

GEORGE S. HOUSTON HOUSE
 Lms. Co. Ath. Site #13
 Houston St., Athens ITEM 14

78x5

TARCOG

ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES

FIELD SURVEYOR

RECORDING FORM

County: Limestone


Field Surveyors' Names: A. Thomas, J. Hendricks

Historical Notes Number: #17 Site # 13
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: #29-30
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Geo. S. Houston Memorial Library & Museum
2. Location: Houston Street, Athens, Ala
3. Owner of Property: _____
4. Geographical Data: _____
5. Acreage: _____
6. Classification: Pat Jones article indicates 1845 construction - appears correct (HP/aw)
7. Integrity: _____

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Names: George S. Houston Memorial Library	& Museum	TARCOG Historical Survey
Places: Athens, Limestone Co., AL	Limestone Co., AL	
Types: form	photograph	
Dates: 1845		

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8. Condition: Good

9. Present Use: Library + museum

10. Areas of Significance:

11. Architectural Description: Chimney off set above
second story, gable roof, dentil work +
molding under roof. Small porch height of
house with 4 columns across front.
The second story balcony on porch.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion:

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Names:

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Places:

Athens, Limestone
Co., AL

Types:

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TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map #13

1. Name of site or structure Houston Memorial Library and Museum

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) Athens

3. Description Late Greek Revival - Probable date 1845. Some indication of Victorian style. Would be rare for the

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known Home of Governor George S. Houston was a dominant mark in early life of Limestone County.

Names:

Houston Memorial
Library & Museum

Houston, George S.,
Gov.

Places:

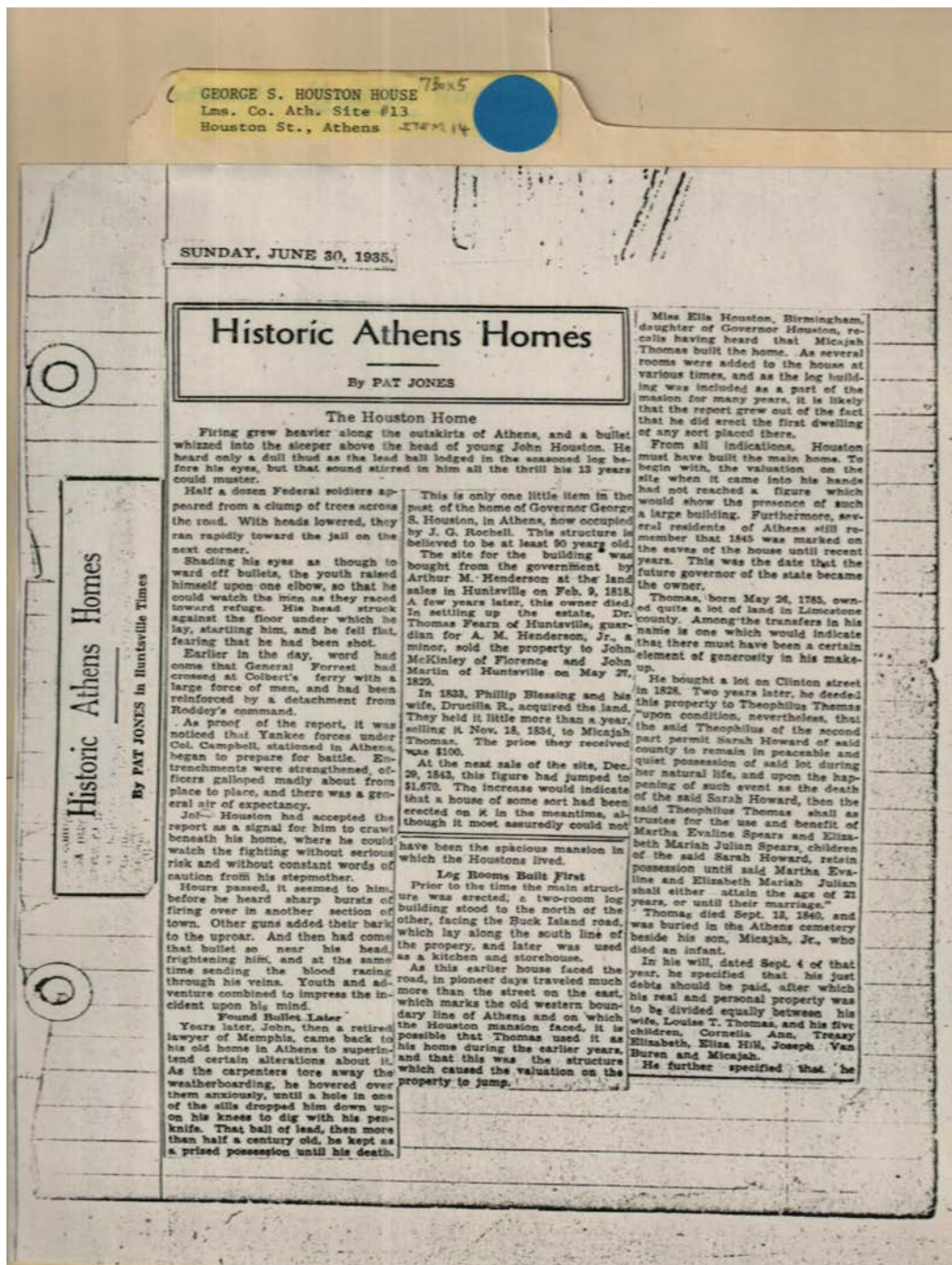
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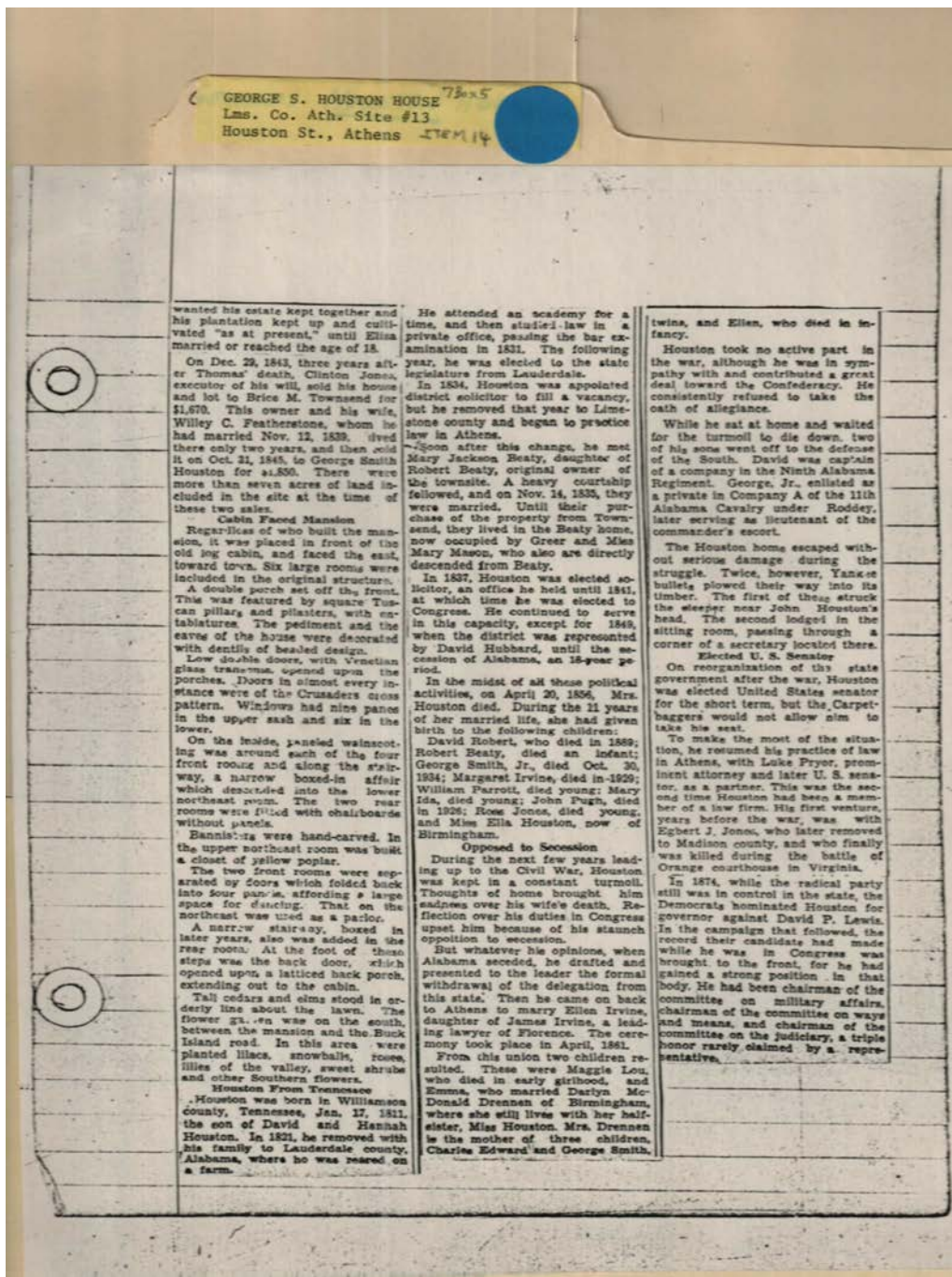
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Campbell, Col.	Houston Home	Jones, Pat	Thomas, Louise T.
Fearn, Thomas, Dr.	Houston, Ella, Miss	Martin, John	Thomas, Micajah
Forrest, Gen.	Houston, George S., Gov.	McKinley, John	Thomas, Theophilus
Henderson, Arthur M.	Houston, John	Rochell, J. G.	
		Spears, Elizabeth	
		Mariah Julian	

Types:

newspaper article

Dates:

June 30, 1935



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Names:

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 Beaty, Robert
 Drennen, Darlyn
 McDonald
 Featherstone, Willey
 C.
 Houston, David &
 Hannah
 Houston, David
 Robert

Houston, Ella, Miss
 Houston, Emma
 Houston, George
 Smith
 Houston, George
 Smith, Jr.
 Houston, John Pugh
 Houston, Maggie Lou
 Houston, Margaret
 Irvine

Houston, Mary Ida
 Houston, Robert
 Beaty
 Houston, Ross Jones
 Houston, William
 Parrott
 Hubbard, David
 Irvine, Ellen
 Irvine, James
 Jones, Clinton

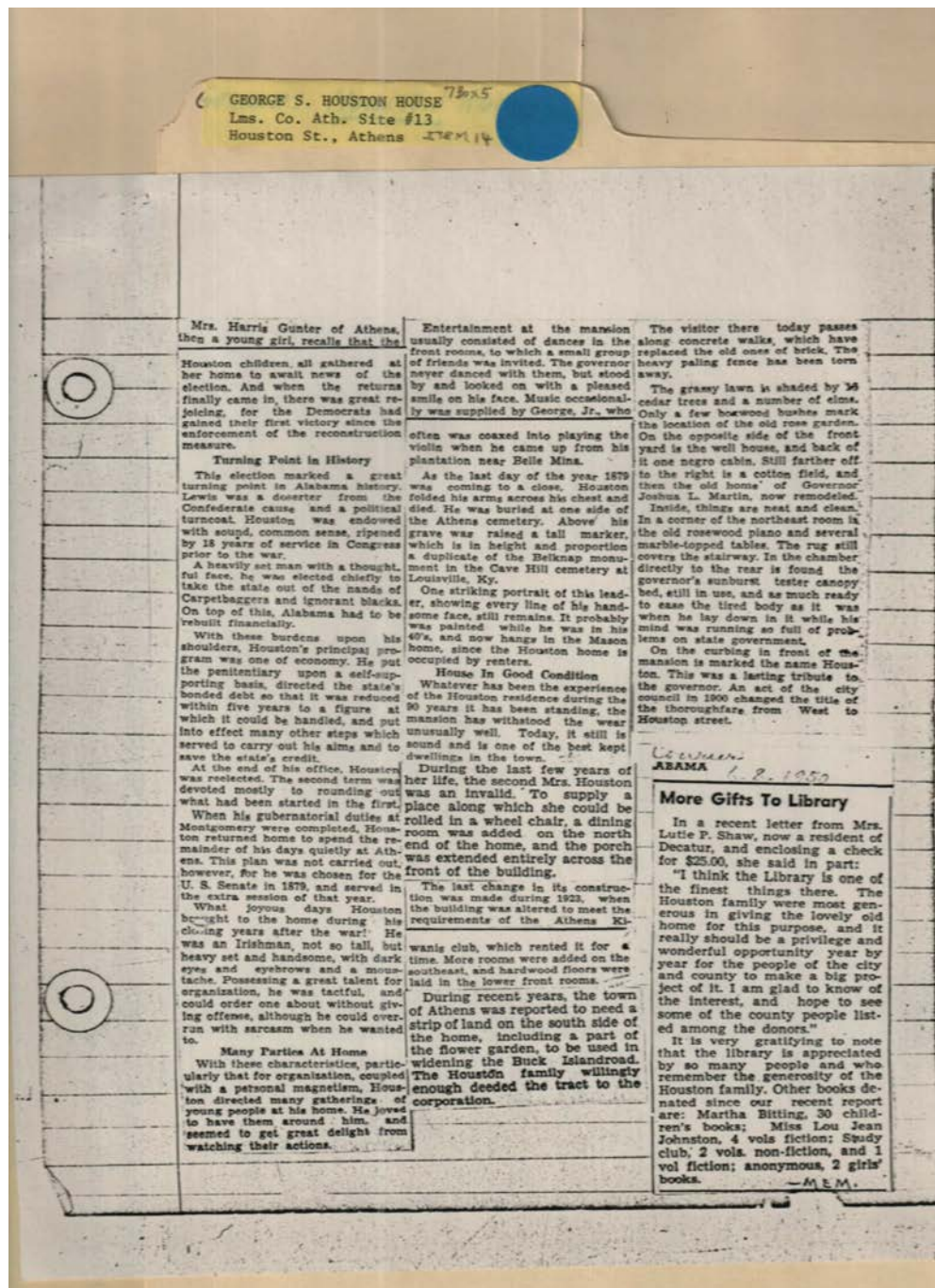
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 Mason, Greer
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Types:

newspaper article

Dates:

June 30, 1935



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Names:

Bitting, Martha
 Gifts to Library
 Gunter, Harris, Mrs.

Houston, George
 Smith, Jr.

Johnston, Lou Jean,
 Miss
 Lewis, David P.

Martin, Joshua L.,
 Gov.
 Shaw, Lutie P.

Places:

Athens, Limestone
 Co., AL

Types:

newspaper article

Dates:

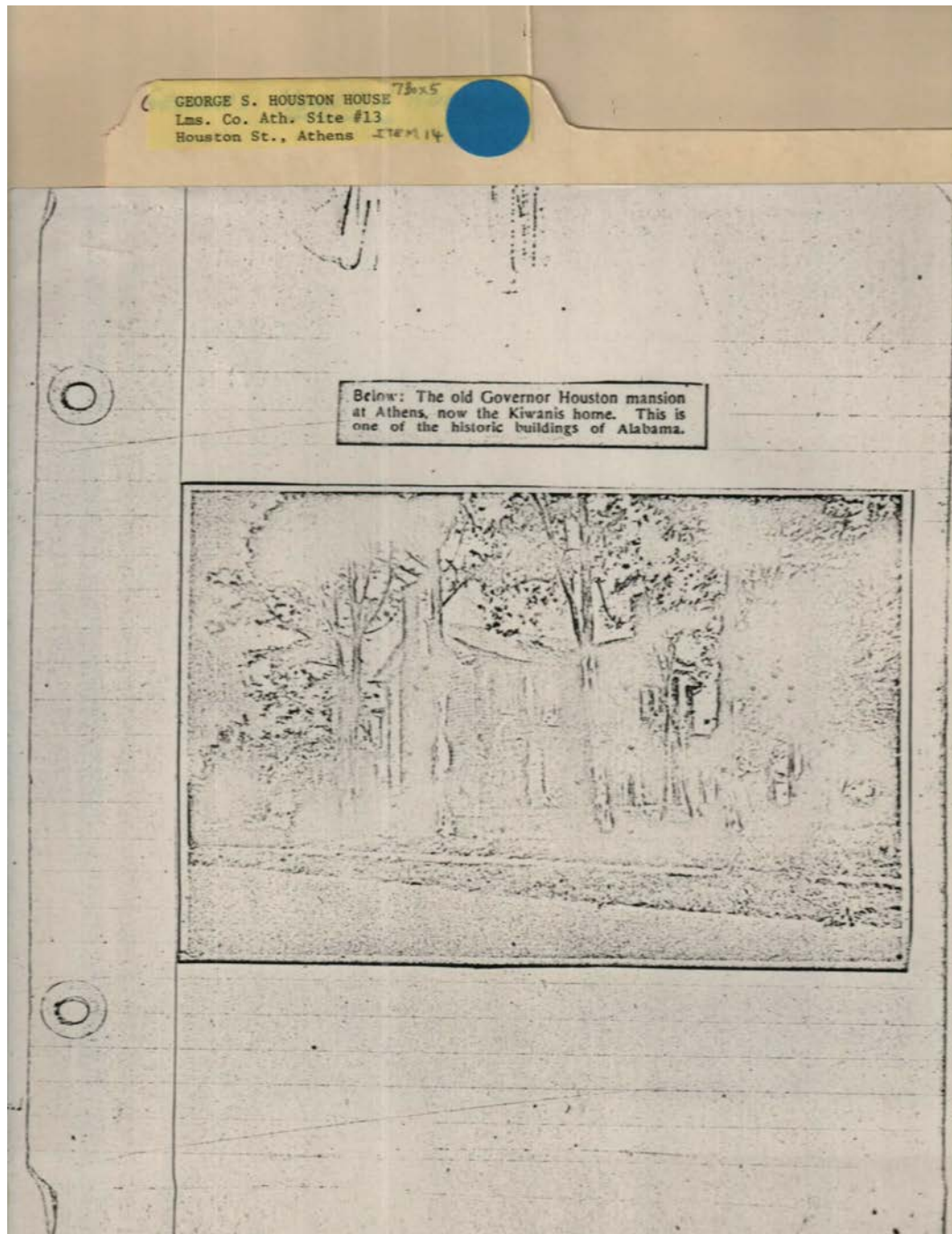
June 30, 1935

June 8, 1950

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GEORGE S. HOUSTON HOUSE 7 1/2 x 5
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Below: The old Governor Houston mansion
at Athens, now the Kiwanis home. This is
one of the historic buildings of Alabama.

Names:

Houston Home

Places:

Athens, Limestone
Co., AL

Types:

newspaper
photograph

GEORGE S. HOUSTON HOUSE
Lms. Co. Ath. Site #13
Houston St., Athens

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HISTORICAL NOTES
HISTORICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR
VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION FORM

County: Limestone
Coordinator's Name: Hamilton
Historical Notes Number: #17 Site # 13
(Red Ink)
Photograph Record Number: _____
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Geo. S. Houston Memorial Library
& Museum

2. Location: Houston Street, Athens, Ala.

3. Classification: _____

4. Owner of Property: _____

5. Location of Legal Description: _____

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Names:

George S. Houston
Memorial Library

& Museum

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Places:

Athens, Limestone
Co., AL

Limestone Co., AL

Types:

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GEORGE S. HOUSTON HOUSE 75x5
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6. Representation in Existing Surveys: _____

7. Description: Remarks by H P Jones, (Arch)
(a) Pat Jones article indicated 1845 construction - appears correct.
(b) Late Greek Rev. - whose proportions suggest the common Victorian styles. It is too plain & tall for earlier Greek Period.
(c) Details (and more in this area in Fed. or Gr. Rev.)
(d) Braced 2 story columns w/ balcony mist. turned balusters at balcony unusual for Gr. Rev. but common in Vic. Period

8. Historical Significance
A. Period: Greek - Revival

B. Specific Dates: _____

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Names:

Jones, Pat

Places:

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8. Historical Significance (continued)

C. Areas of Significance:

D. Statement of Significance: All research indicates that Governor George Houston must have built the main home about 1845, although there may have been a house, log probably on property. Gov. Houston was born in Williamson Co. Tenn. in the small mill family to Lambert Co. Ala. in 1821. In 1834 he was appointed District solicitor to fill a vacancy but removed to Limestone Co. and began practice of law. Married Mary Beatty Daughton of original Tennessee. They married 1835. 1837 a lawes solicitor & took that office till 1841. Elected to Congress served until 1849. Houston changed formal and changed of the delegation from the state, he took no active part in the secession states. In 1874 after much turmoil Houston was elected Governor in 1874.

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Houston, George S.,
Gov.

Places:

Athens, Limestone
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Collection Scope and Content: The Collection of 114 Linear ft. includes a total of 156 Archival Boxes. The Frances Cabaniss Roberts collection covers the historical records of the Cabaniss Roberts family. This collection contains extensive correspondence records of the Cabaniss Roberts family circa 1830 to 1930.

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