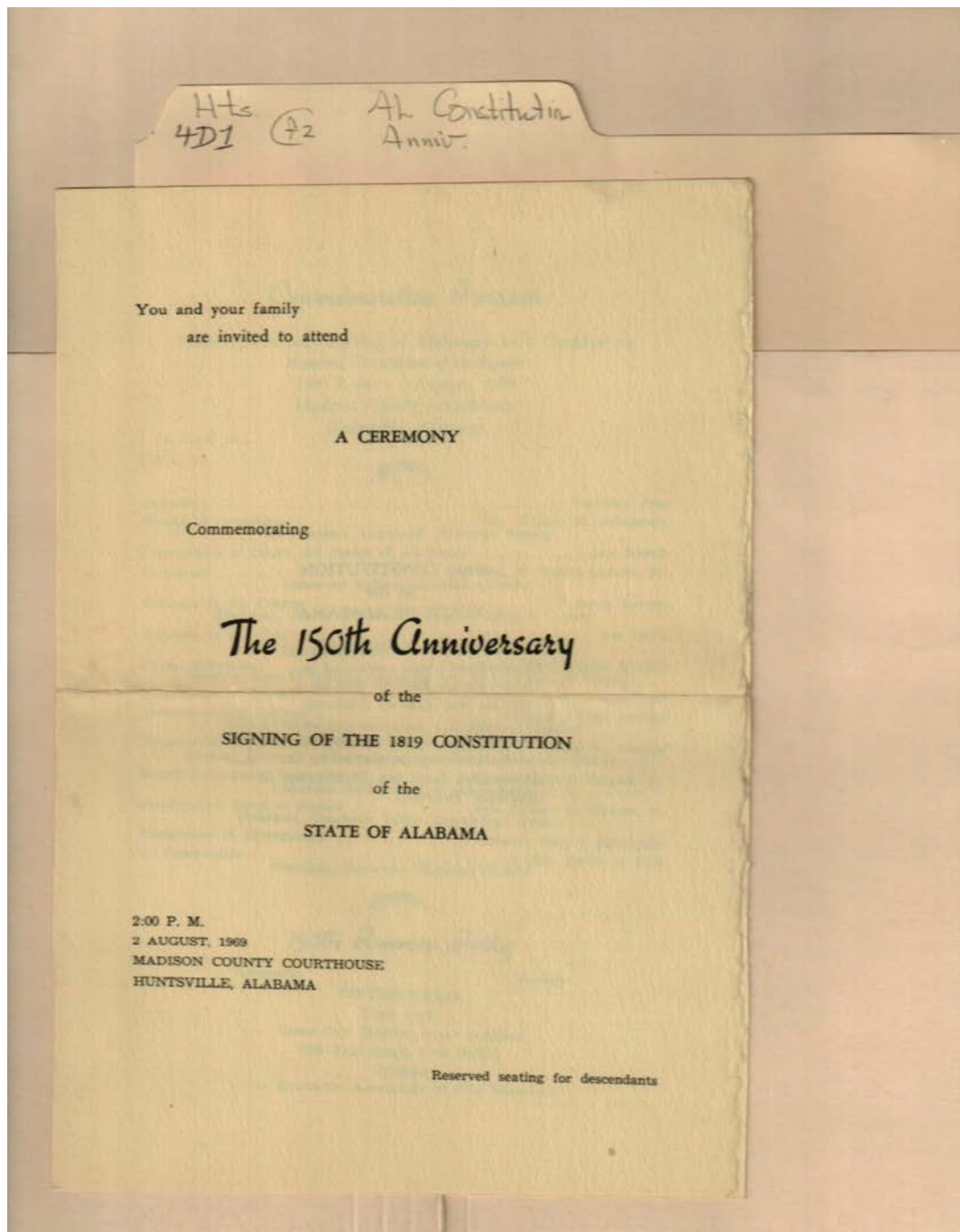
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1819 Constitution  
Anniversary

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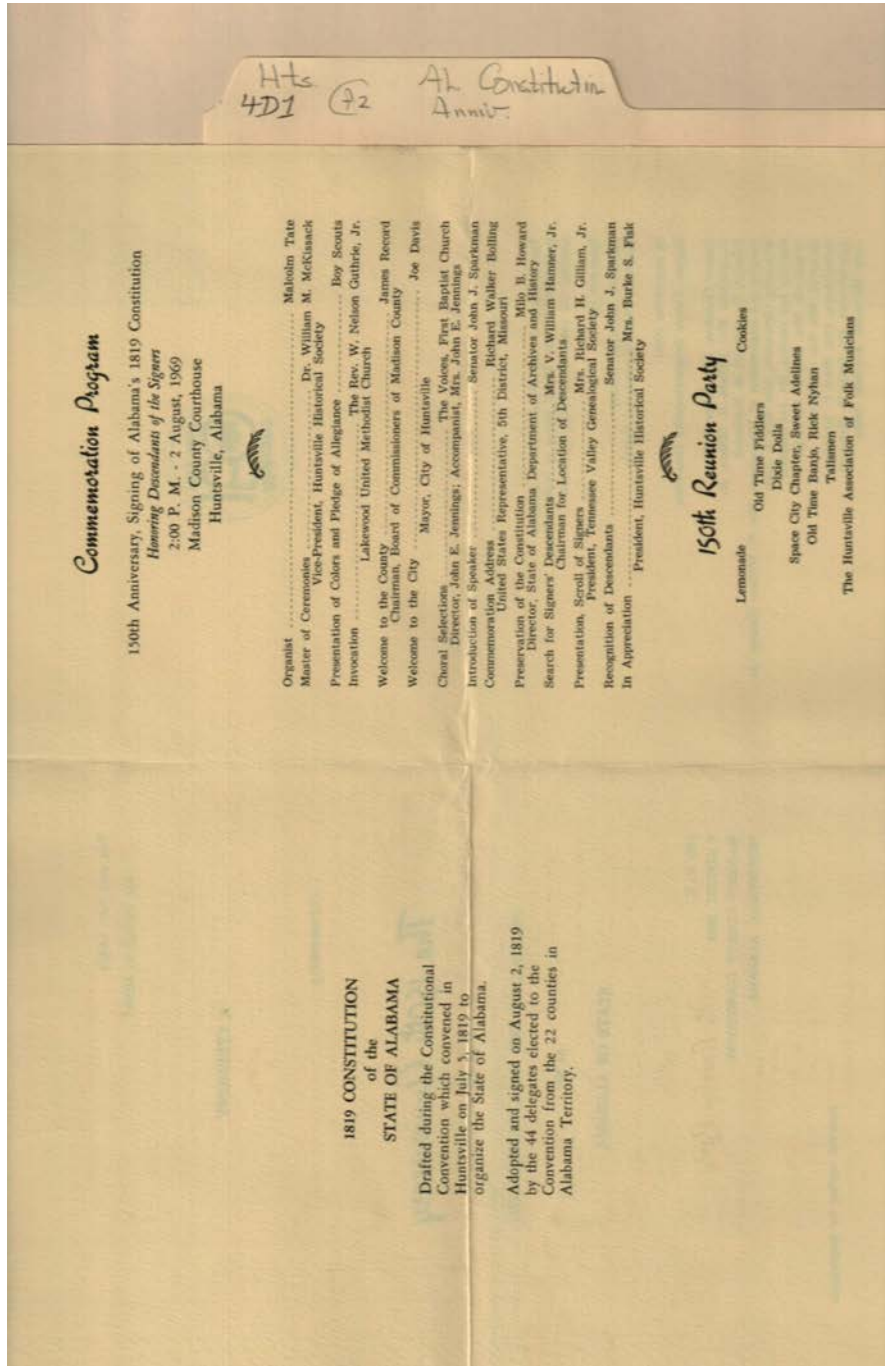
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 Hamner, V. William, Jr., Mrs.  
 Howard, Milo B.

Jennings, John E., Mr. & Mrs.  
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 Nyhan, Rick  
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Sparkman, John J.  
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Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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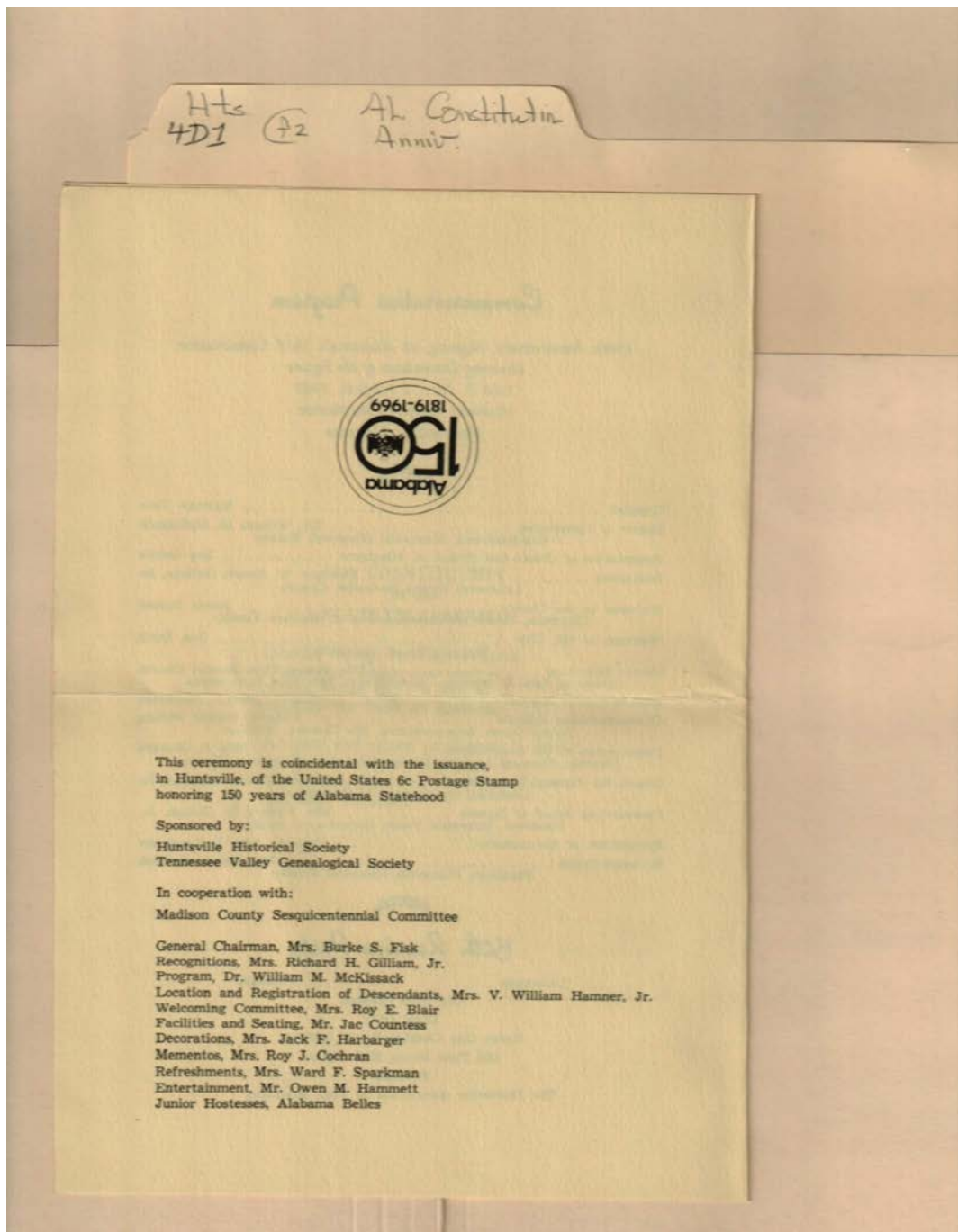
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Fisk, Burke S., Mrs.

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Jr., Mrs.  
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Mrs.

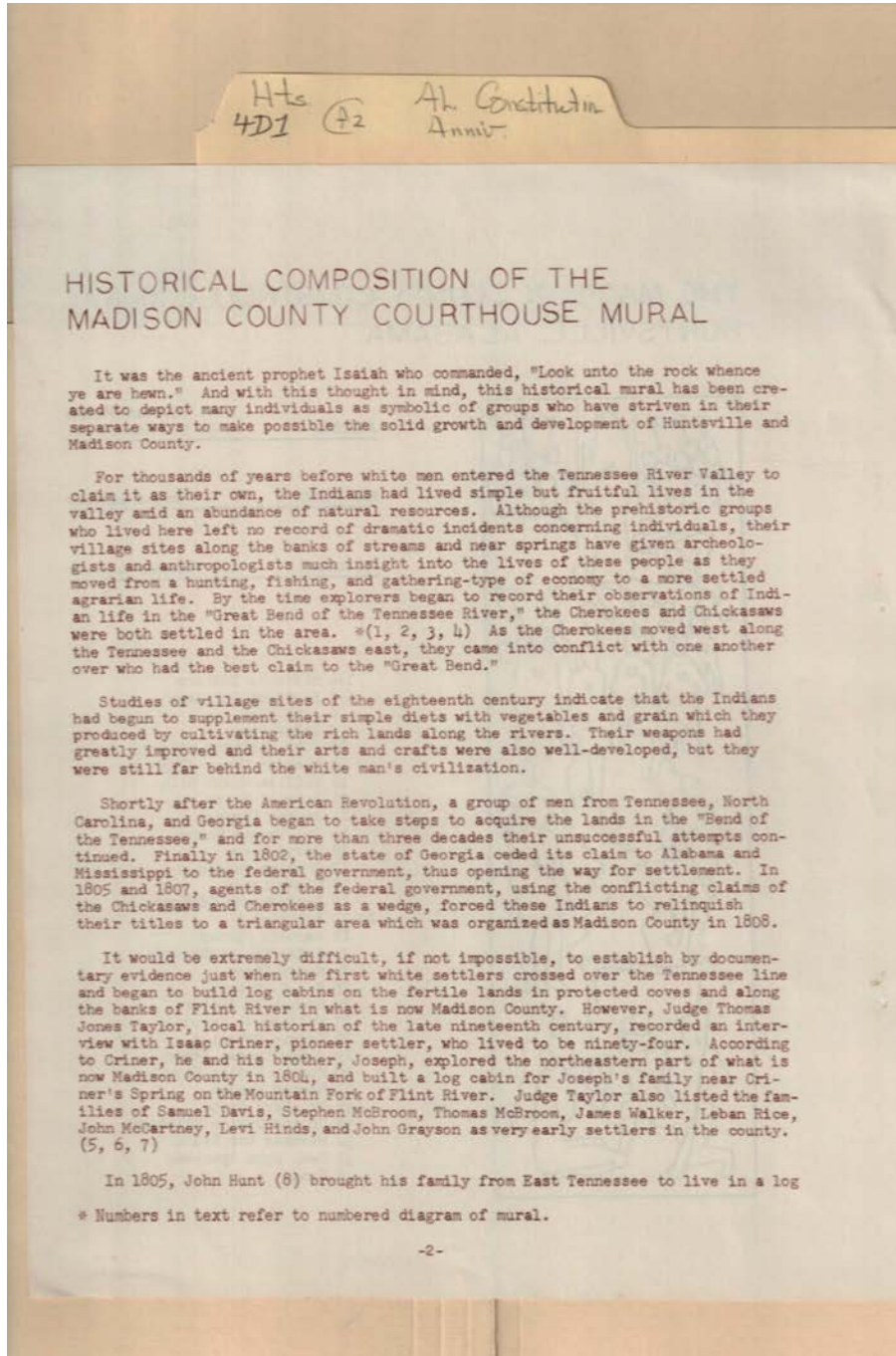
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M., Dr.  
Sparkman, Ward F.,  
Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

program



**Names:**

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Davis, Samuel  
Grayson, John  
Hinds, Levi

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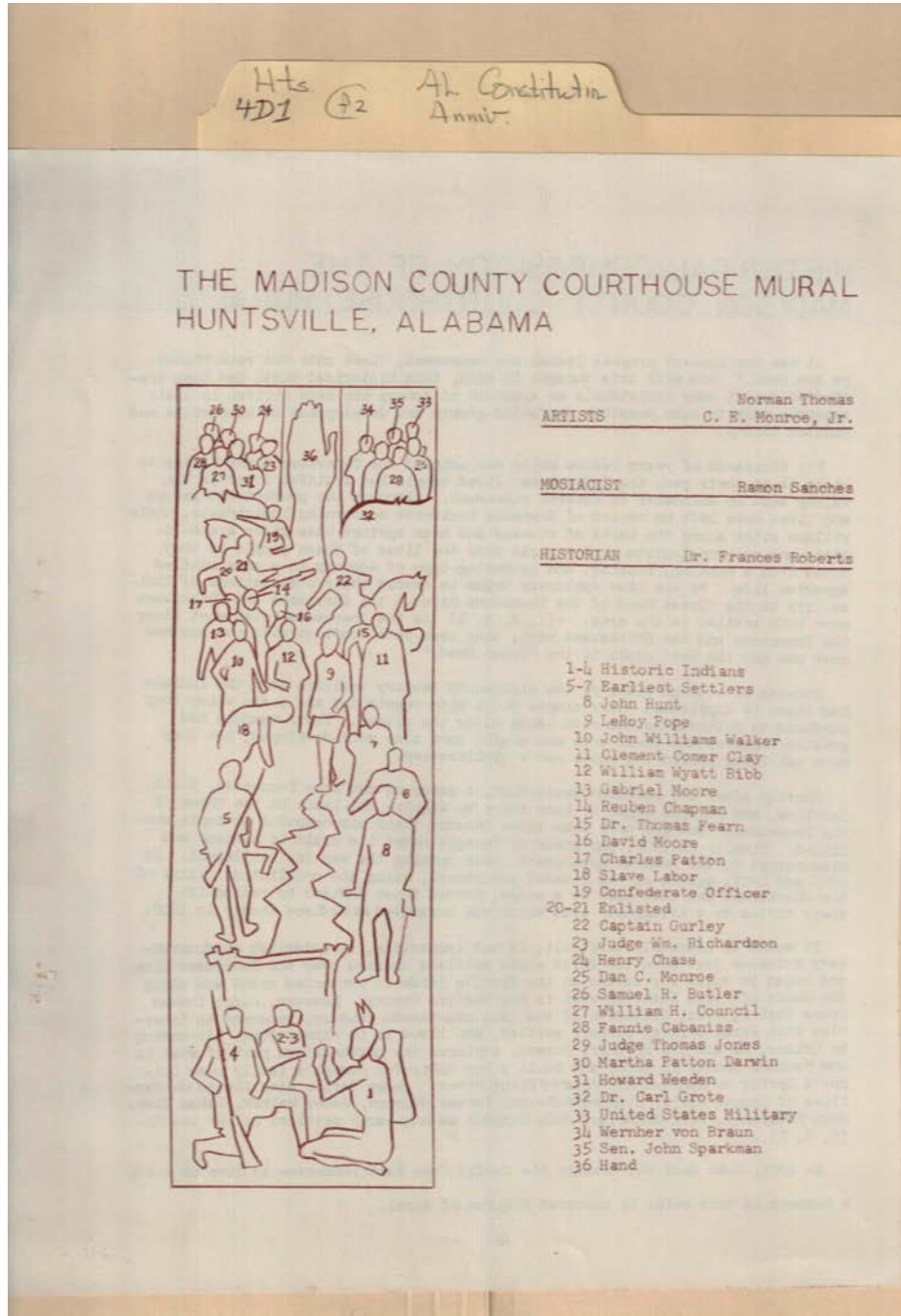
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Walker, James

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

essay



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Cabaniss, Fannie  
Chapman, Reuben  
Chase, Henry  
Clay, Clement Comer  
Council, William H.

Darwin, Martha  
Patton  
Fearn, Thomas, Dr.  
Grote, Carl, Dr.  
Gurley, Captain  
Hunt, John  
Jones, Thomas, Judge  
Monroe, C. E., Jr.

Monroe, Dan C.  
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Mural at Madison  
County Courthouse  
Patton, Charles  
Richardson, William,  
Judge

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Senator  
Walker, John  
Williams  
Weeden, Howard  
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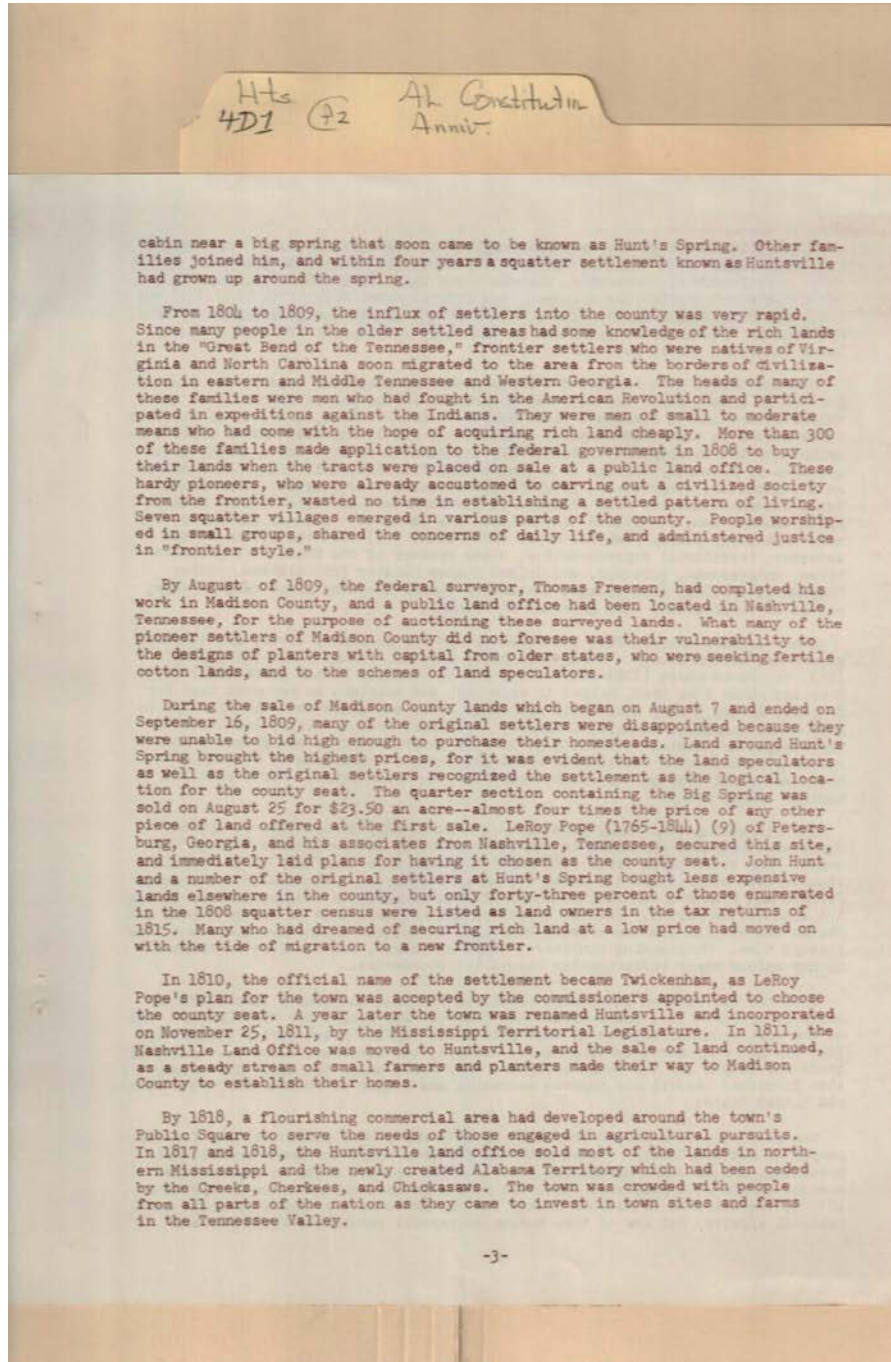
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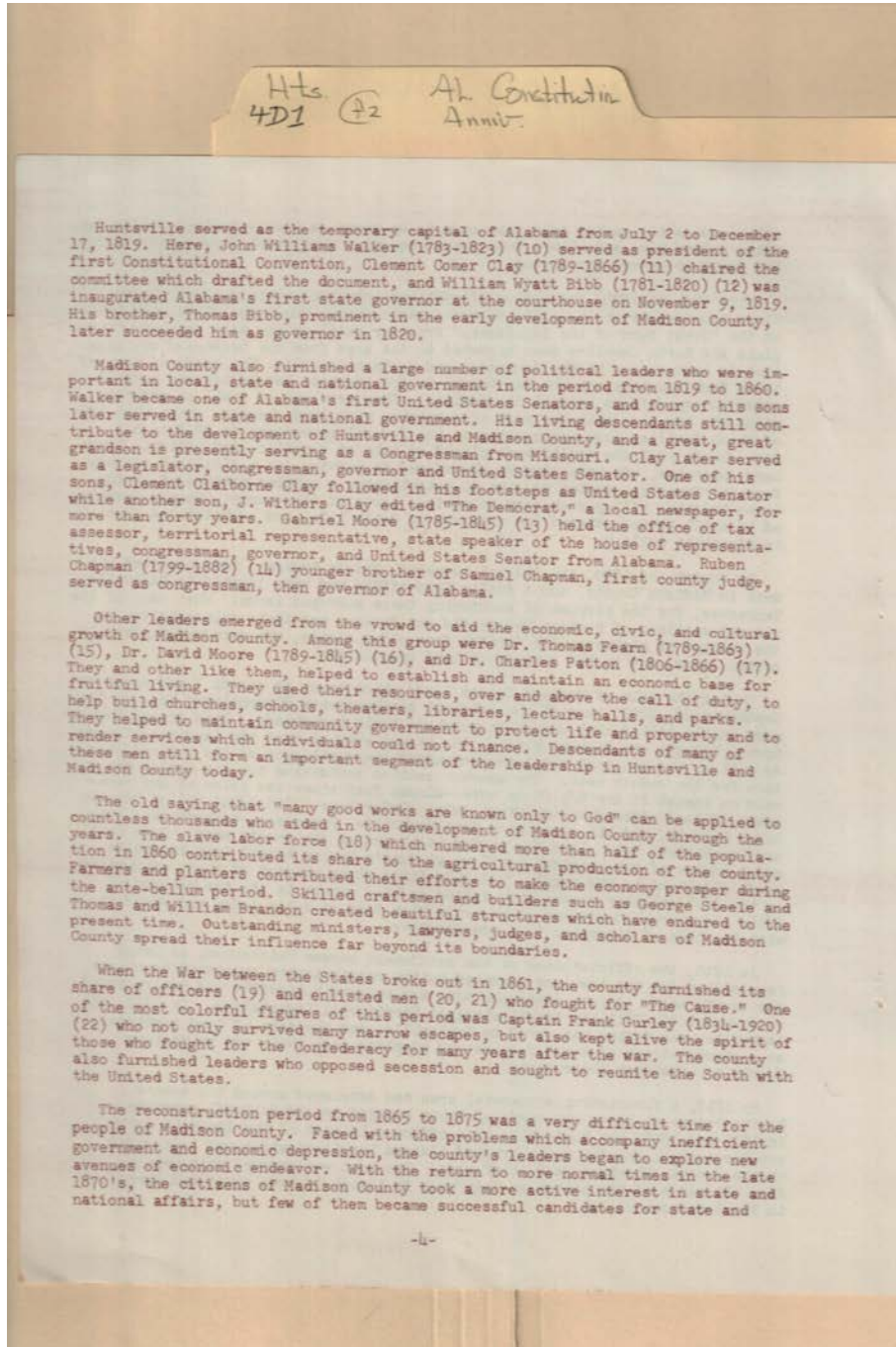
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**Names:**

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Bibb, William Wyatt  
Brandon, Thomas  
Brandon, William  
Chapman, Reuben

Chapman, Samuel  
Clay, Clement  
Claiborne  
Clay, Clement Comer  
Clay, J. Withers

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.  
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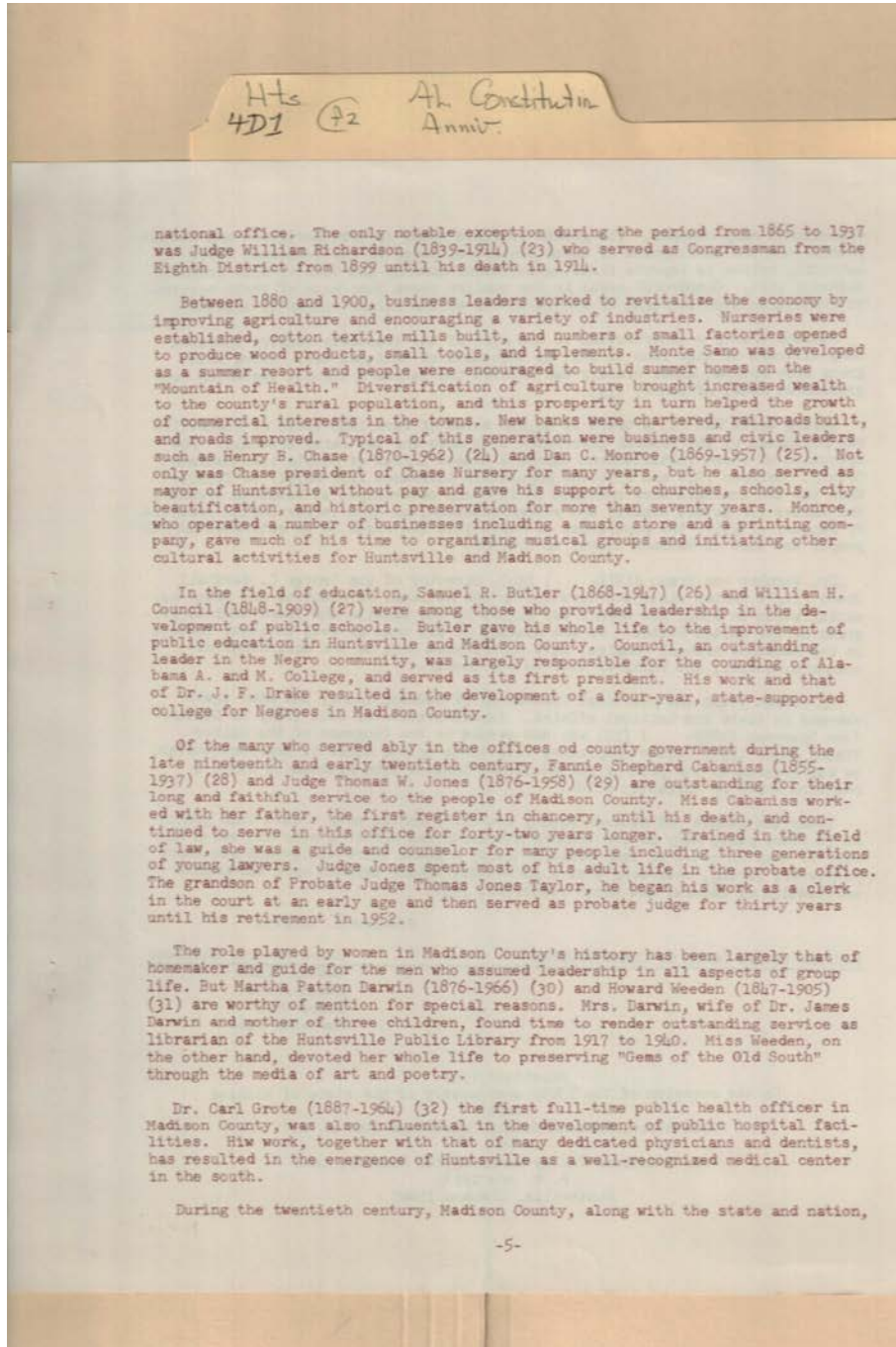
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national office. The only notable exception during the period from 1865 to 1937 was Judge William Richardson (1839-1914) (23) who served as Congressman from the Eighth District from 1899 until his death in 1914.

Between 1880 and 1900, business leaders worked to revitalize the economy by improving agriculture and encouraging a variety of industries. Nurseries were established, cotton textile mills built, and numbers of small factories opened to produce wood products, small tools, and implements. Monte Sano was developed as a summer resort and people were encouraged to build summer homes on the "Mountain of Health." Diversification of agriculture brought increased wealth to the county's rural population, and this prosperity in turn helped the growth of commercial interests in the towns. New banks were chartered, railroads built, and roads improved. Typical of this generation were business and civic leaders such as Henry B. Chase (1870-1962) (24) and Dan C. Monroe (1869-1957) (25). Not only was Chase president of Chase Nursery for many years, but he also served as mayor of Huntsville without pay and gave his support to churches, schools, city beautification, and historic preservation for more than seventy years. Monroe, who operated a number of businesses including a music store and a printing company, gave much of his time to organizing musical groups and initiating other cultural activities for Huntsville and Madison County.

In the field of education, Samuel R. Butler (1868-1947) (26) and William H. Council (1848-1909) (27) were among those who provided leadership in the development of public schools. Butler gave his whole life to the improvement of public education in Huntsville and Madison County. Council, an outstanding leader in the Negro community, was largely responsible for the founding of Alabama A. and M. College, and served as its first president. His work and that of Dr. J. F. Drake resulted in the development of a four-year, state-supported college for Negroes in Madison County.

Of the many who served ably in the offices of county government during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, Fannie Shepherd Cabaniss (1855-1937) (28) and Judge Thomas W. Jones (1876-1958) (29) are outstanding for their long and faithful service to the people of Madison County. Miss Cabaniss worked with her father, the first register in chancery, until his death, and continued to serve in this office for forty-two years longer. Trained in the field of law, she was a guide and counselor for many people including three generations of young lawyers. Judge Jones spent most of his adult life in the probate office. The grandson of Probate Judge Thomas Jones Taylor, he began his work as a clerk in the court at an early age and then served as probate judge for thirty years until his retirement in 1952.

The role played by women in Madison County's history has been largely that of homemaker and guide for the men who assumed leadership in all aspects of group life. But Martha Patton Darwin (1876-1966) (30) and Howard Weeden (1847-1905) (31) are worthy of mention for special reasons. Mrs. Darwin, wife of Dr. James Darwin and mother of three children, found time to render outstanding service as librarian of the Huntsville Public Library from 1917 to 1940. Miss Weeden, on the other hand, devoted her whole life to preserving "Gems of the Old South" through the media of art and poetry.

Dr. Carl Grote (1887-1964) (32) the first full-time public health officer in Madison County, was also influential in the development of public hospital facilities. His work, together with that of many dedicated physicians and dentists, has resulted in the emergence of Huntsville as a well-recognized medical center in the south.

During the twentieth century, Madison County, along with the state and nation,

**Names:**

Butler, Samuel R.  
Cabaniss, Fannie  
Shepherd  
Chase, Henry B.  
Council, William H.

Darwin, James, Dr.  
Darwin, Martha  
Patton  
Drake, J. F., Dr.  
Grote, Carl, Dr.

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Judge

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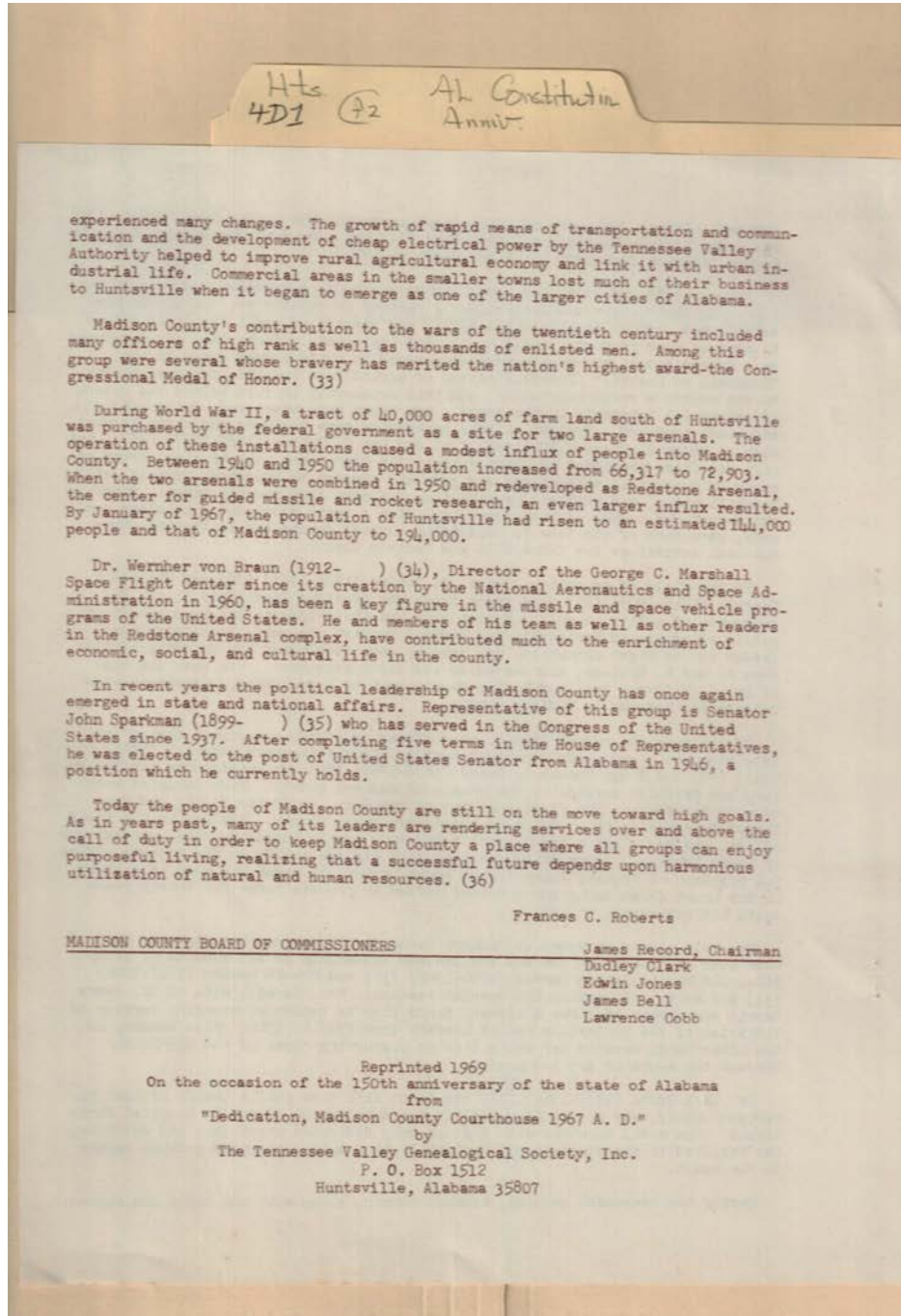
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**Names:**

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Clark, Dudley  
Cobb, Lawrence  
Jones, Edwin

Record, James  
Roberts, Frances C.,  
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Sparkman, John,  
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Dr.

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**Types:**

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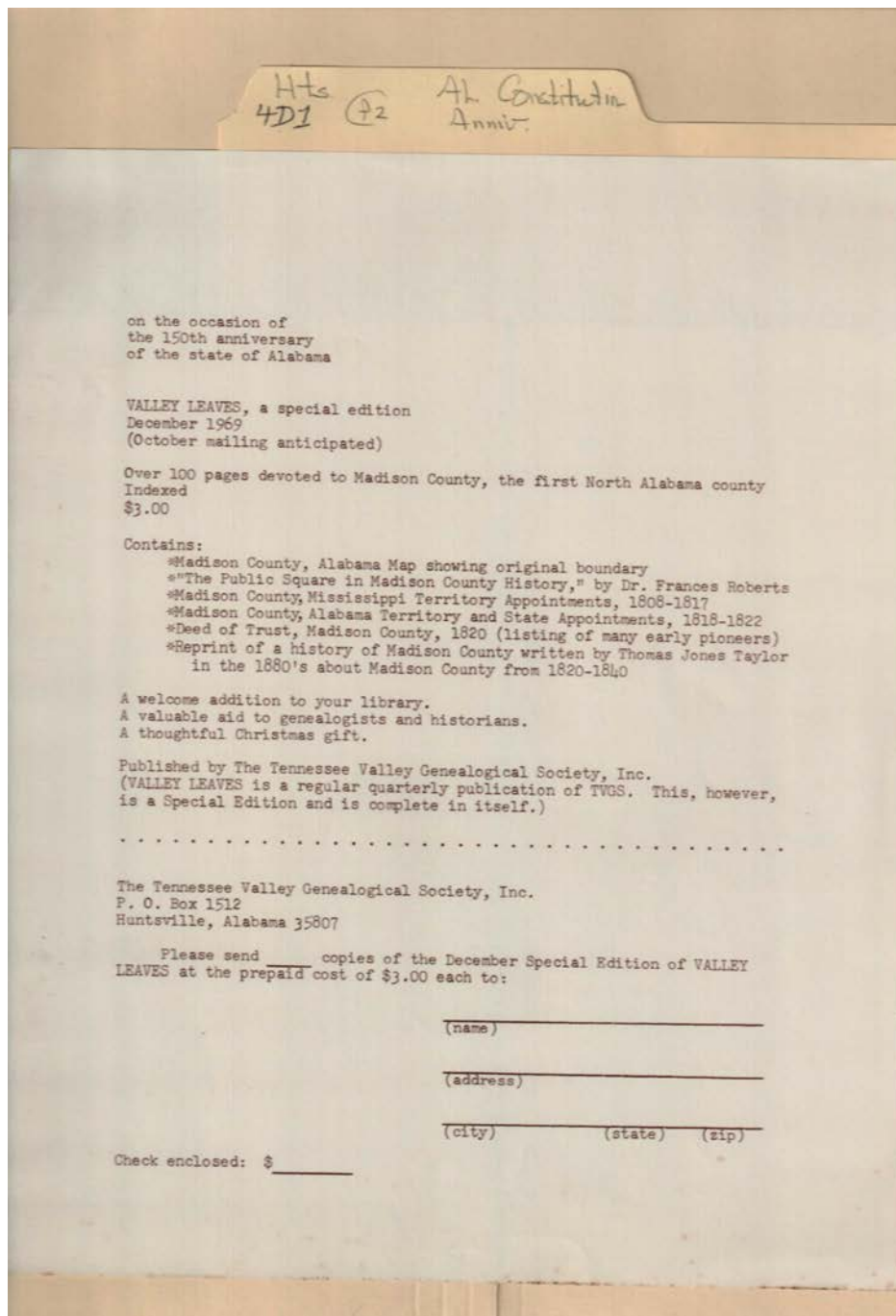
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Taylor, Thomas

Valley Leaves

Jones, Judge

**Places:**

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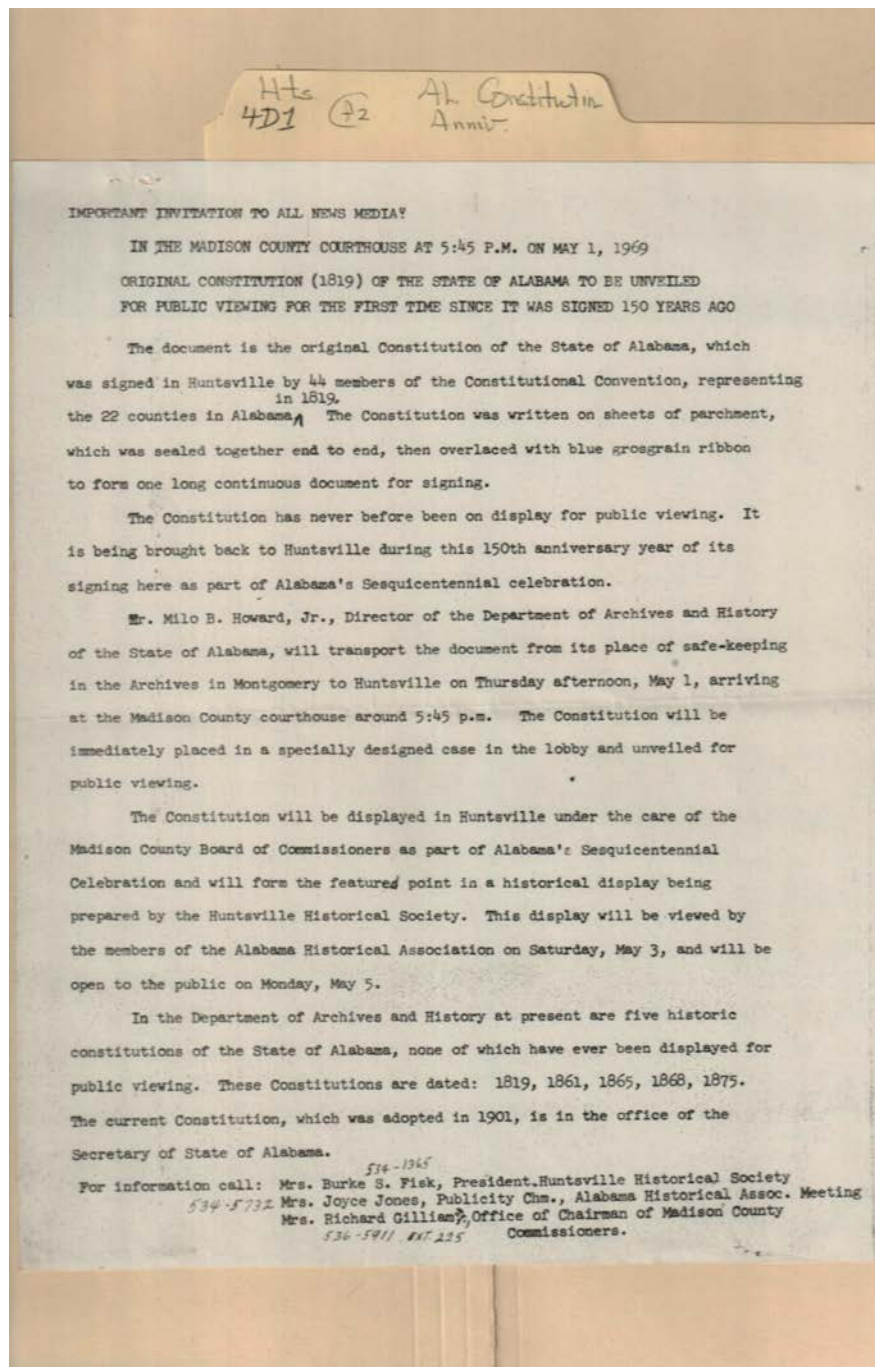
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Gilliam, Richard H.,  
Jr.

Howard, Milo B., Jr.  
Jones, Joyce, Mrs.

**Places:**

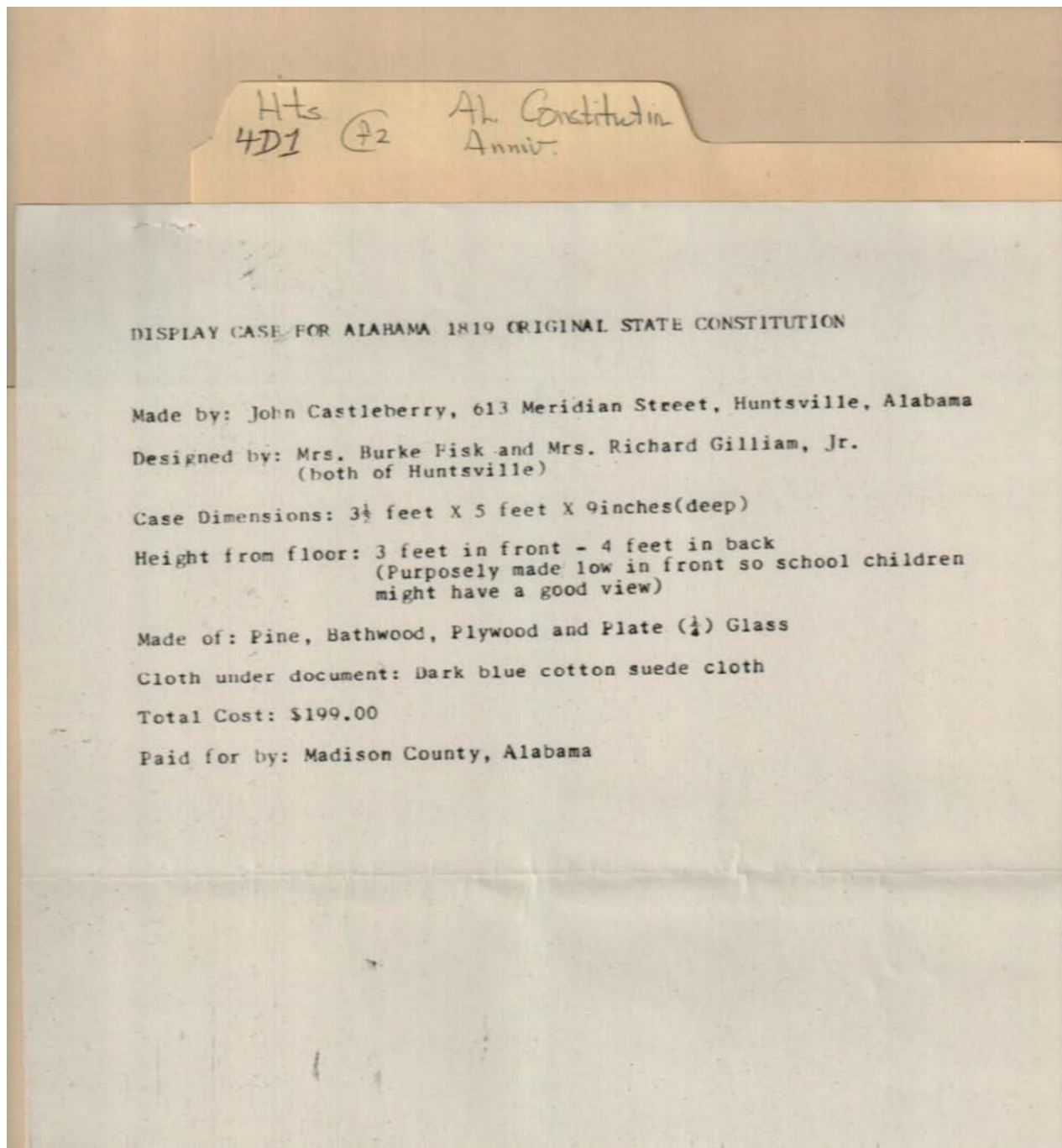
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**Dates:**

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**Names:**

Castleberry, John

Fisk, Burke, Mrs.

Gilliam, Richard, Jr.



**Types:**

announcement



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4D1 (2) Al. Constitution  
Anniv.


### ALABAMA'S CONSTITUTION HALL, 1819 HUNTSVILLE



Artist's conception of the framed building at the northwest corner of Gates and Franklin Streets in Huntsville, where the Constitution to organize the State of Alabama was drafted.

The building that housed this historic meeting was often used as a theater during the years 1819 and 1820. In 1821, it was removed to make way for the building of a larger theater, which burned before construction was completed.

In 1969, the Huntsville Historical Society and the Alabama Historical Association erected on this site the marker shown above.



In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of Alabama's Constitution, the Huntsville Historical Society is sponsoring a movement to preserve this important site and to reconstruct on it the Constitution Hall and other historic buildings which stood in this immediate area in 1819.

Courtesy of  
The American National Bank

**Names:**

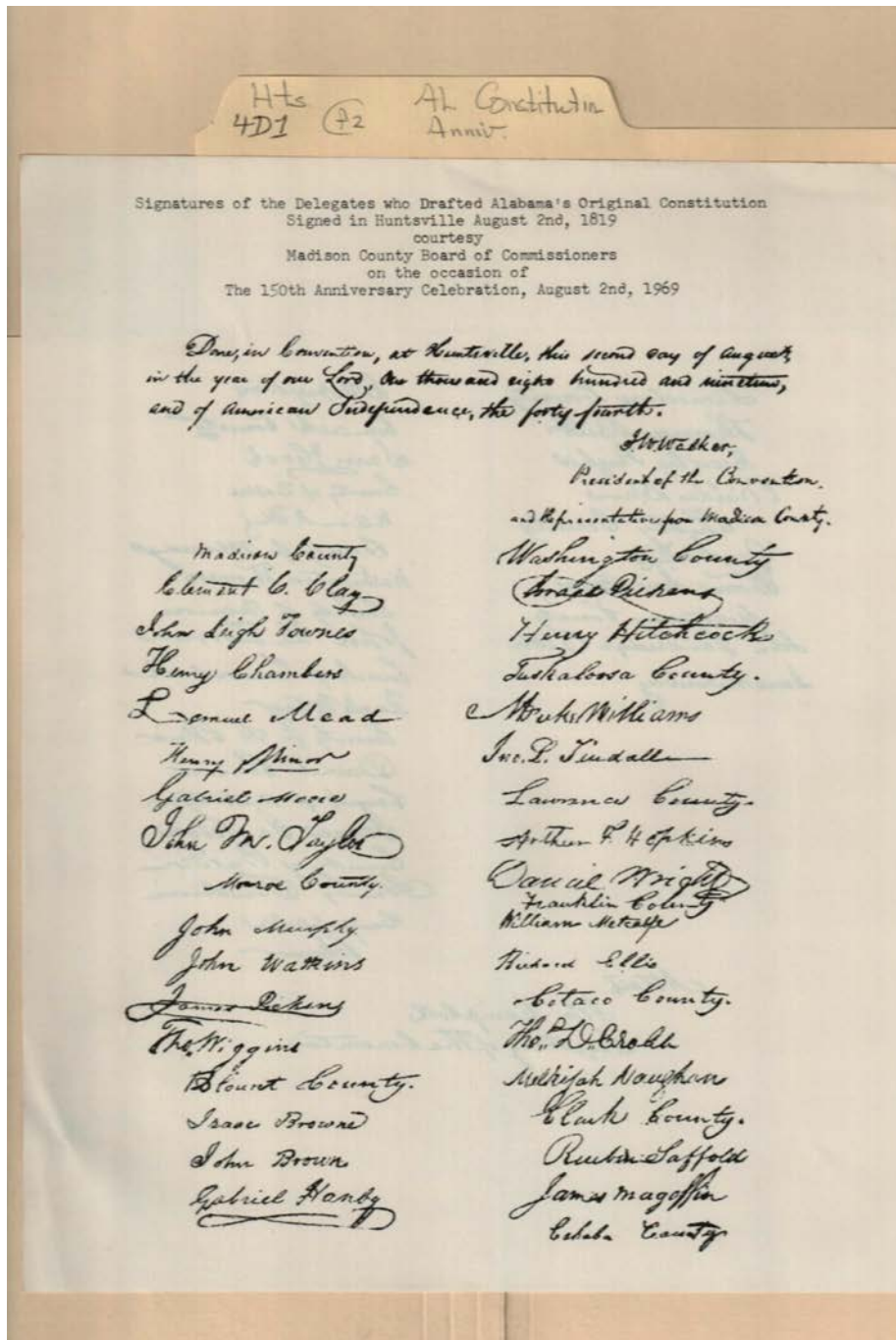
Constitution Hall  
Concept

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

program



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Crabb, Thomas D.  
Ellis, Richard  
Hanby, Gabriel  
Hitchcock, Henry

Hopkins, Arthur F.  
Magoffin, James  
Mead, Lemuel  
Metcalf, William  
Minor, Henry  
Moore, Gabriel  
Murphy, John

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Copy  
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Pickens, James  
Saffold, Reuben  
Taylor, John M.  
Tindall, John L.  
Townes, John Leigh

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Wright, Daniel

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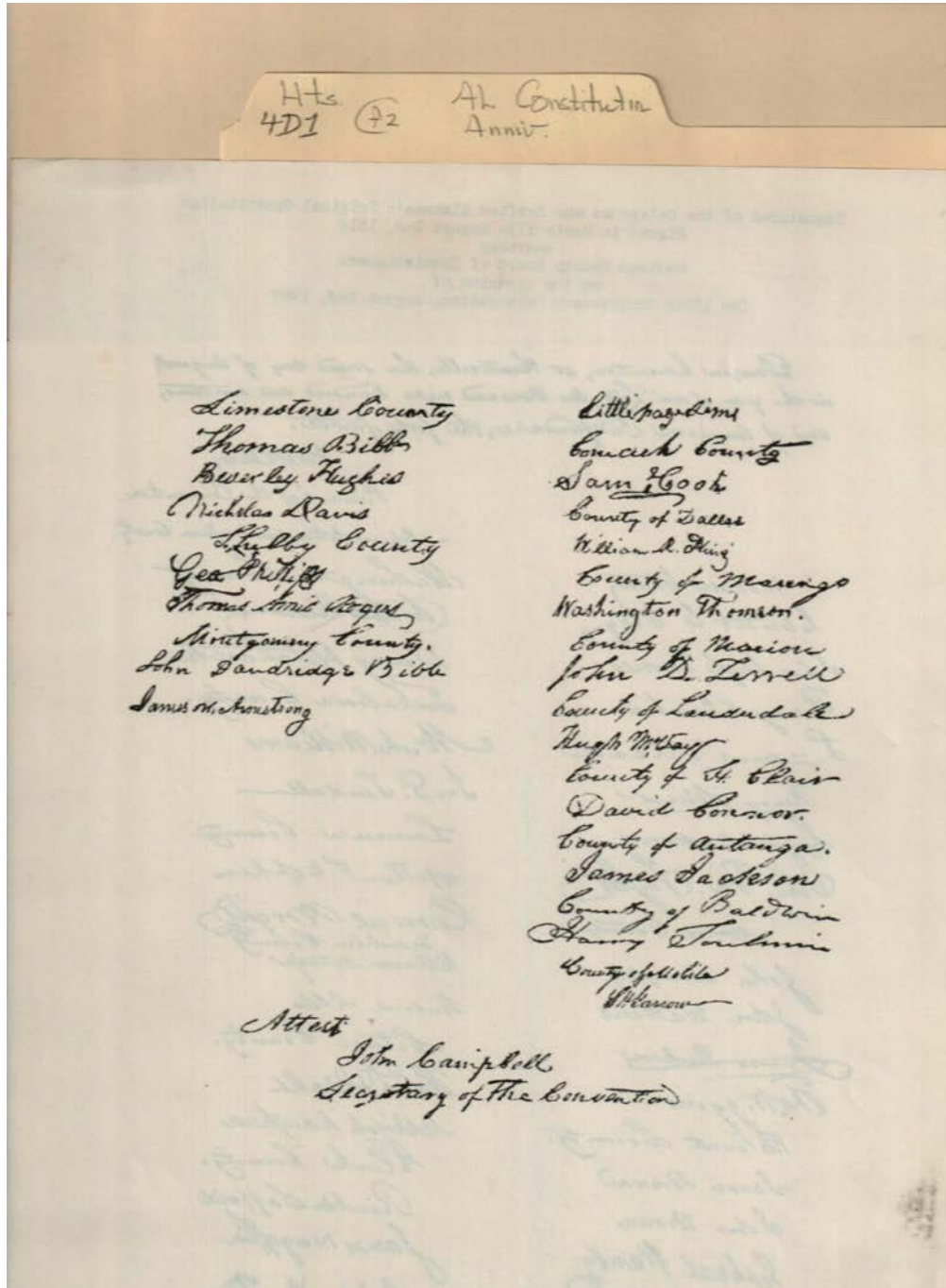
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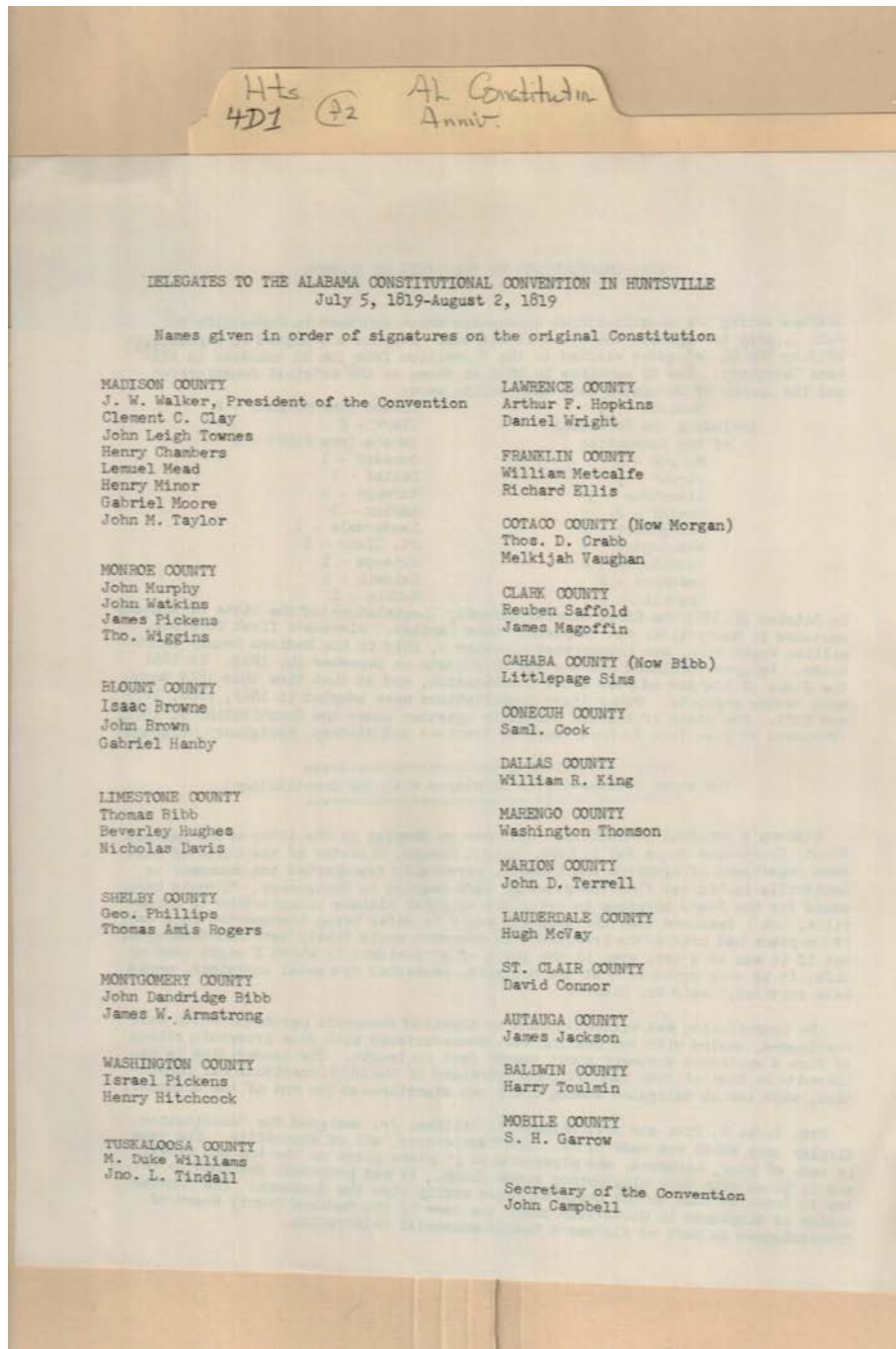
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Hughes, Beverly  
Jackson, James

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Thomson,  
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Toulmin, Harry

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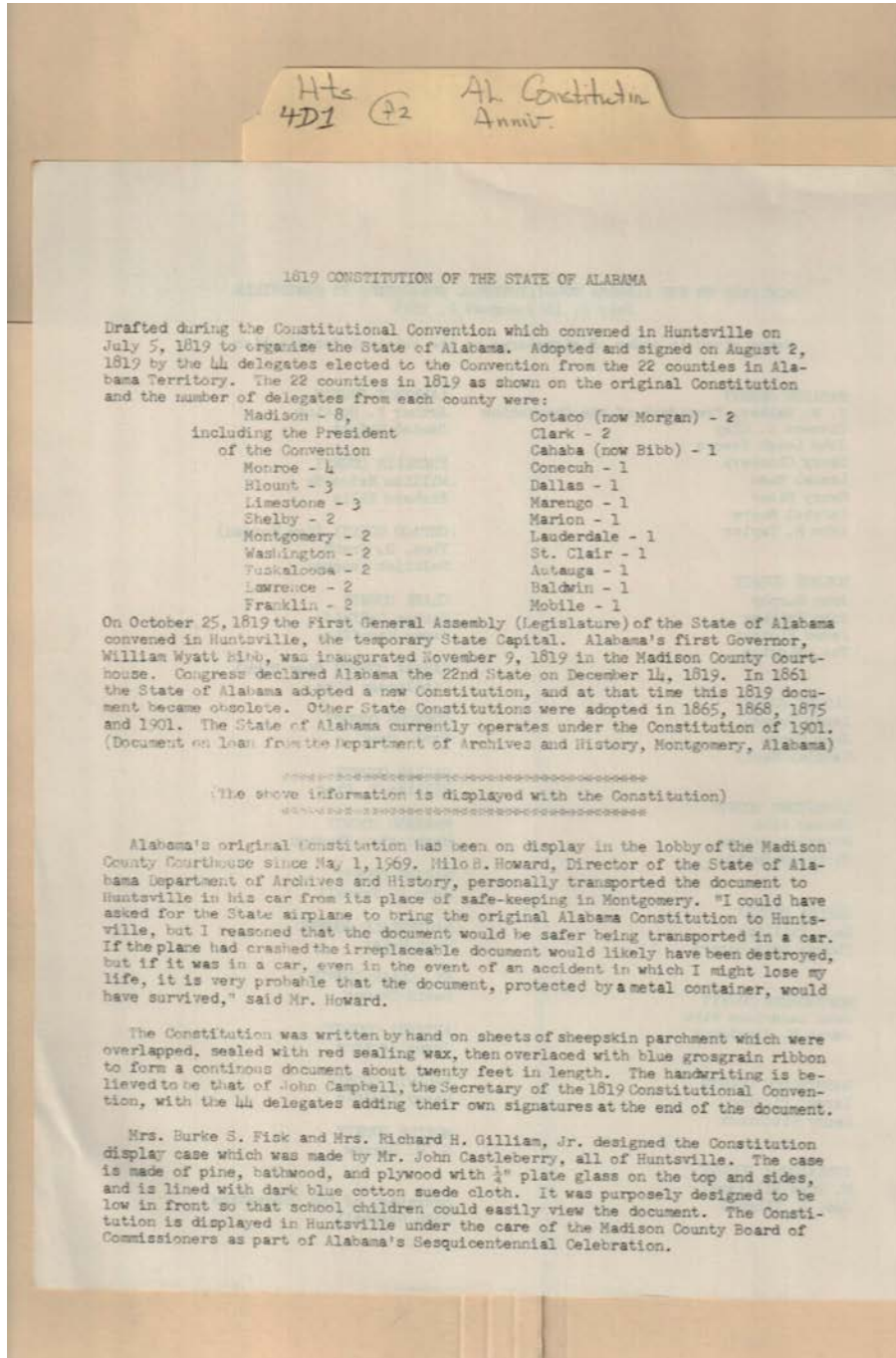
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| Bibb, Thomas         | Hanby, Gabriel     | Murphy, John     | Tindall, John L.   |
| Brown, John          | Hitchcock, Henry   | Phillips, George | Toulmin, Harry     |
| Browne, Isaac        | Hopkins, Arthur F. | Pickens, Israel  | Townes, John Leigh |
| Campbell, John       | Hughes, Beverly    | Pickens, James   | Vaughan, Melkijah  |
| Chambers, Henry      | Jackson, James     | Rogers, Thomas   | Walker, J. W.      |
| Clay, Clement C.     | King, William R.   | Amis             | Watkins, John      |
| Connor, David        | Magoffin, James    | Saffold, Reuben  | Wiggins, Thomas    |
| Cook, Samuel         | McVay, Hugh        | Sims, Littlepage | Williams, M. Duke  |
| Crabb, Thomas D.     | Mead, Lemuel       | Taylor, John M.  | Wright, Daniel     |
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**Types:**  
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**Names:**

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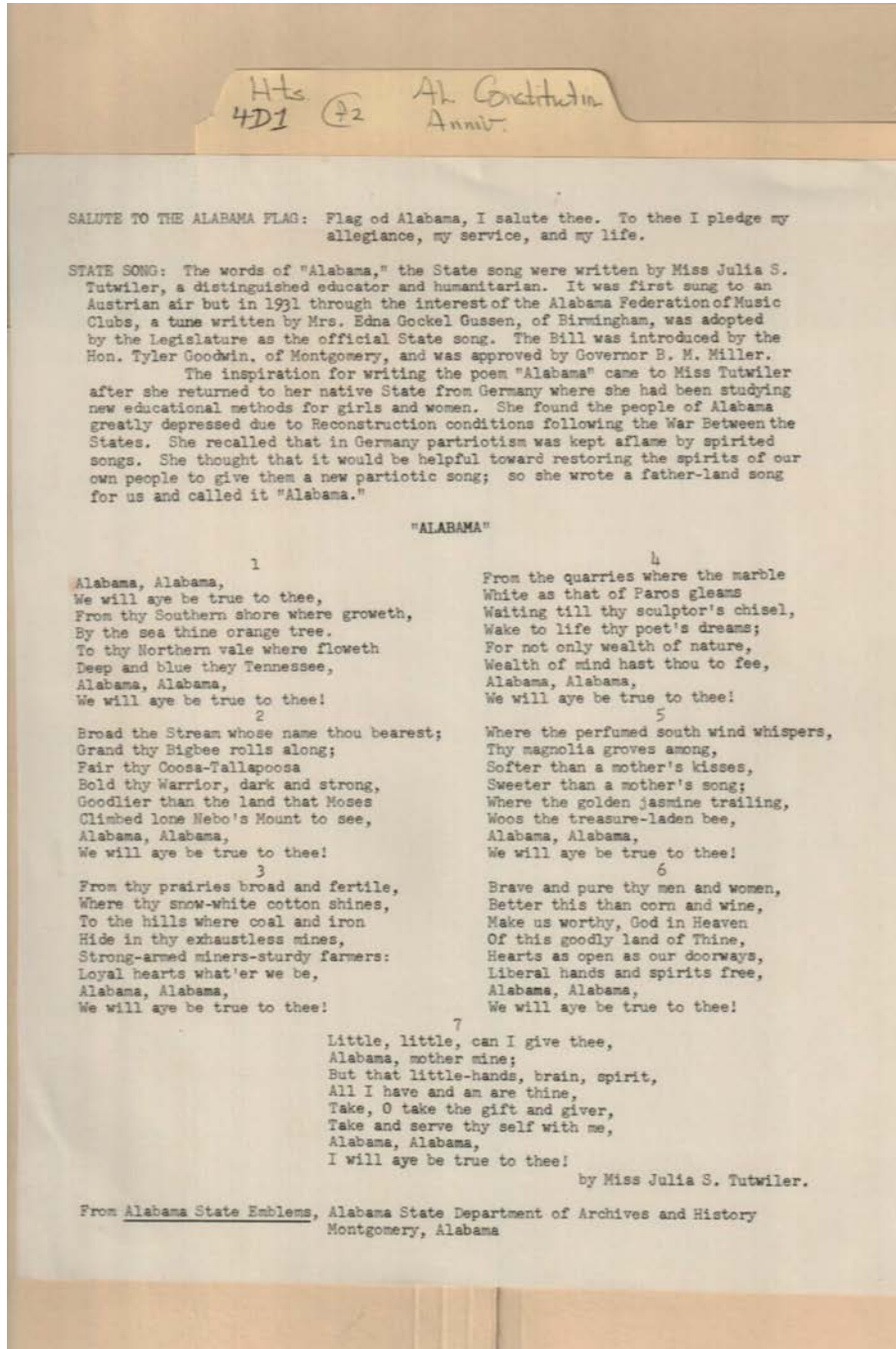
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Mrs.

Miller, B. M.,  
Governor

Tutwiler, Julia S.,  
Miss

Types:

program

song



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