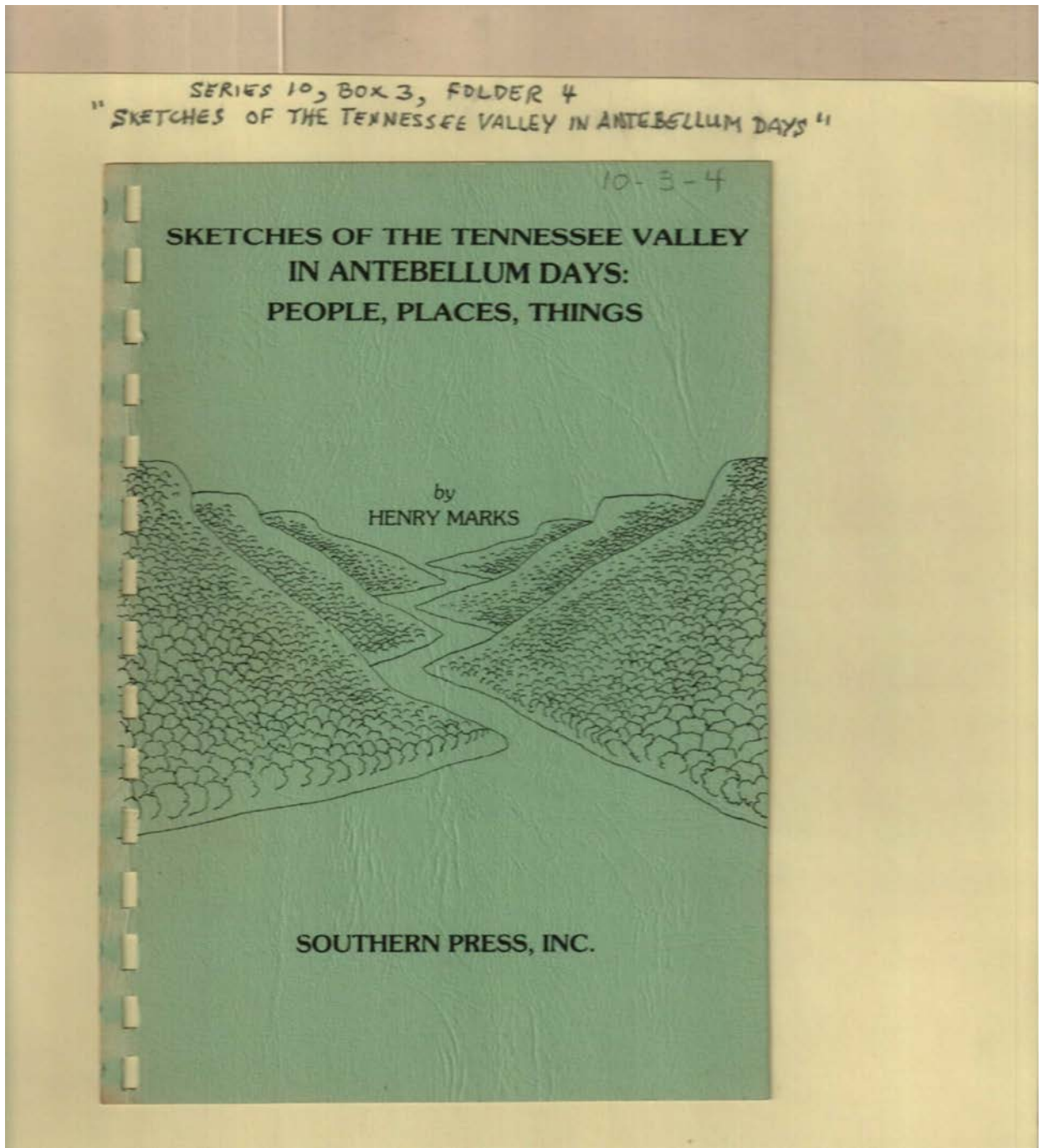


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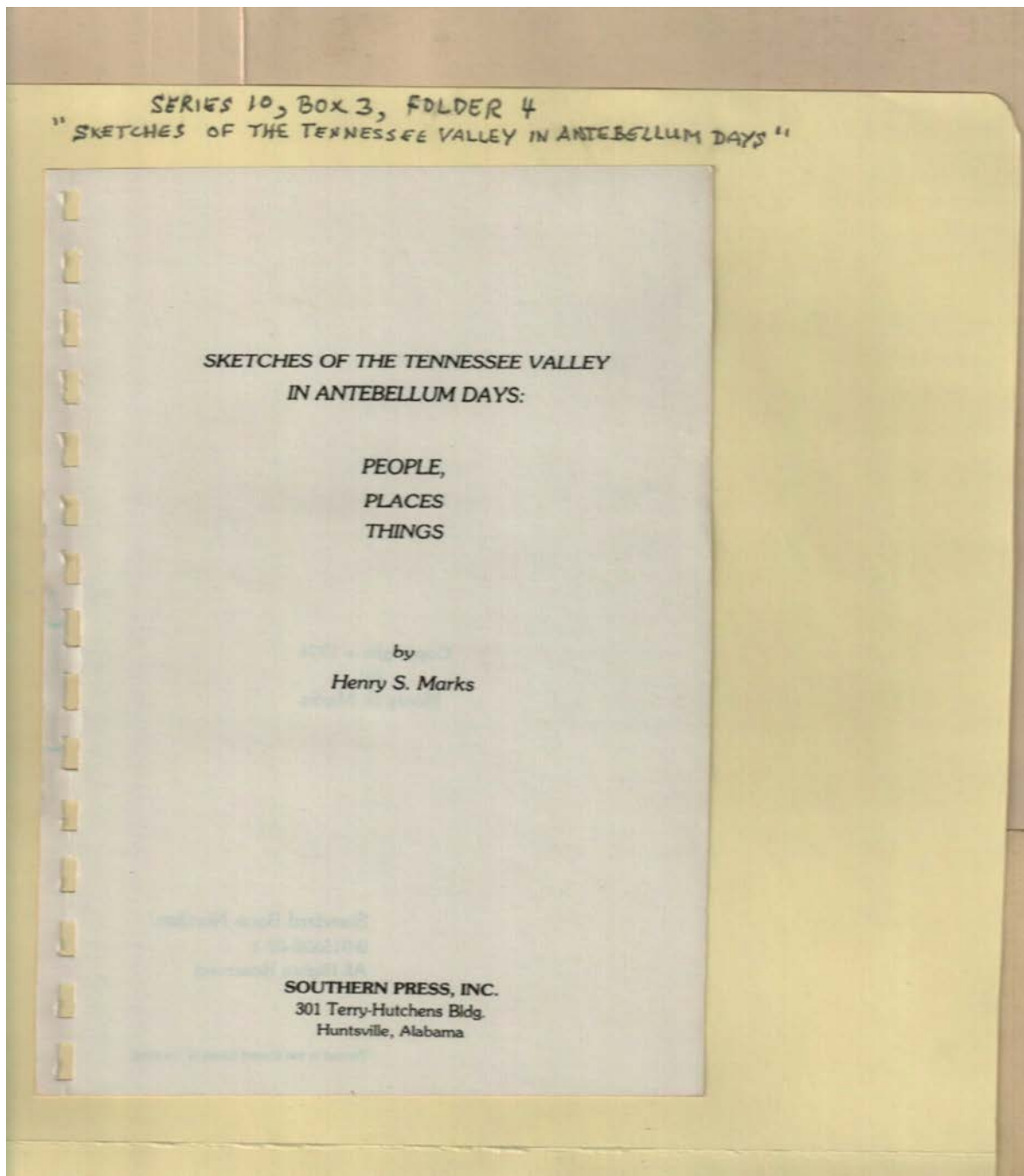
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Valley in

Antebellum Days

Types:

booklet

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Sketches of
Tennessee Valley

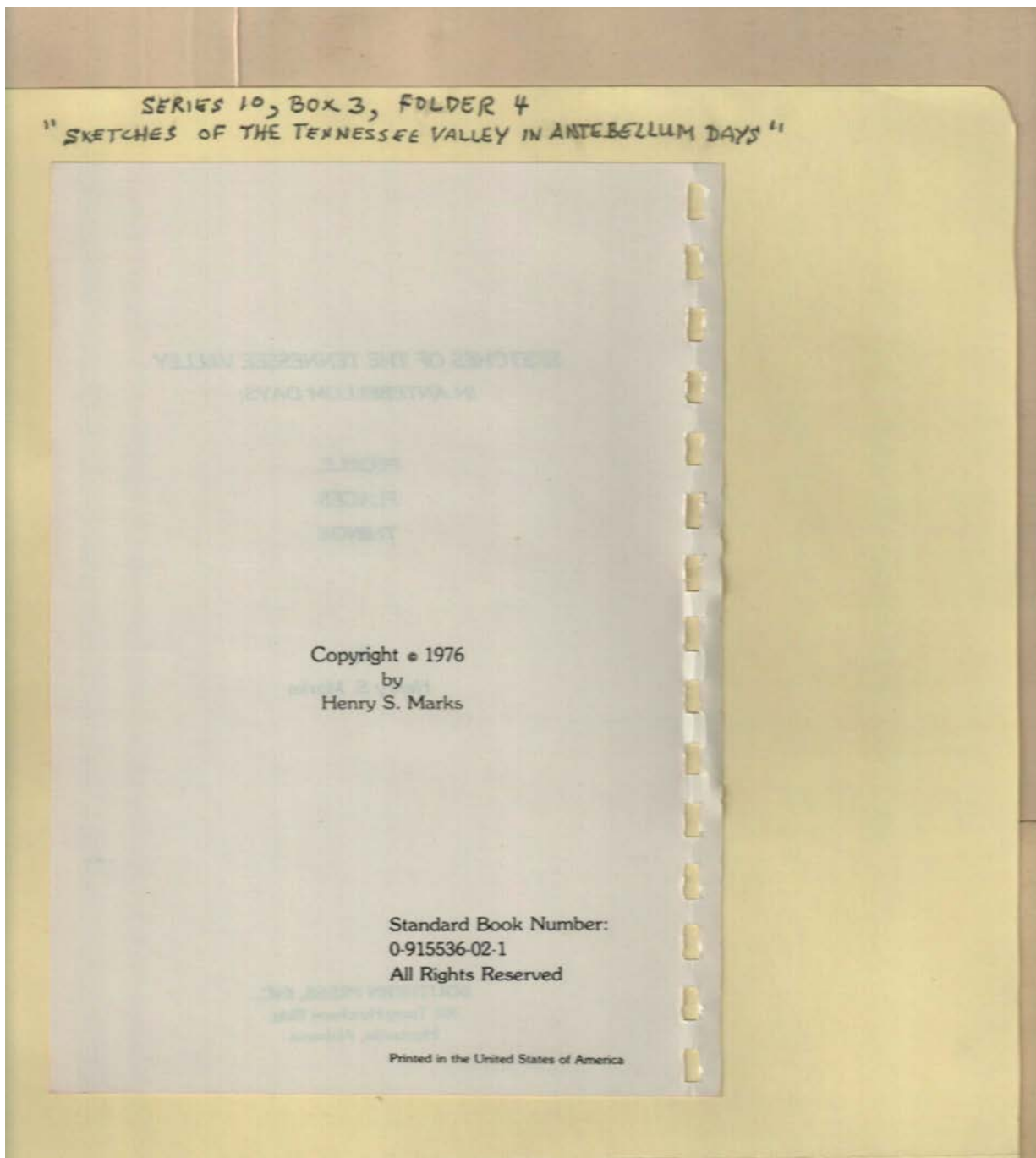
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Huntsville, AL

Types:

booklet

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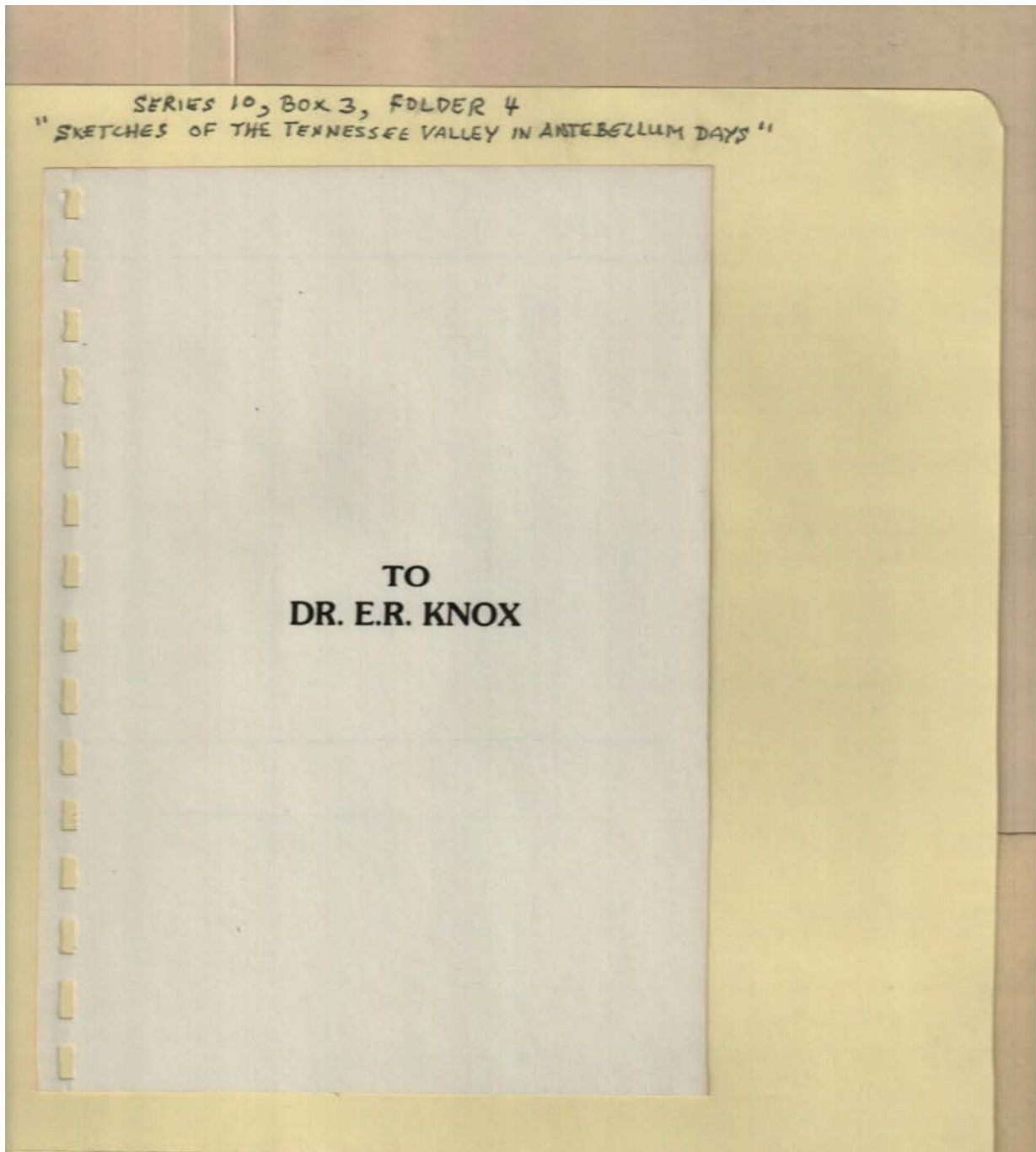
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Dates:

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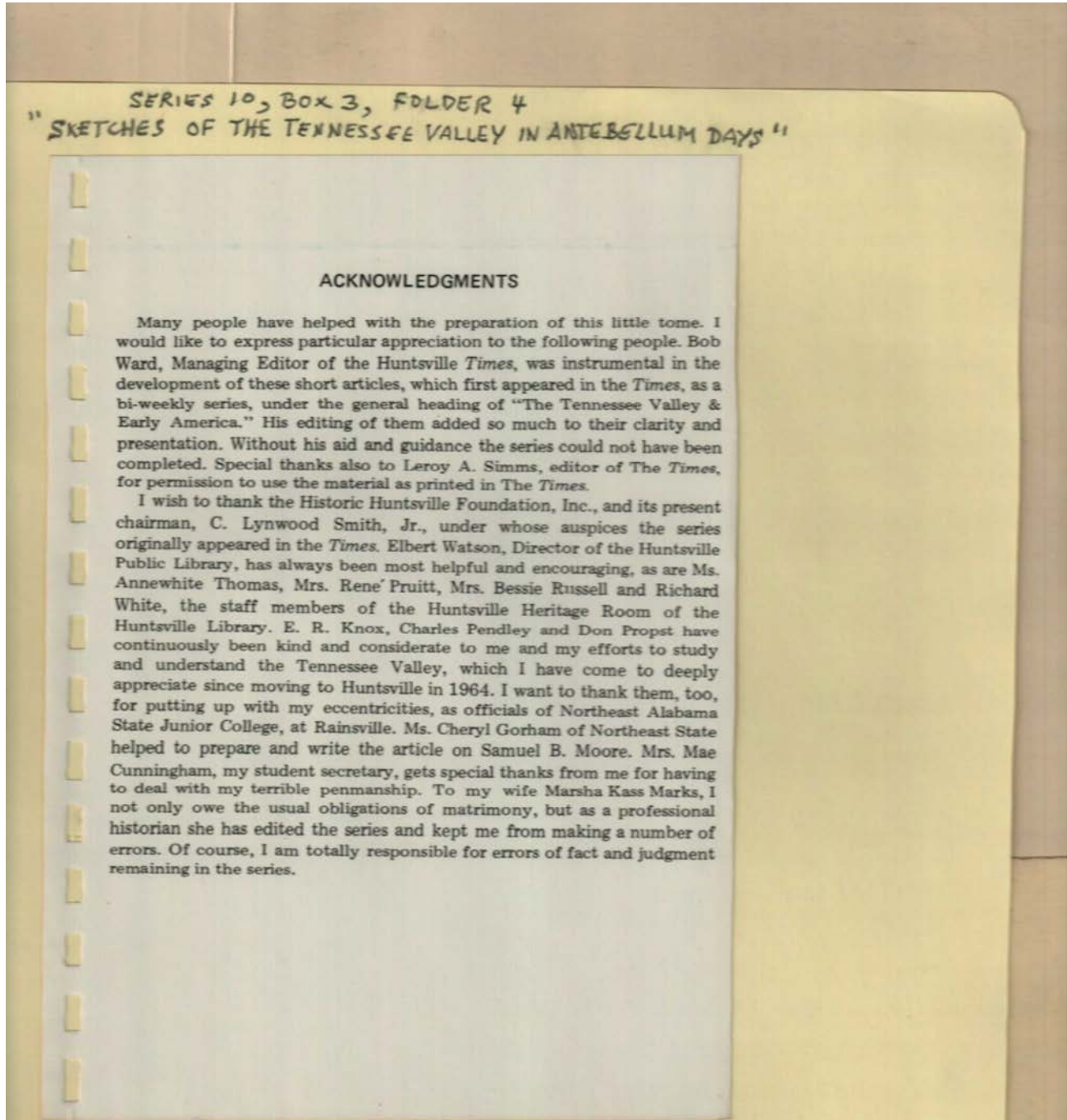


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Types:

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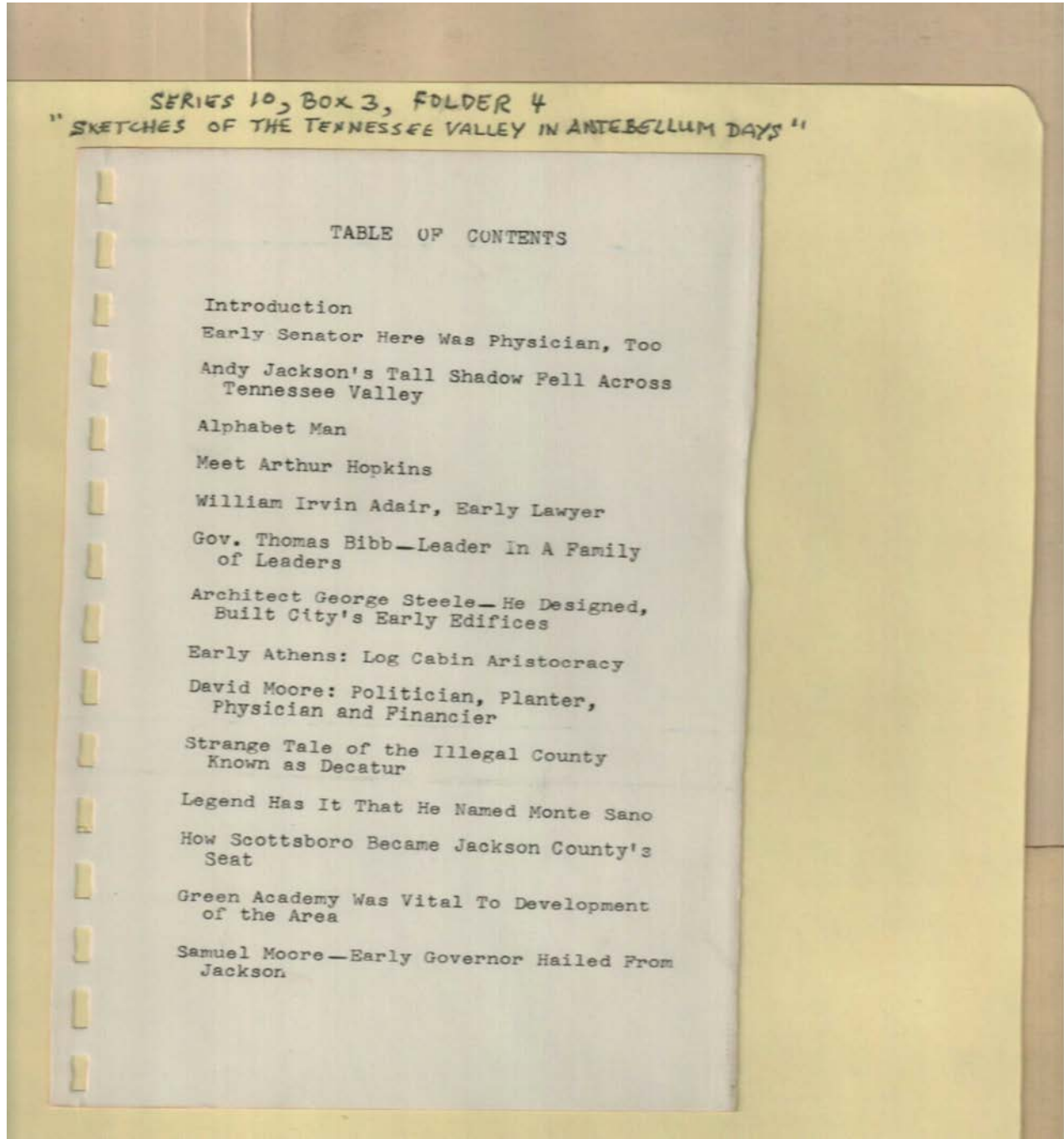


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Gorham, Cheryl Knox, E. R. Marks, Marsha Kass	Pruitt, Rene', Mrs. Russell, Bessie, Mrs.	Thomas, Annewhite Ward, Bob	

Types:

booklet



Names:

Adair, William Irvin
Bibb, Thomas,
Governor

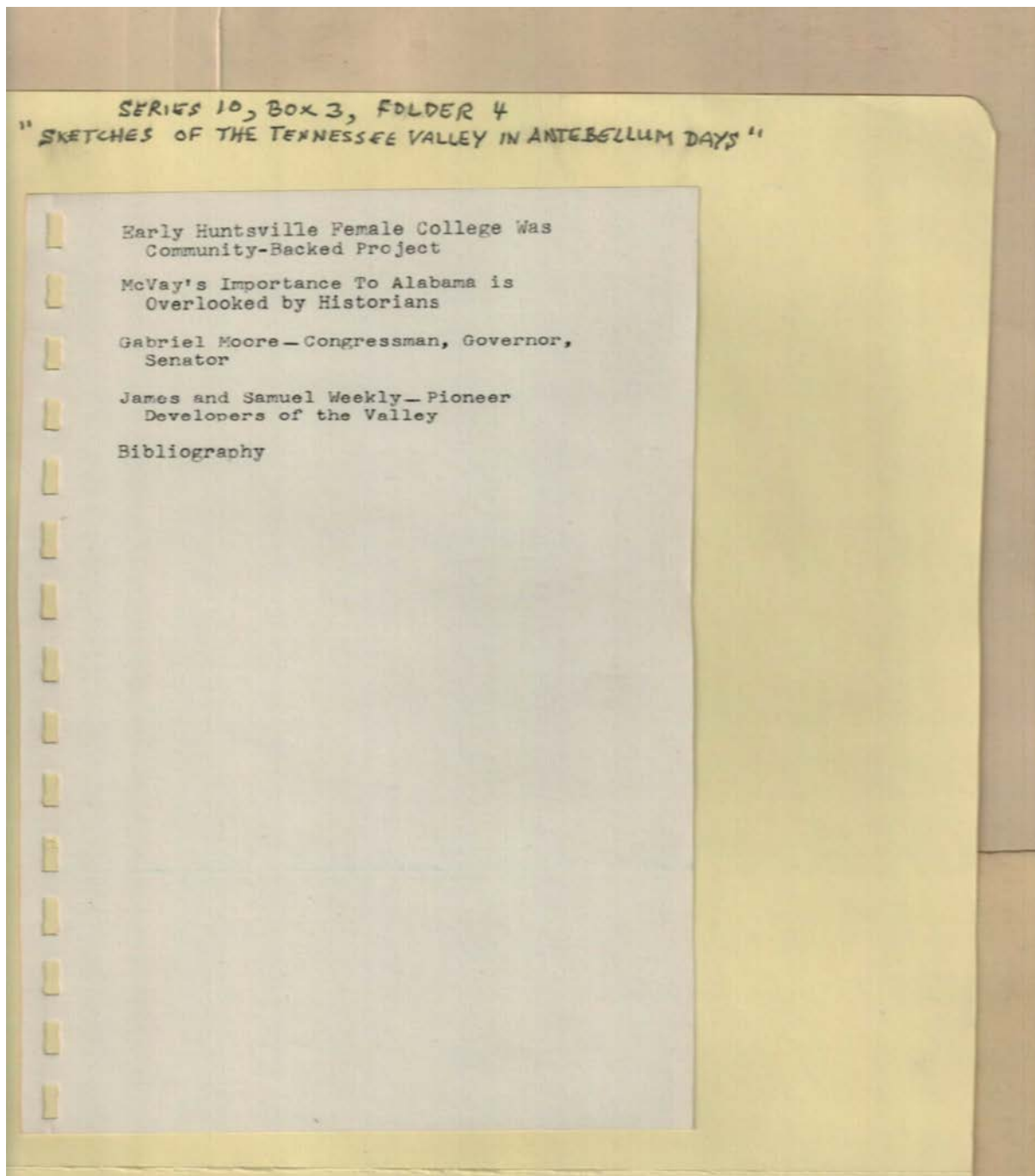
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Jackson, Andy
Moore, David

Moore, Samuel
Steele, George

Types:

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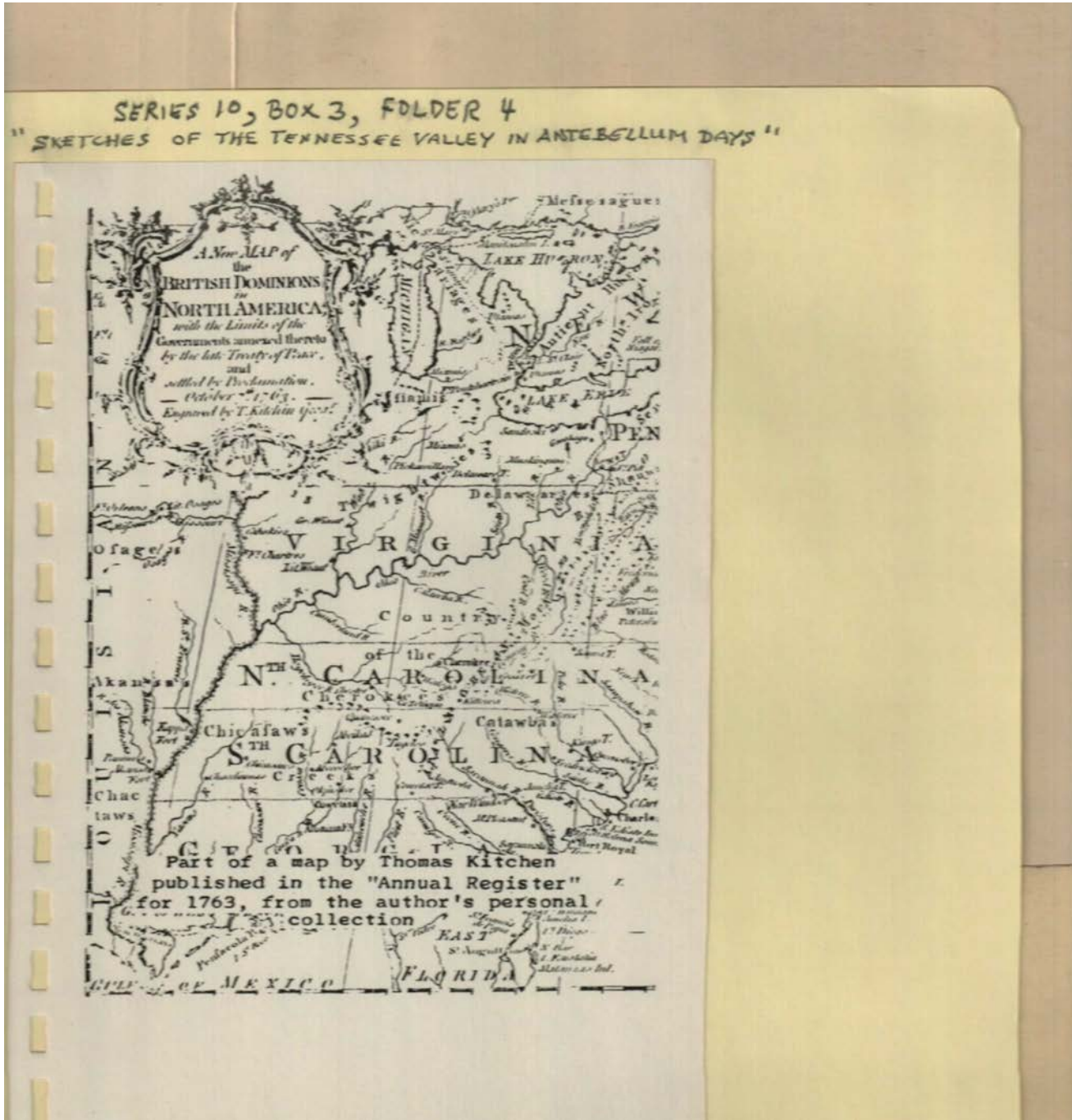
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Weekly, James

Weekly, Samuel

Types:

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Names:

British North
America

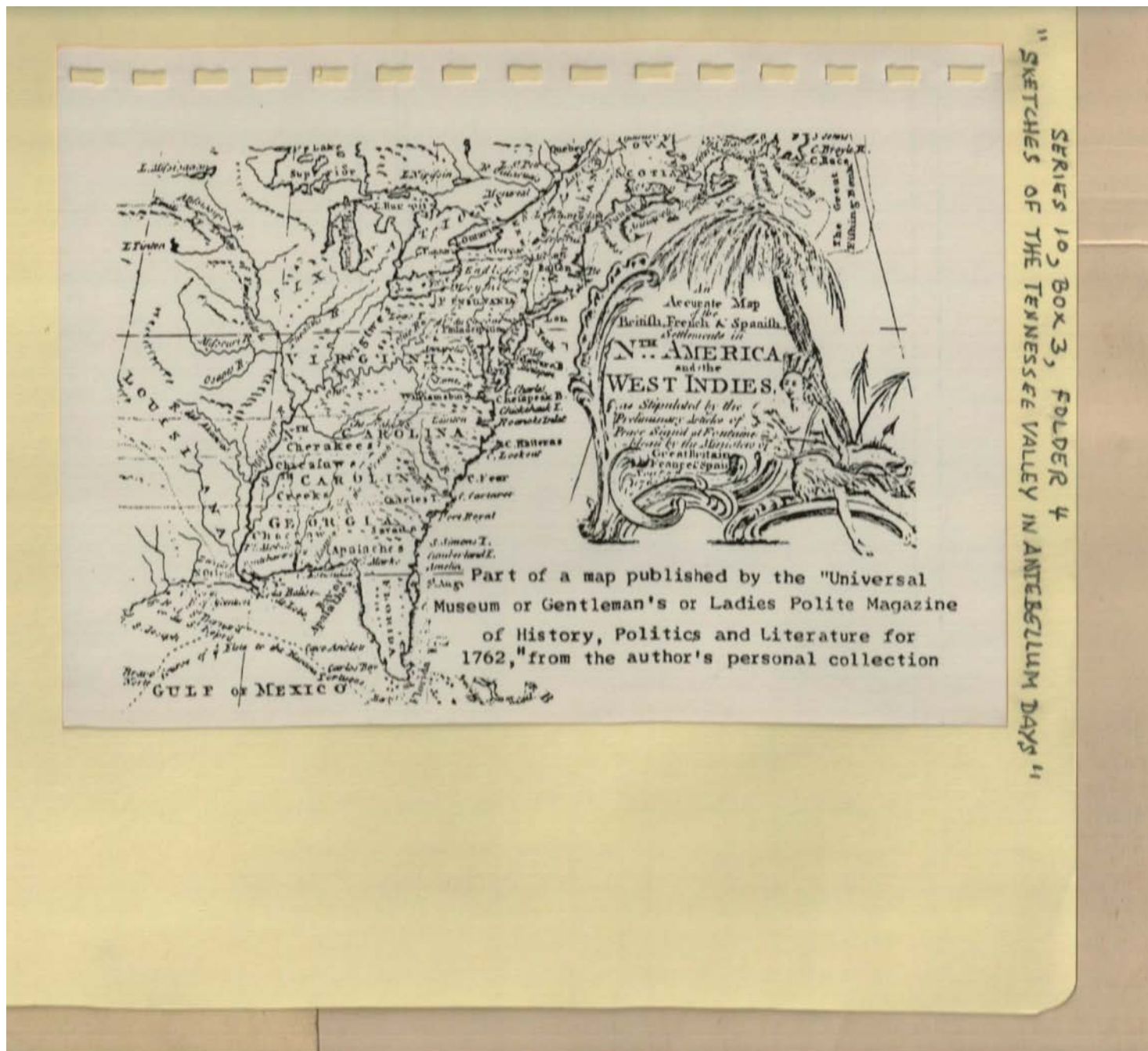
Kitchen, Thomas

Types:

map

Dates:

1763



Names:
North America &
West Indies

Types:
map

Dates:
1762



Part of a T. C. Bradford Map of Alabama, 1838, from the
Historical Collection, Huntsville Public Library

SERIES 10, BOX 3, FOLDER 4
"SKETCHES OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY IN ANTEBELLUM DAYS"

Names:

Bradford, T. C.

North Alabama

Types:

map

Dates:

1838



Part of a Map of Alabama, 1840, from the Historical
Collection, Huntsville Public Library

"SERIES 10, BOX 3, FOLDER 4
"SKETCHES OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY IN ANTEBELLUM DAYS"

Names:
North Alabama

Types:
map

Dates:
1840



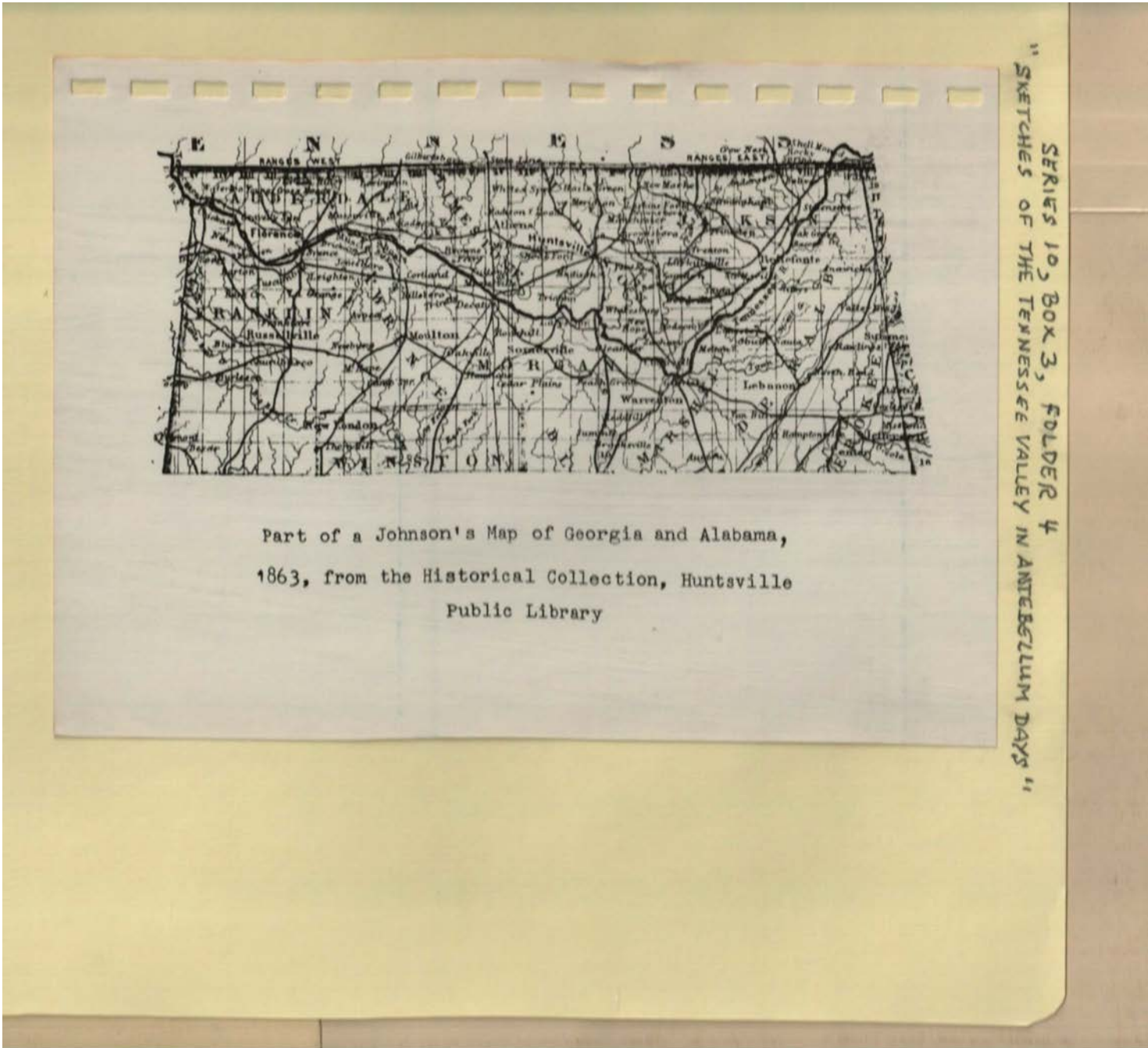
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Names:
North Alabama

Types:
map

Dates:
1855



Names:

Johnson,

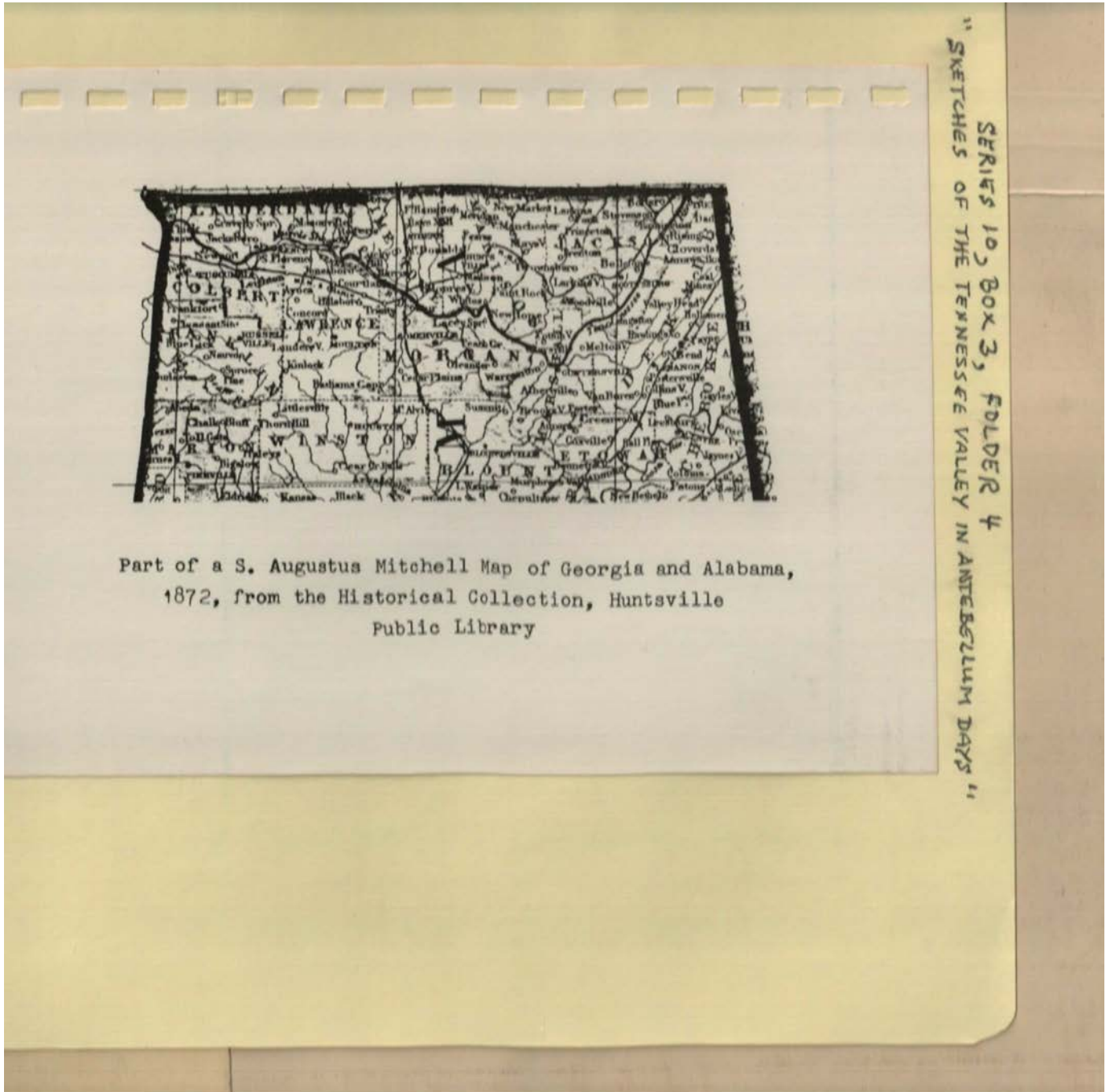
North Alabama

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map

Dates:

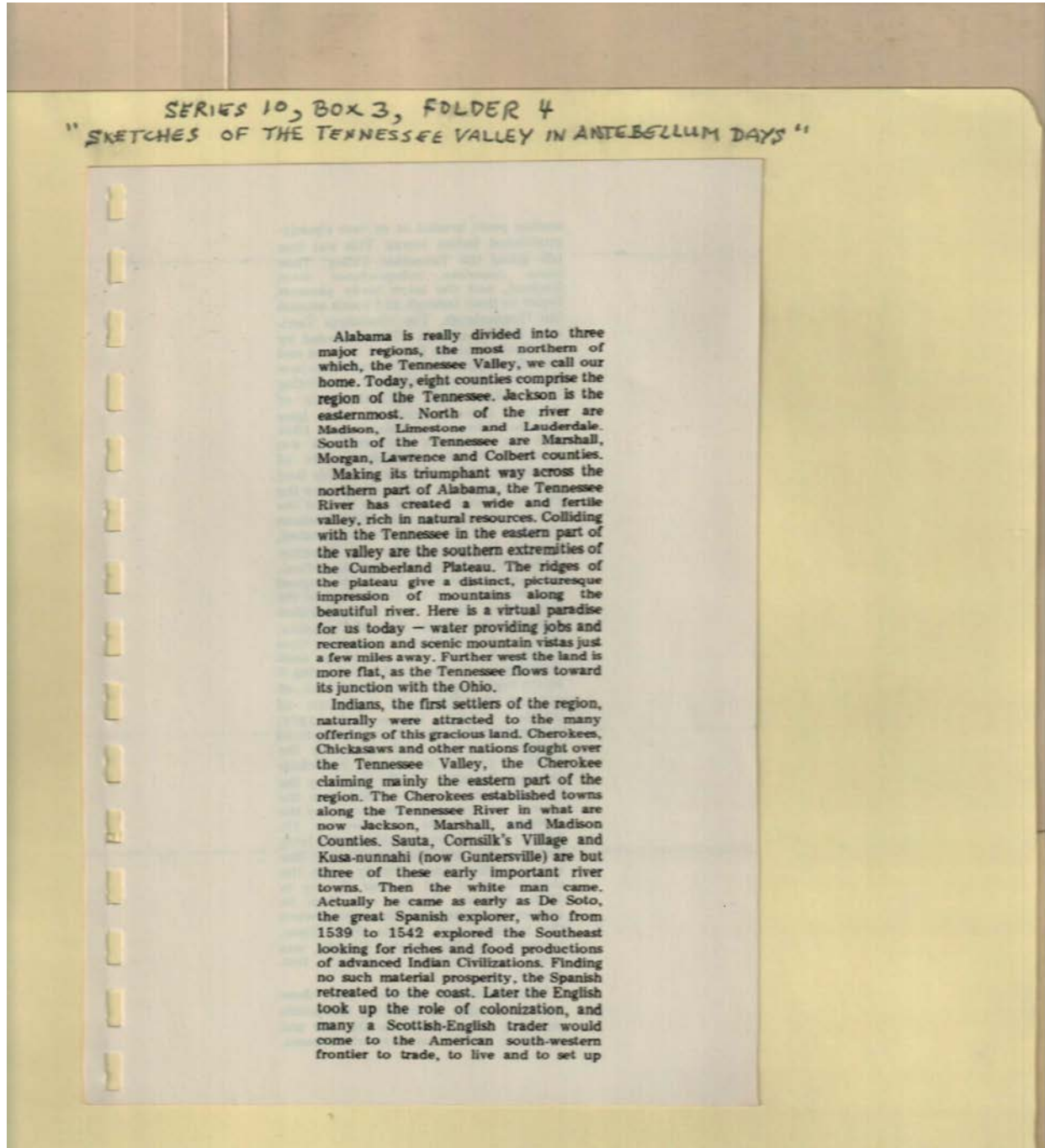
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Names:
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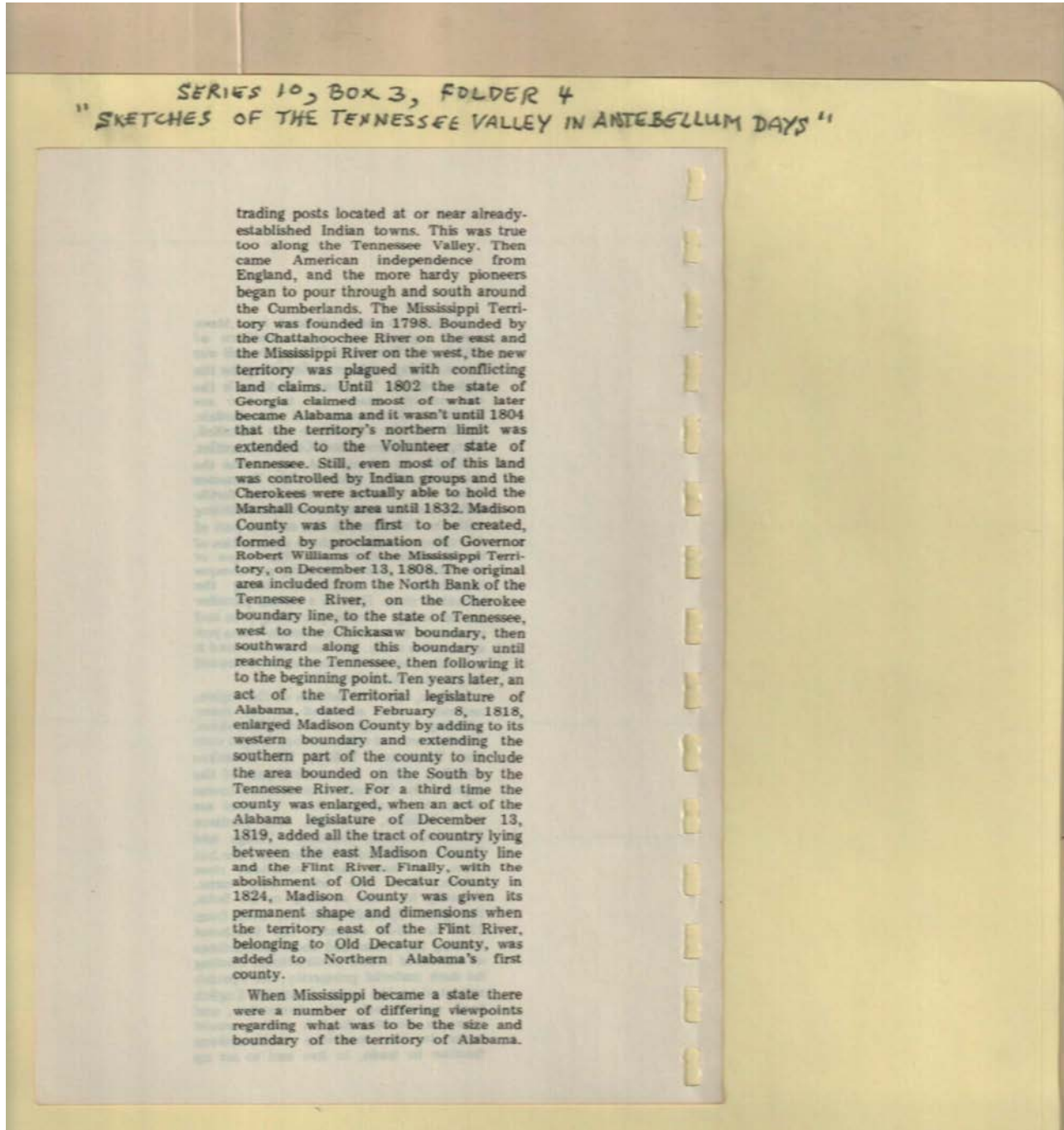
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map

Dates:
1872



Names:
De Soto,

Types:
booklet

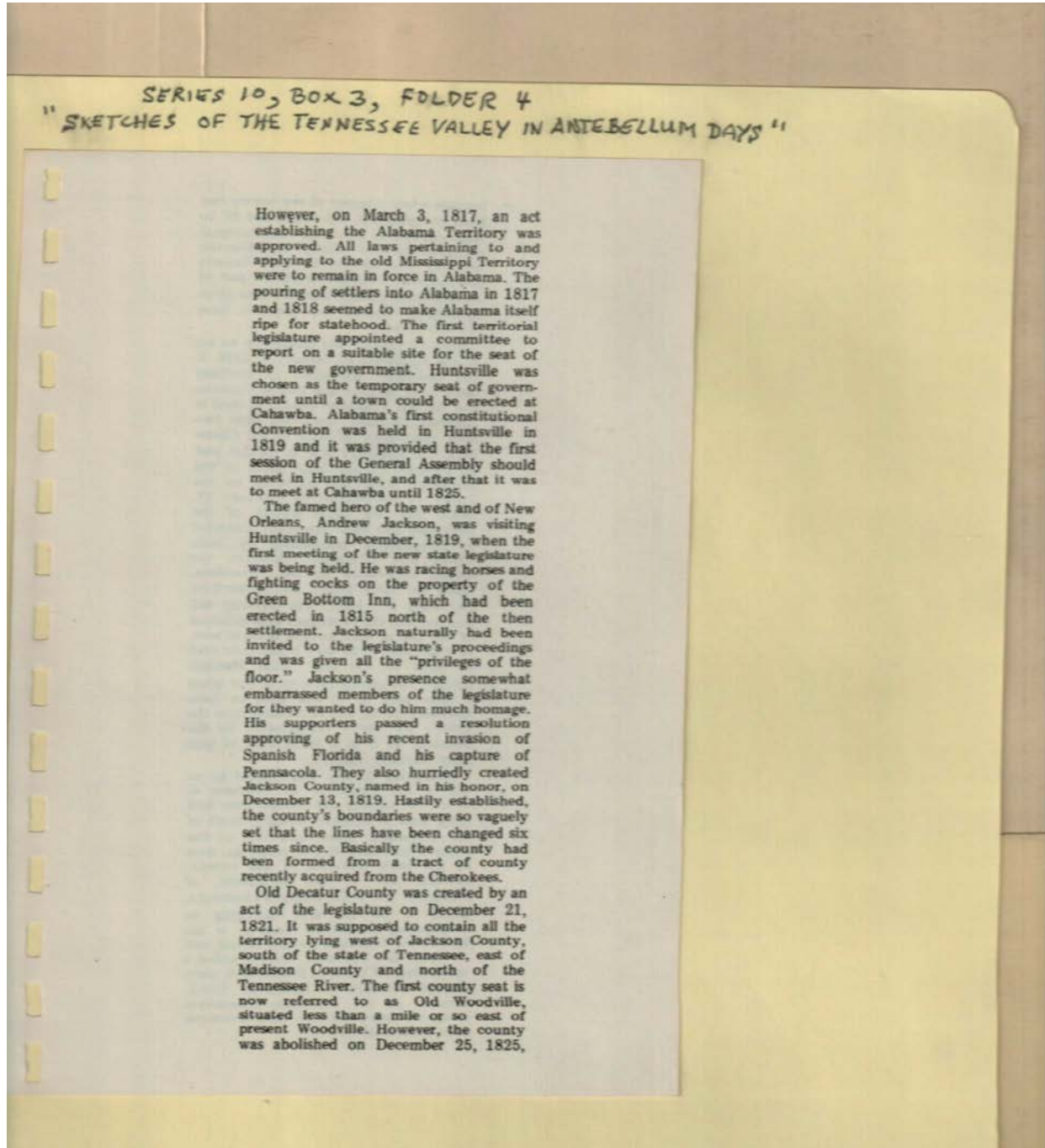


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Governor

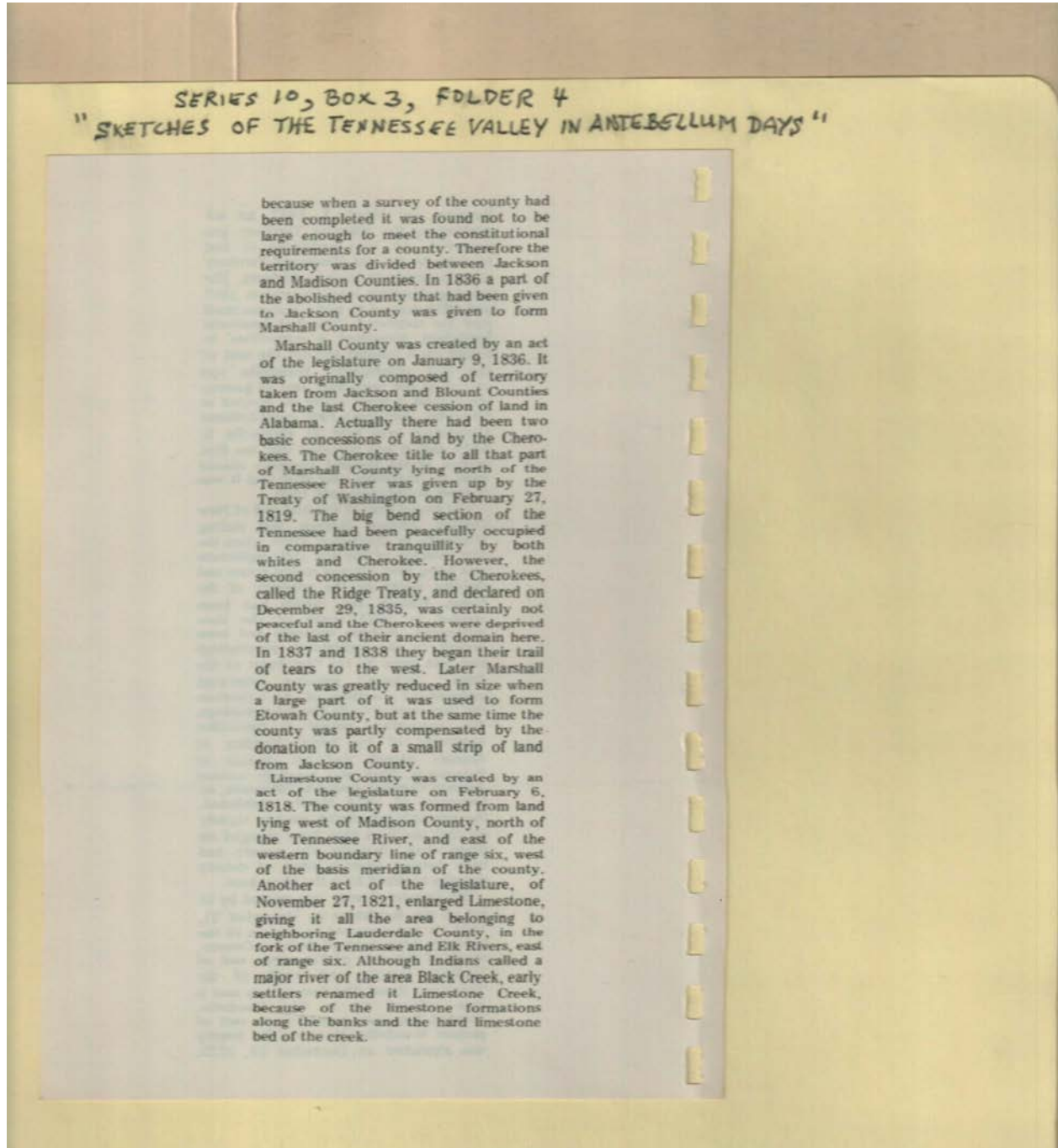
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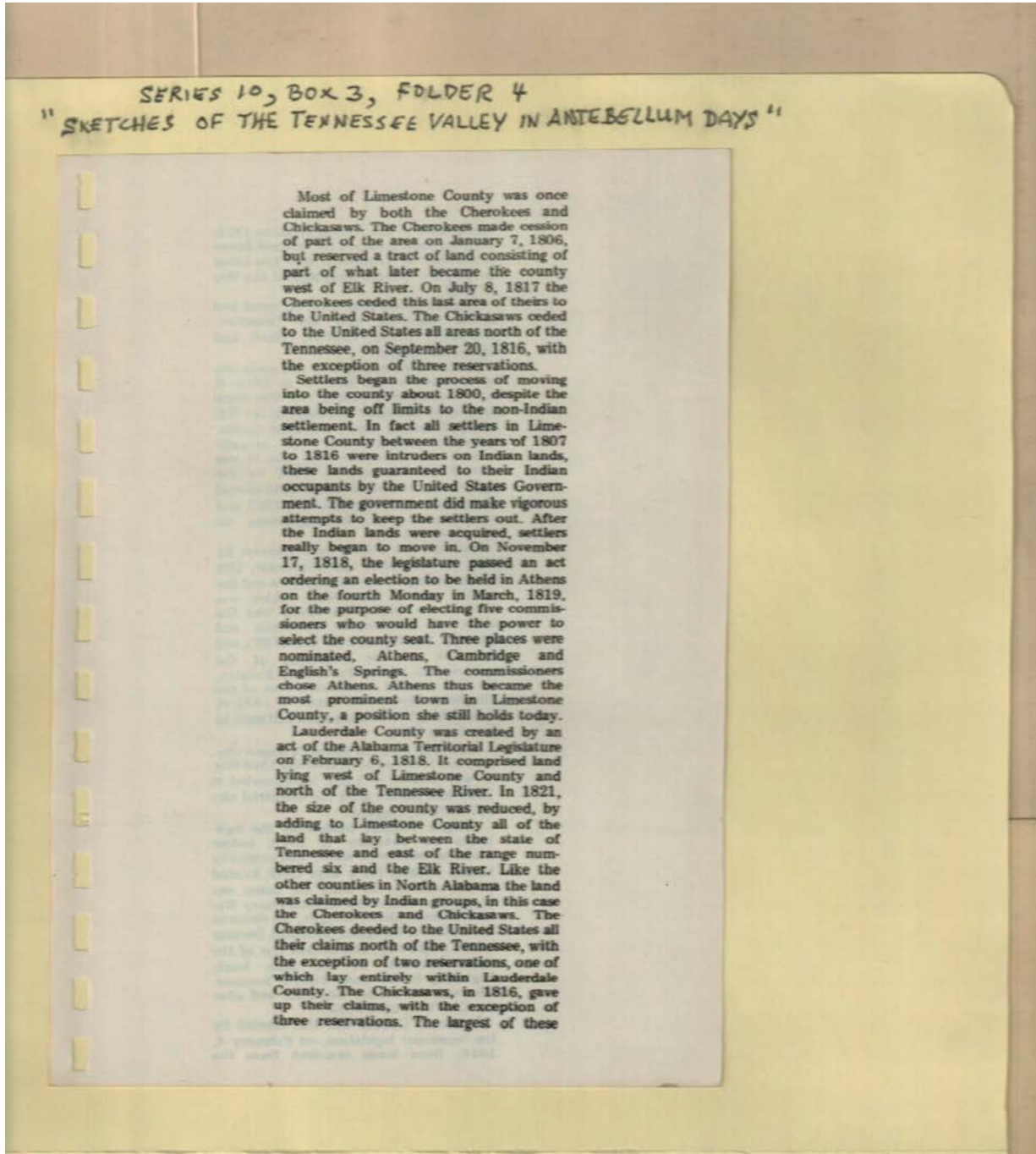


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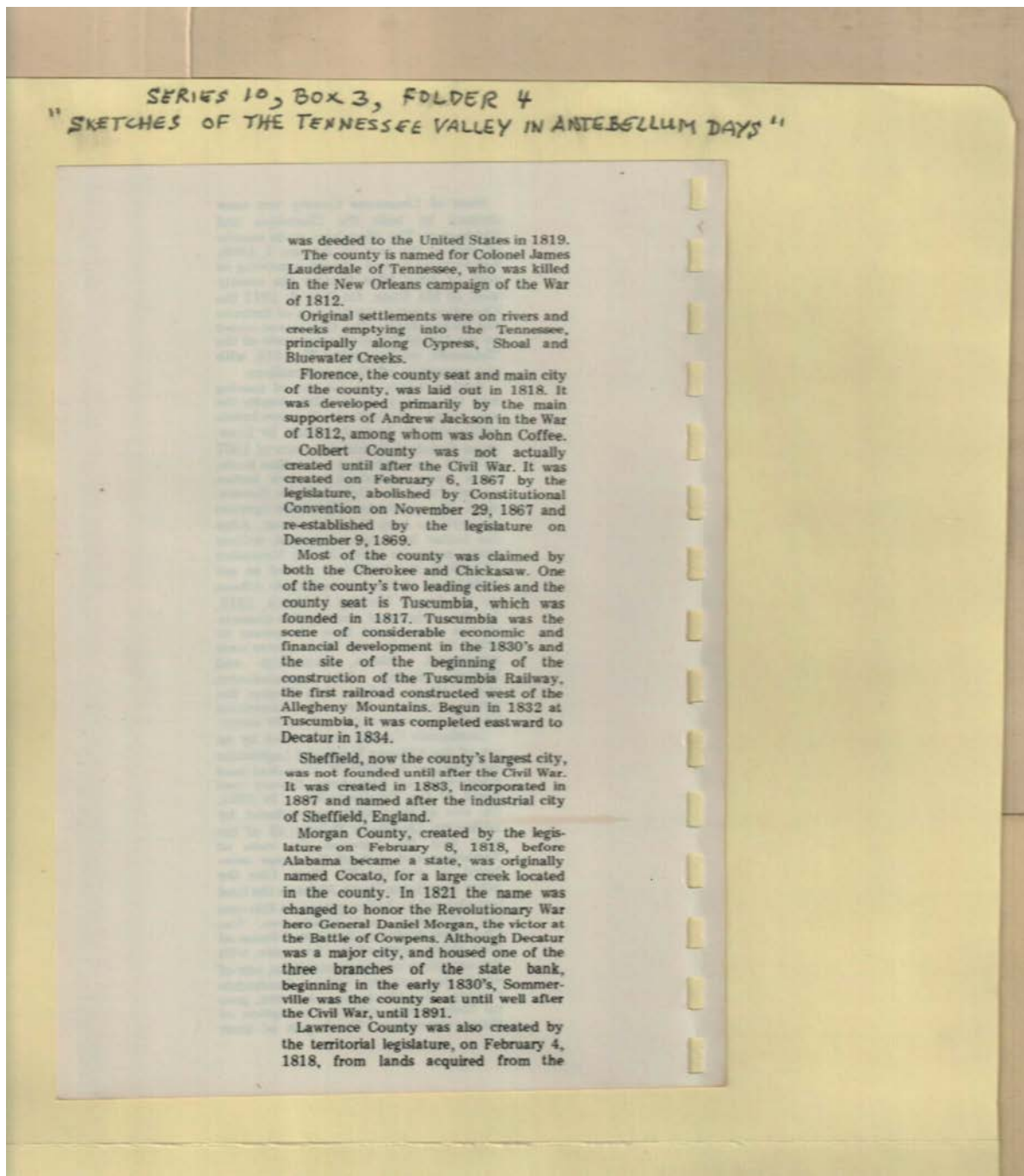
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Types:
booklet



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Names:

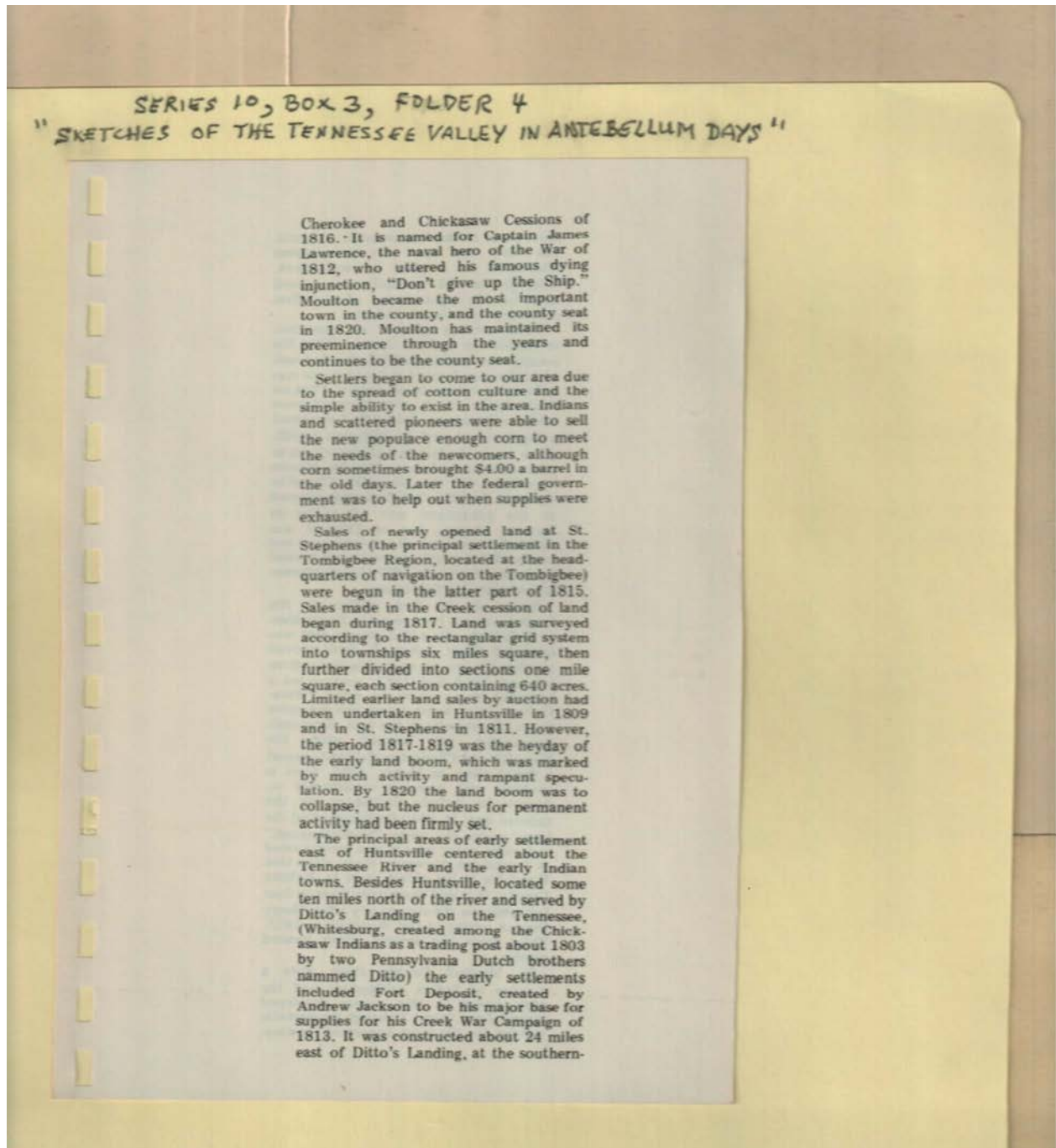
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Jackson, Andrew

Lauderdale, James,
Colonel

Morgan, Daniel,
General

Types:

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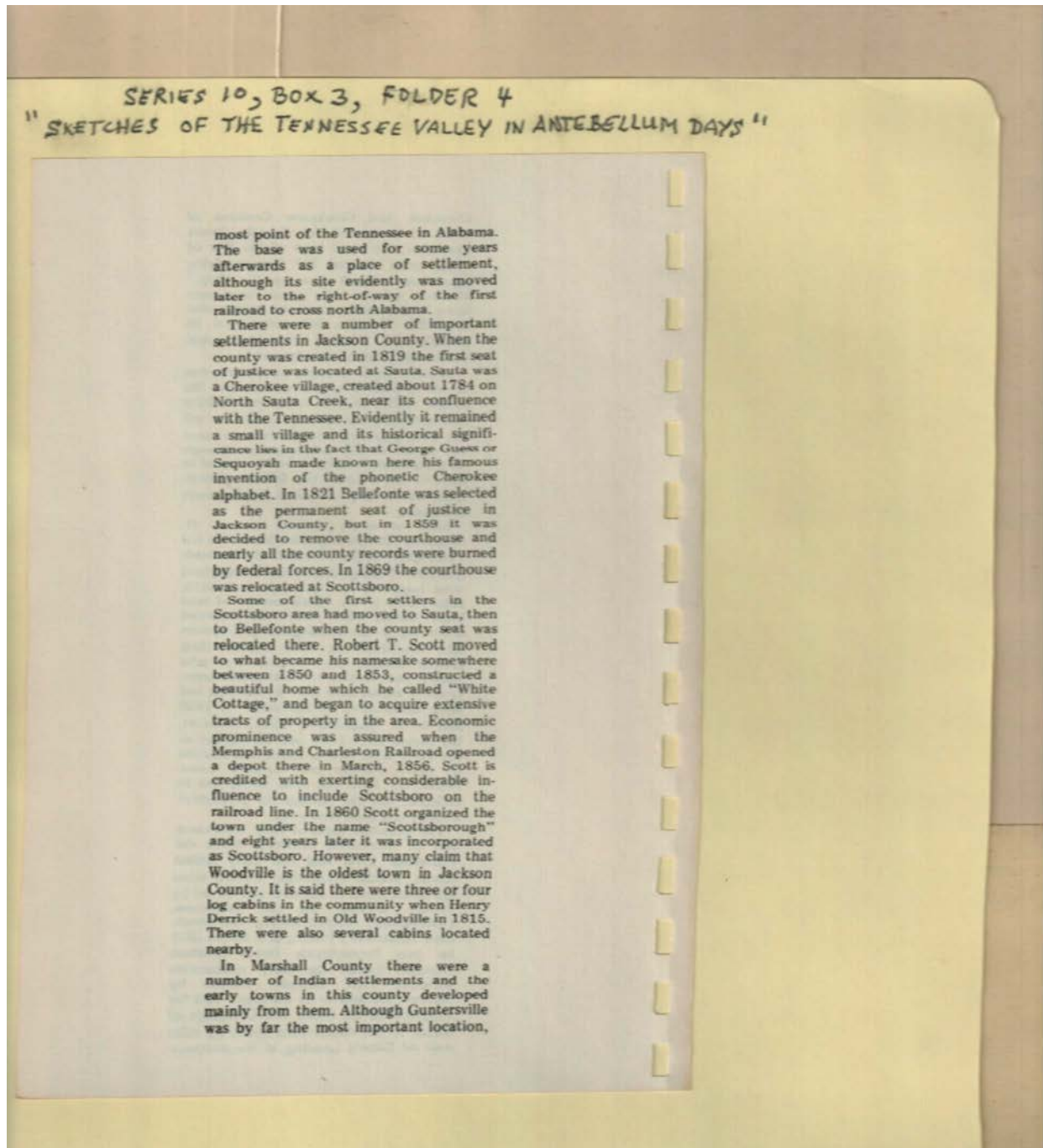
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Lawrence, James,
Captain

Types:

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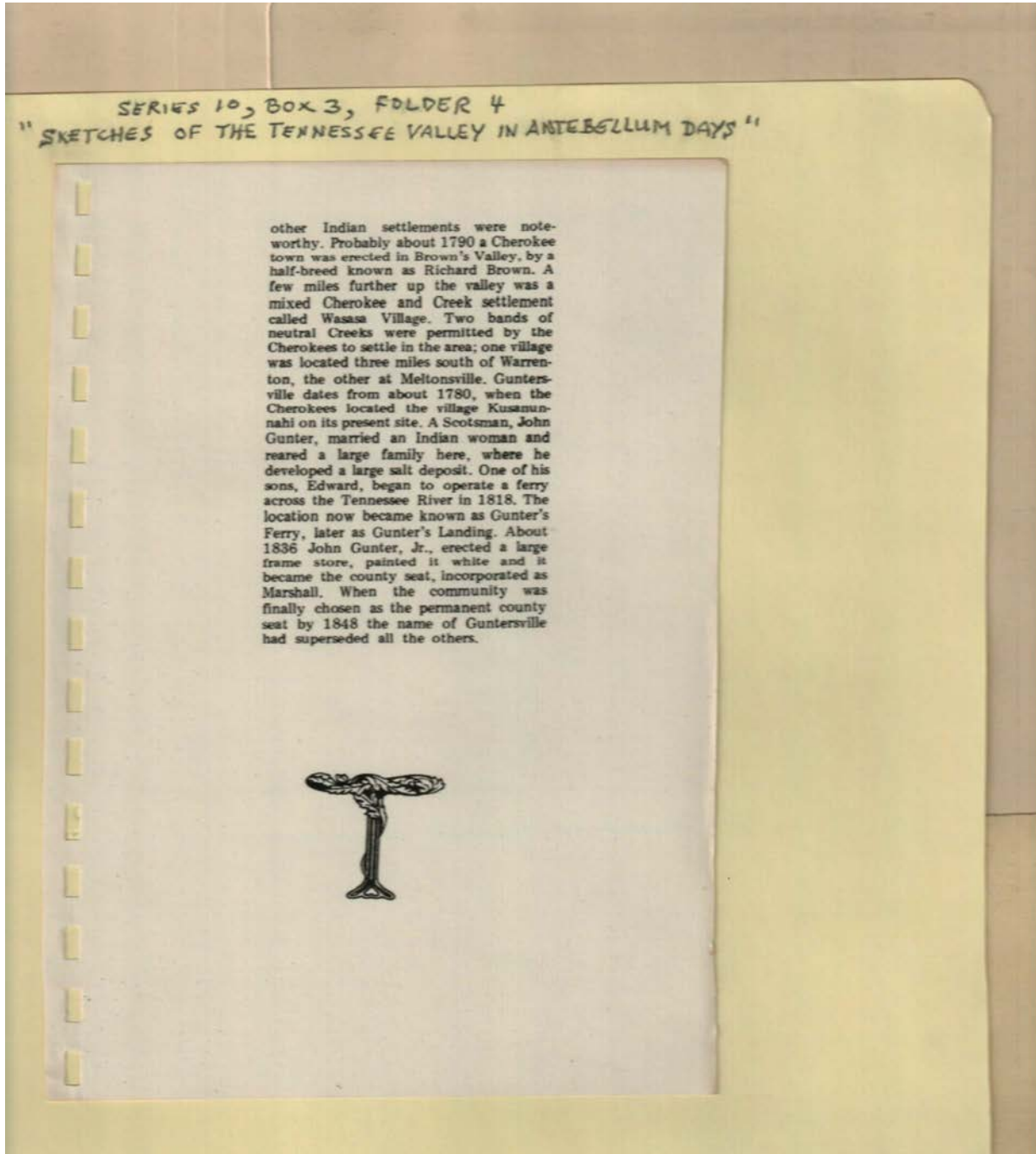
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Sequoyah (Indian
Chief)

Types:

booklet



Names:

Brown, Richard

Gunter, Edward

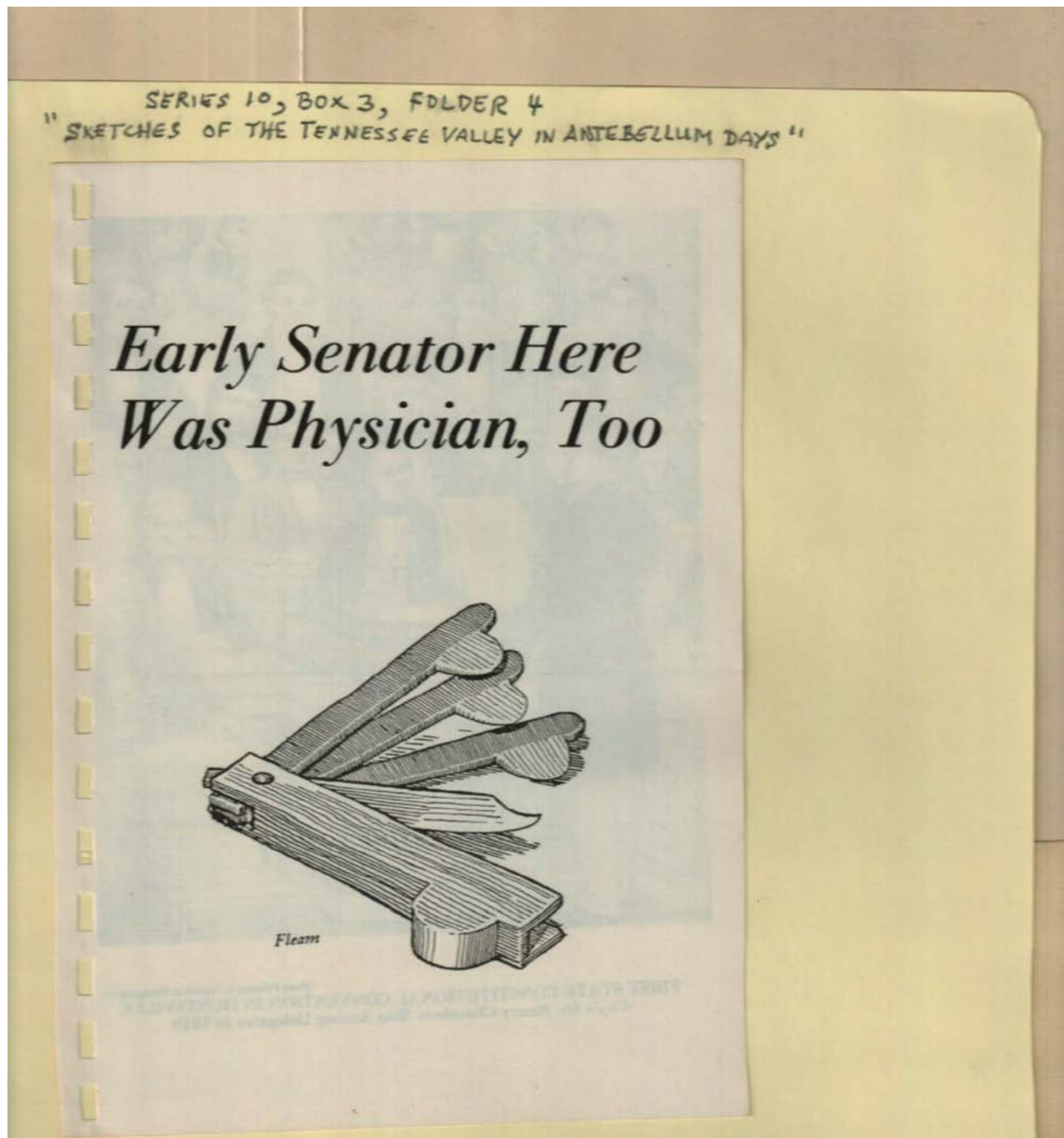
Gunter, John

Gunter, John, Jr.

Types:

booklet

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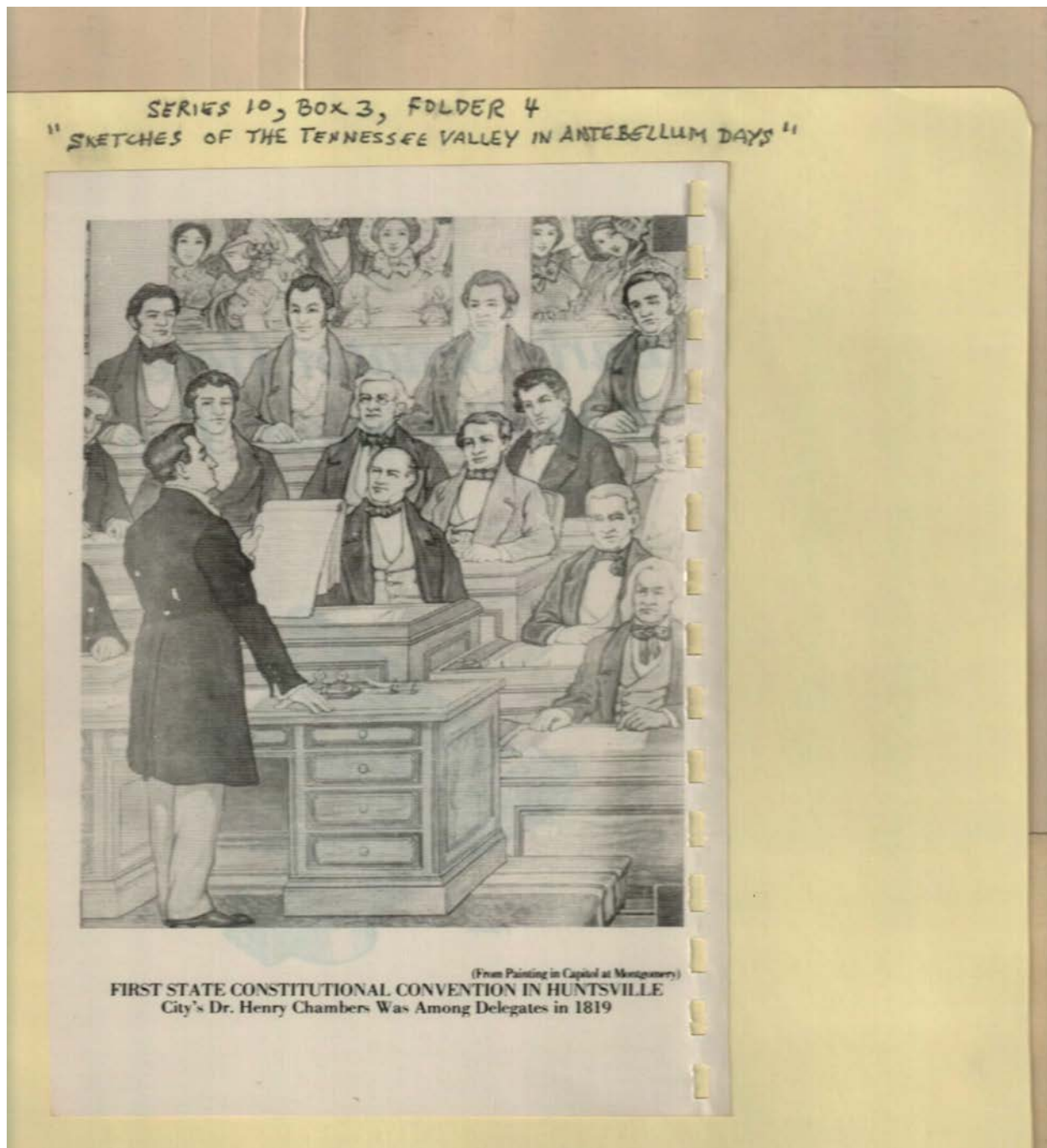


Names:

Early Senator Was
Physician, Too

Types:

booklet



Names:

Chambers, Henry, Dr.

First Constitutional
Convention

Places:

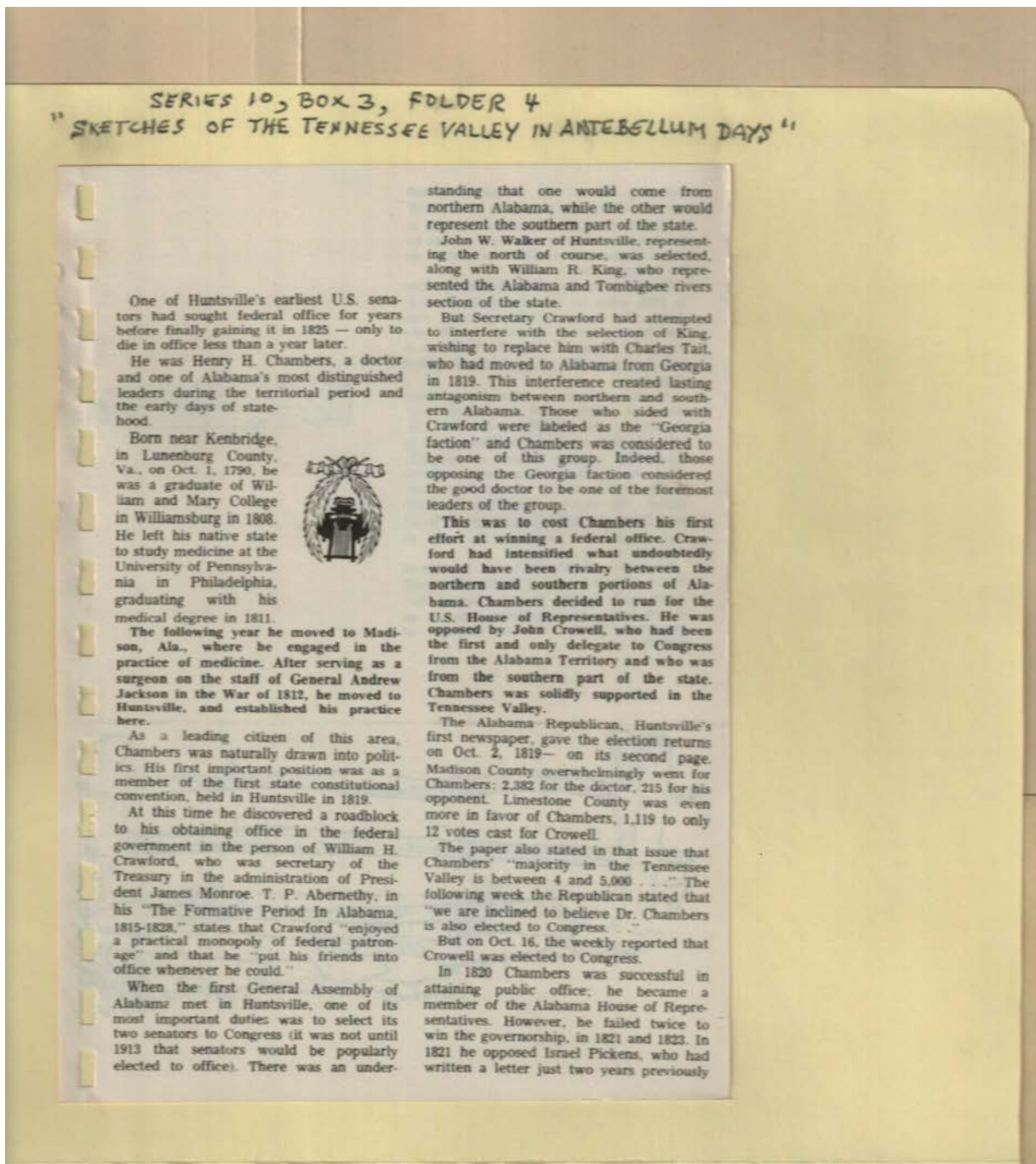
Huntsville, AL

Types:

painting

Dates:

1819



Names:

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Chambers, Henry H.
Crawford, William H.

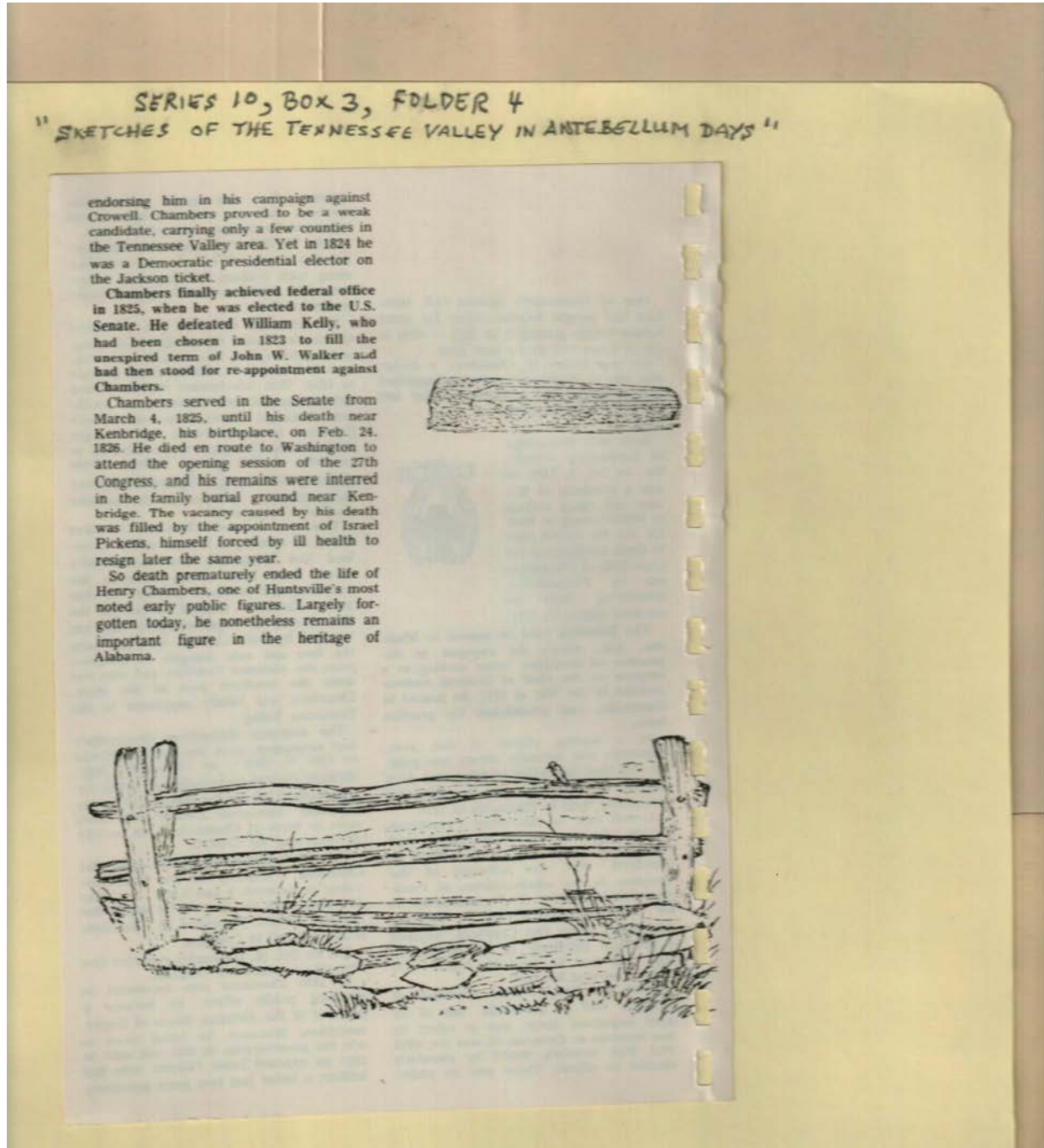
Crowell, John
Jackson, Andrew,
General

King, William R.
Monroe, James
Pickens, Israel

Tait, Charles
Walker, John W.

Types:

booklet



Names:

Chambers, Henry
Crowell,

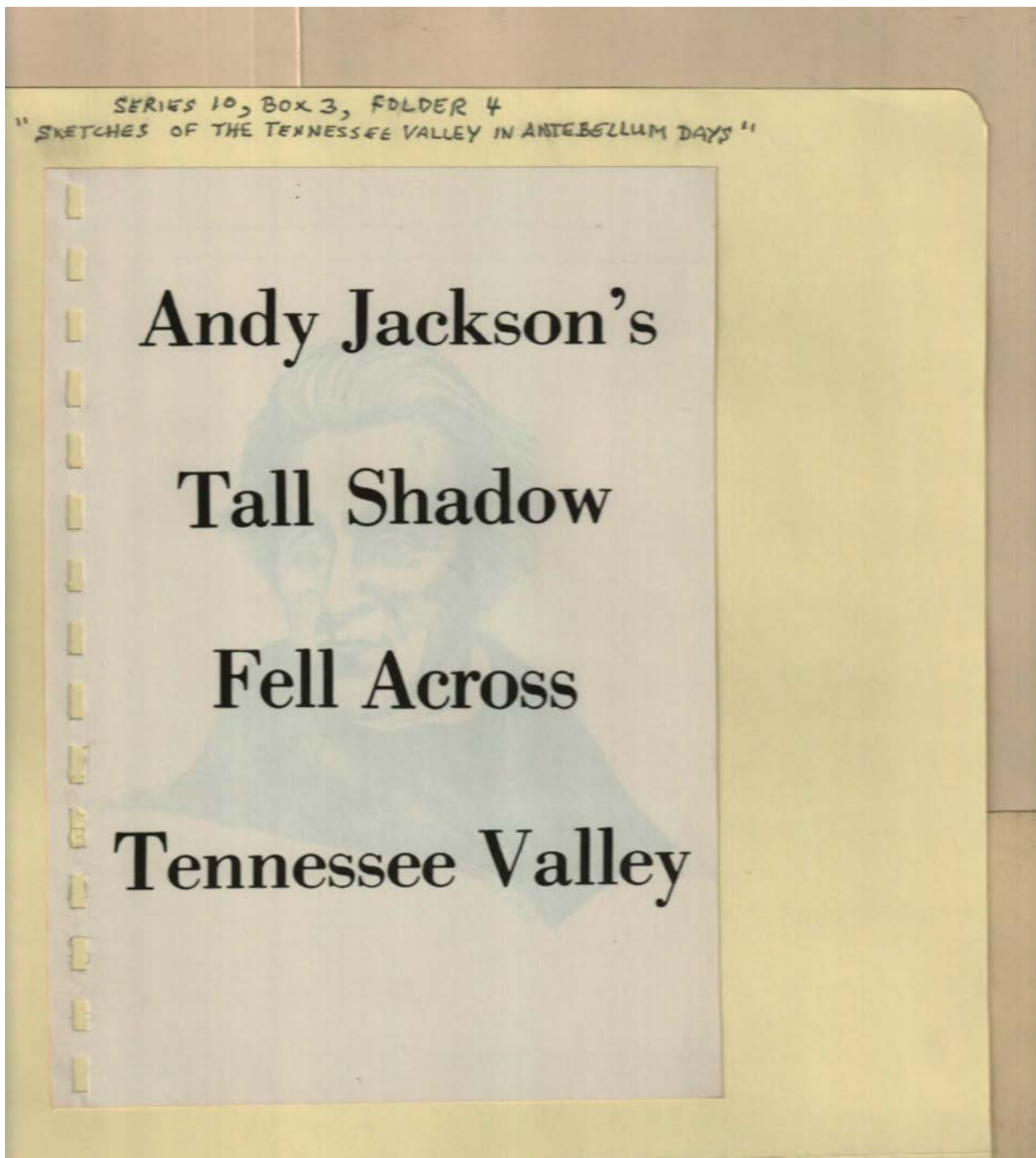
Jackson,
Kelly, William

Pickens, Israel
Walker, John W.

Types:

booklet

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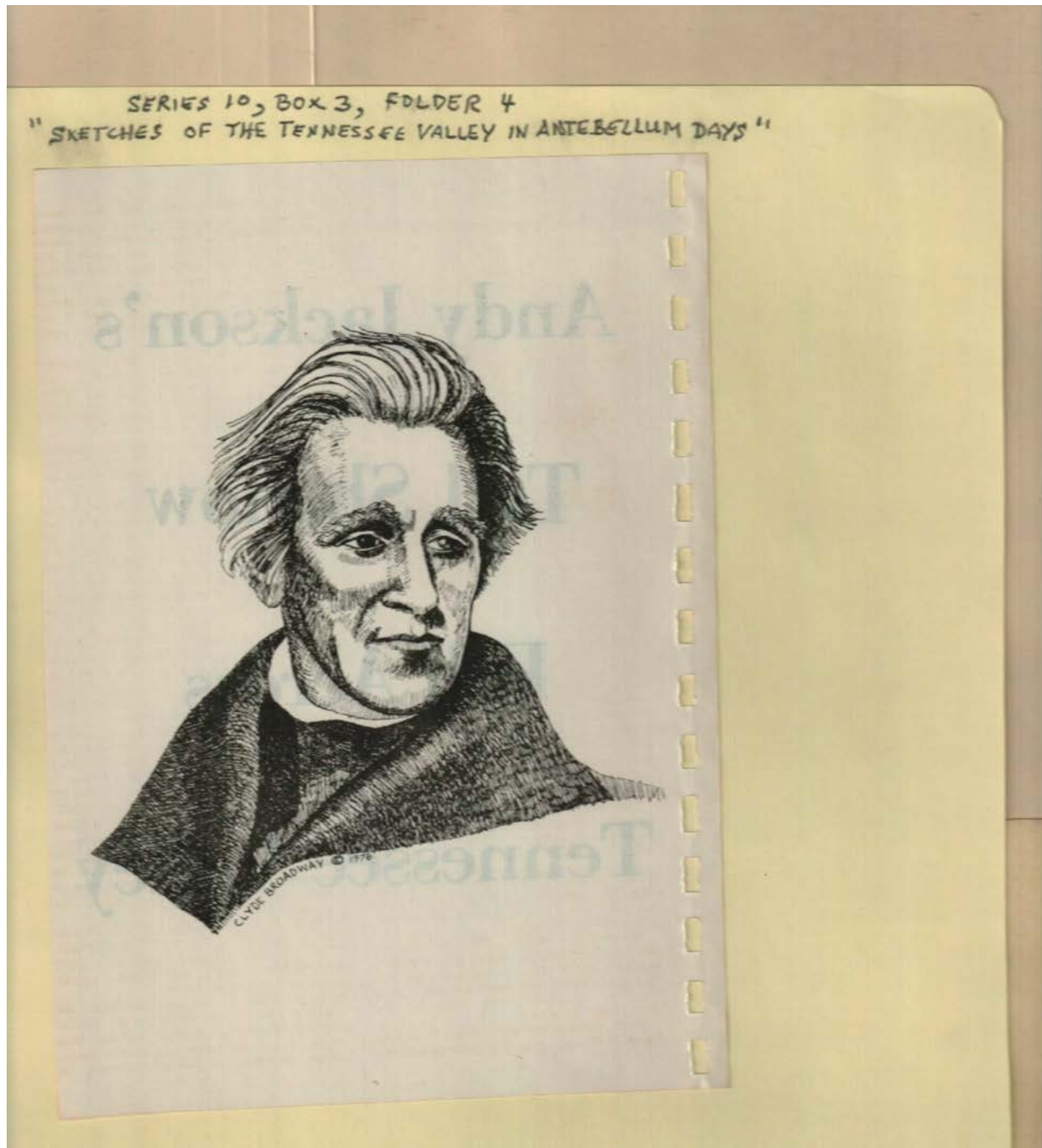
Names:

Andrew Jackson's
Tall Shadow

Types:

booklet

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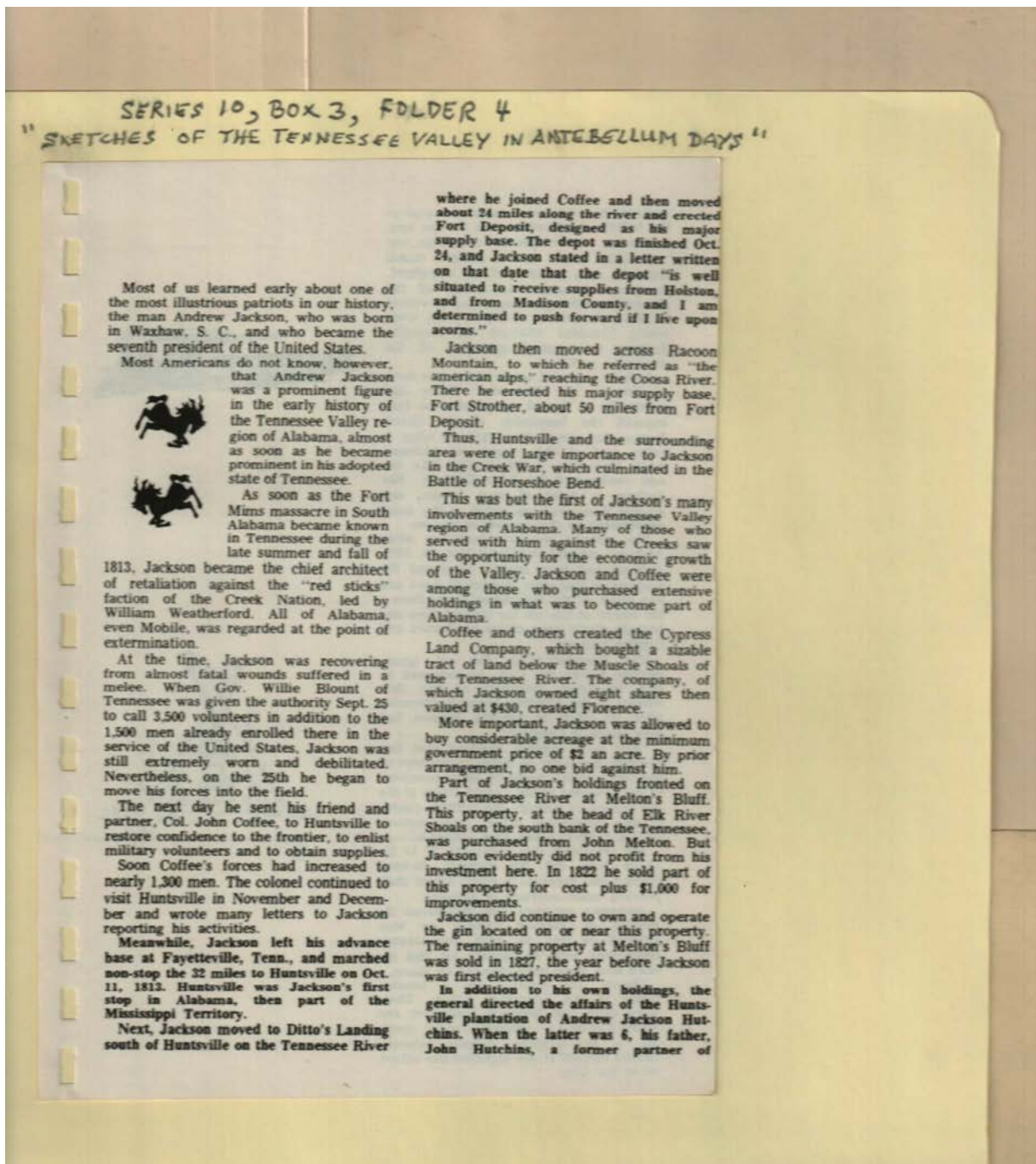
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Jackson, Andrew

Types:

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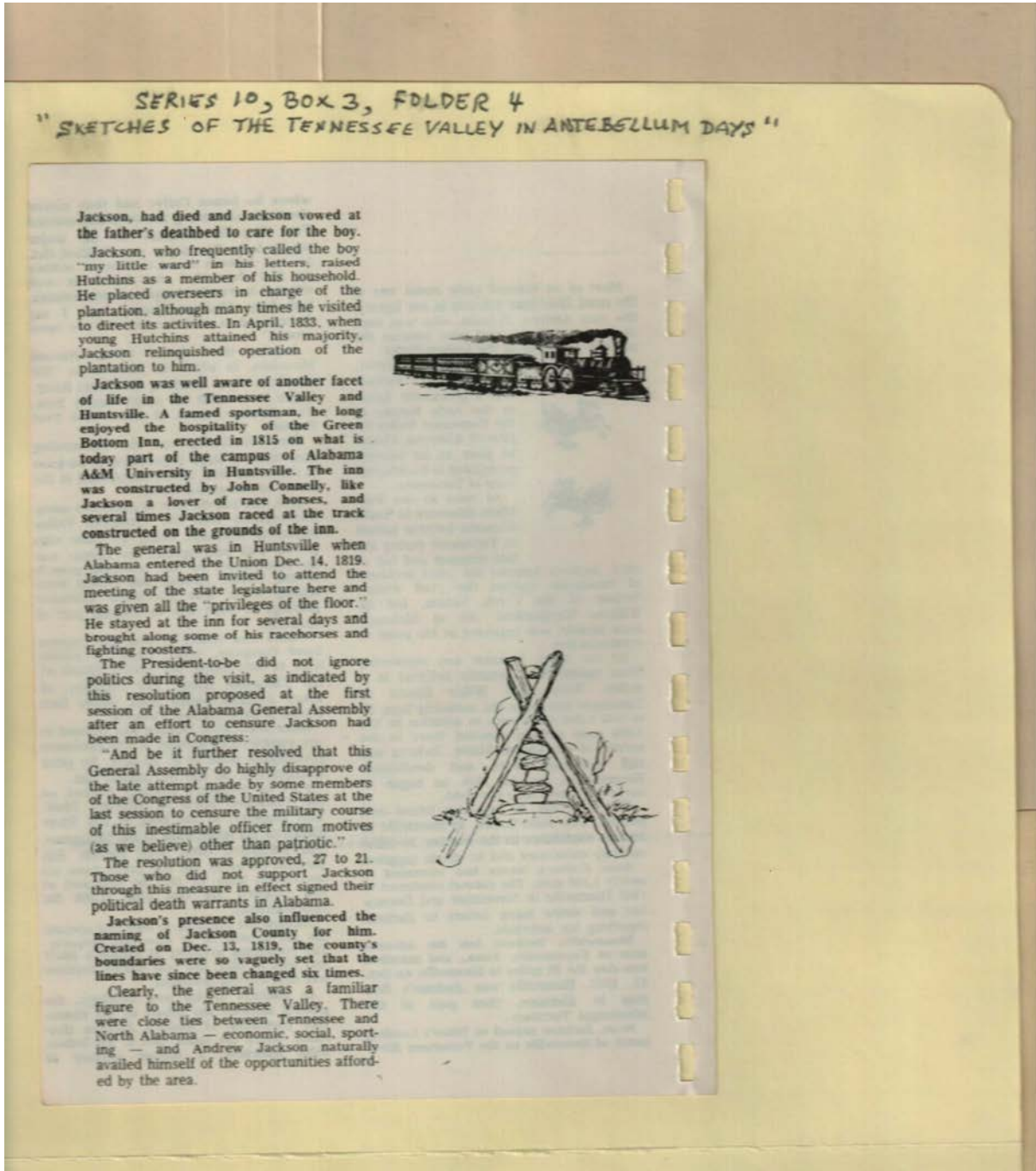


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Blount, Willie, Governor	Hutchins, Andrew Jackson	Jackson, Andrew Melton, John
Coffee, John, Colonel	Hutchins, John	

Types:

booklet



Names:

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Hutchins,

Jackson, Andrew

Types:

booklet

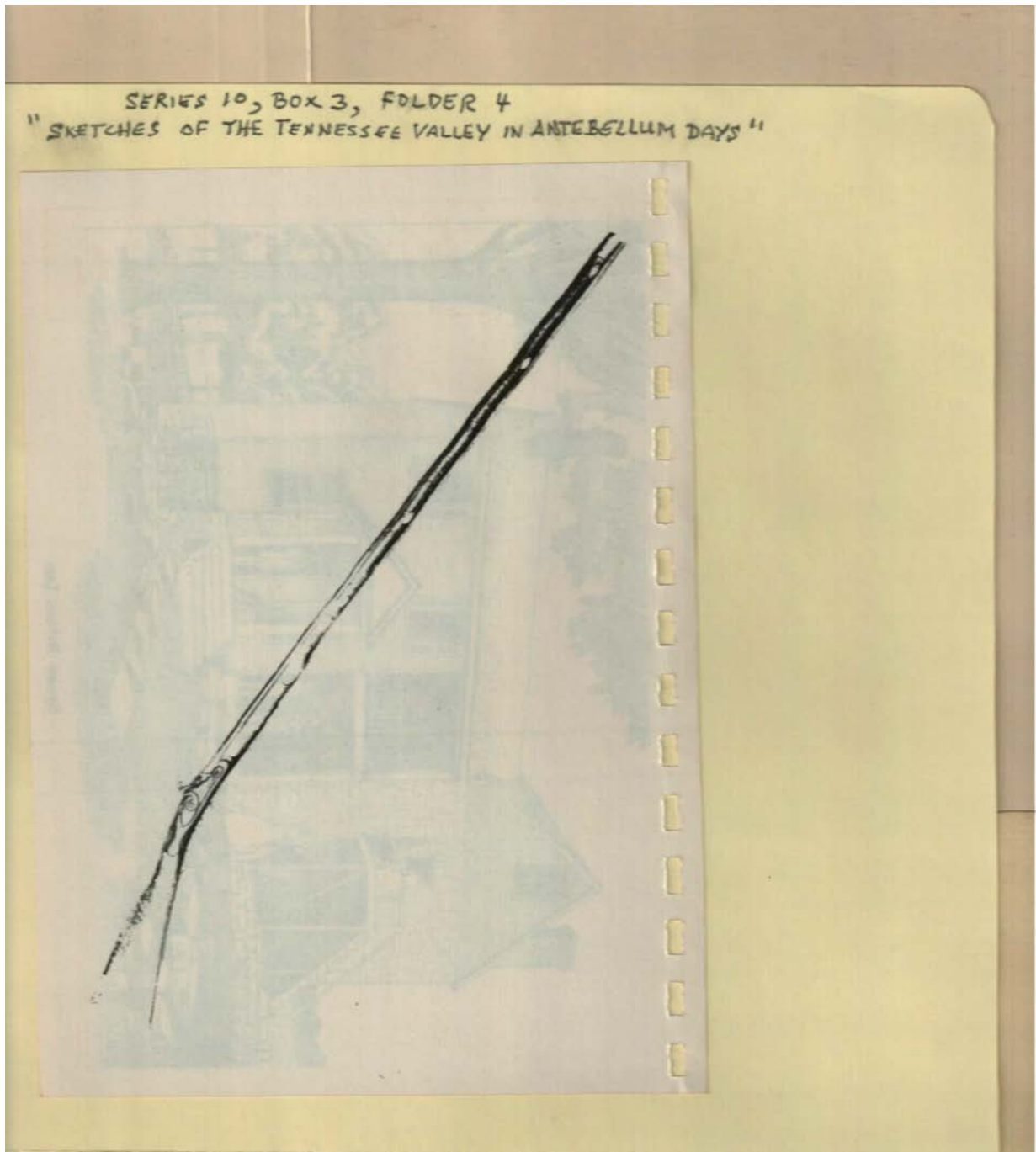


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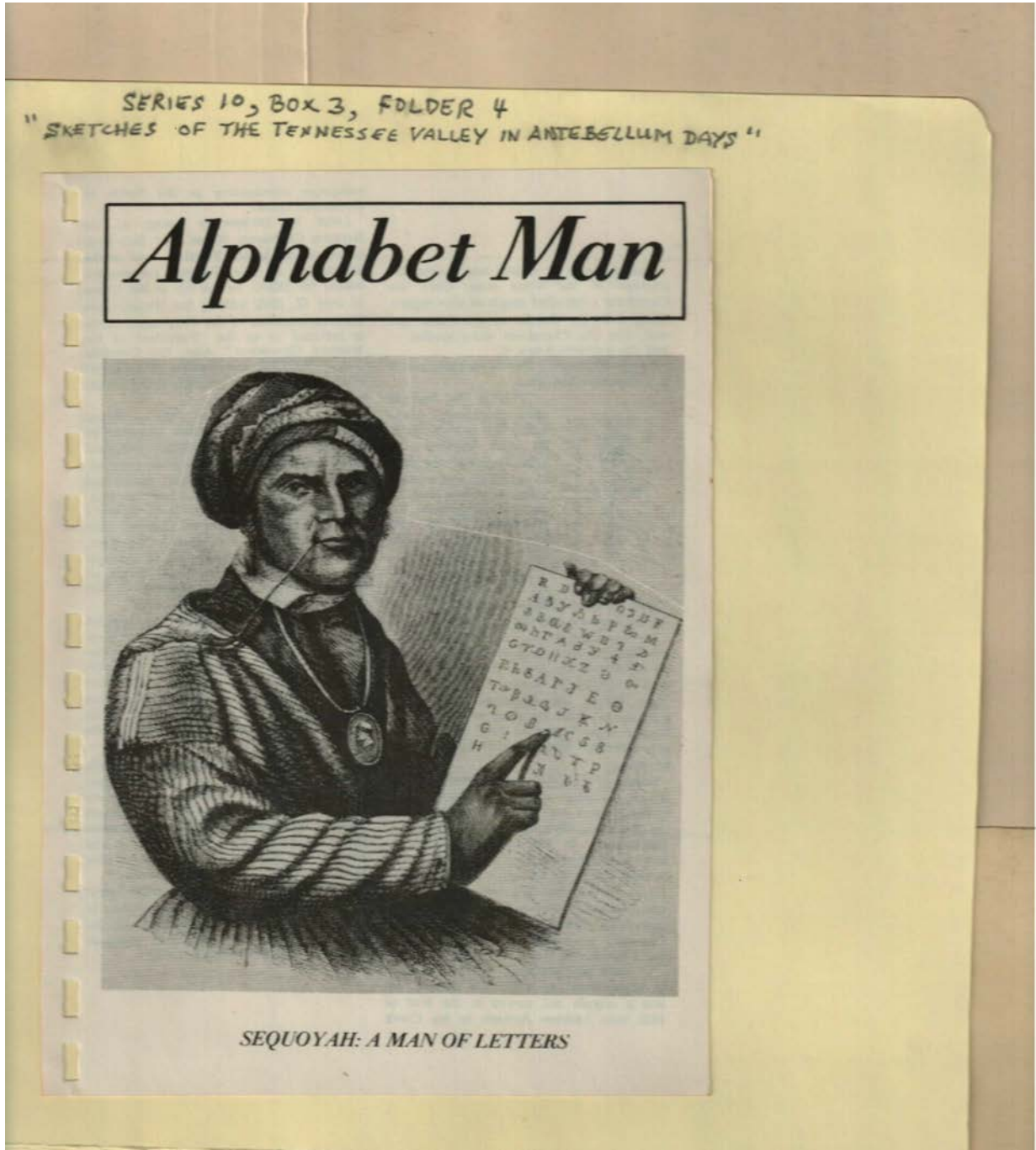
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drawing

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Marks, Henry, "Sketches of the Tennessee Valley in Antebellum Days" Booklet, 1976
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Names:
Rifle

Types:
drawing



Names:

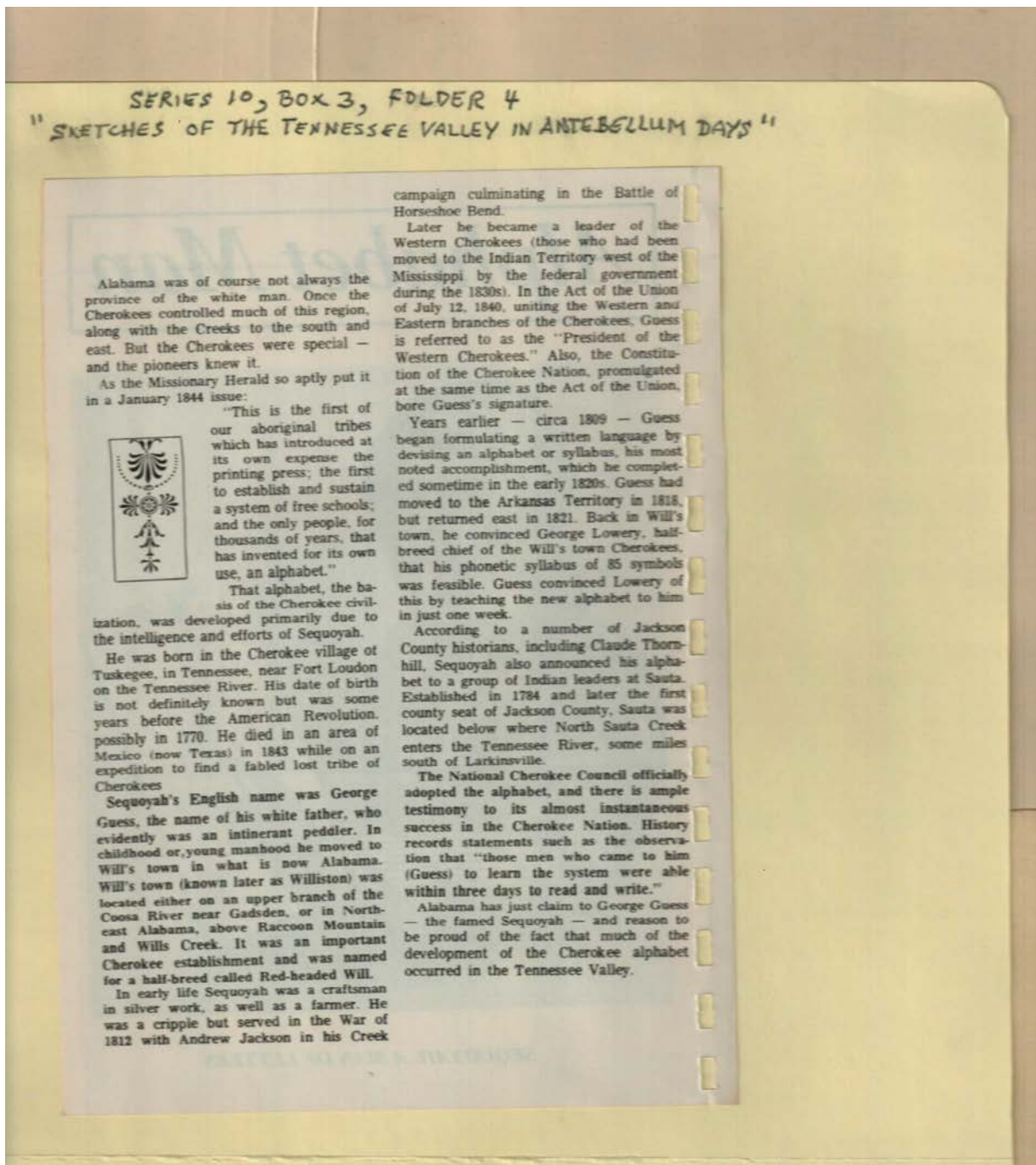
Sequoyah, A Man of
Letters

Alphabet Man

Types:

booklet

drawing



Names:

Guess, George
Jackson, Andrew

Lowery, George

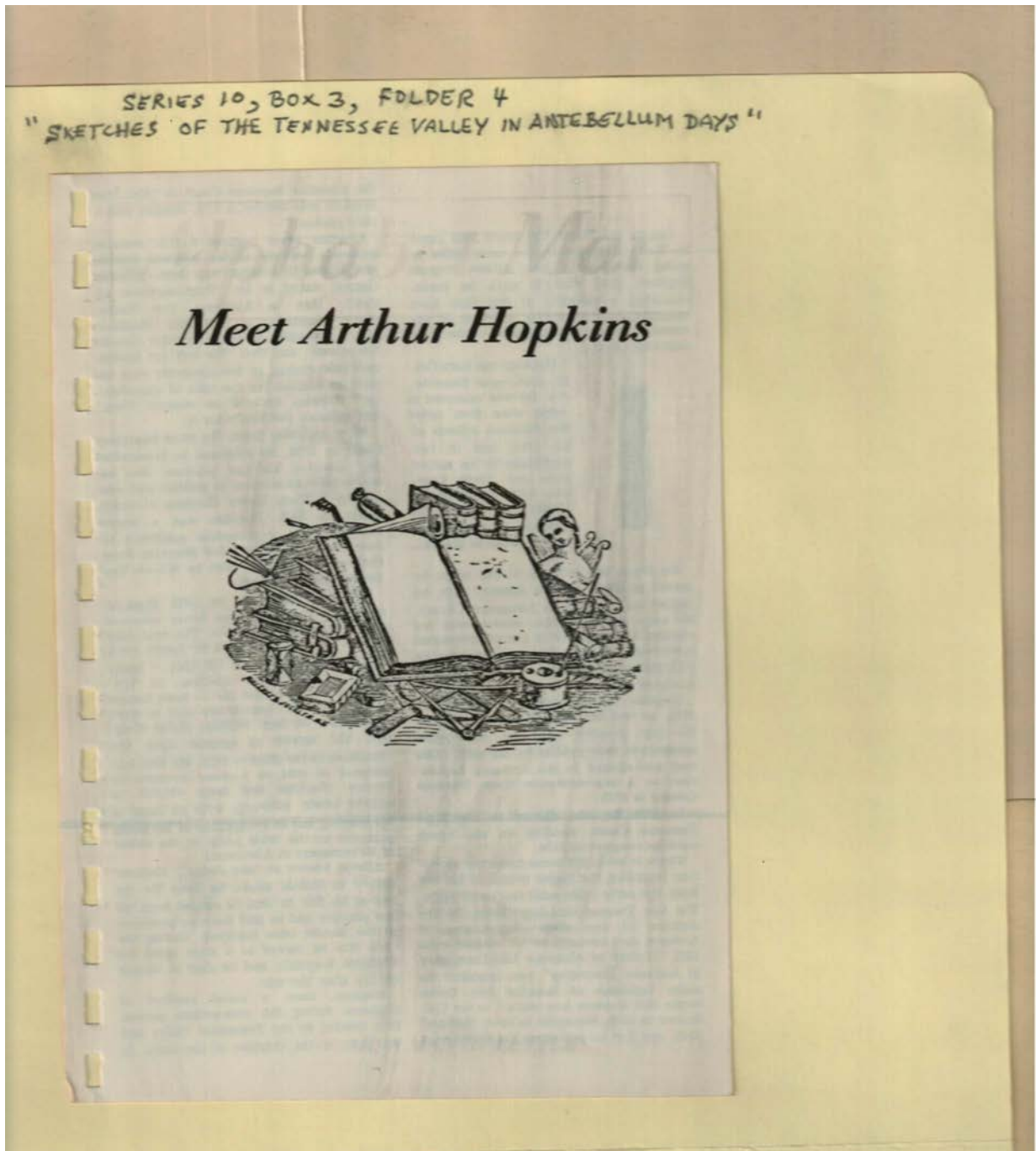
Sequoyah, (Indian
Chief)

Thornhill, Claude
Will,

Types:

booklet

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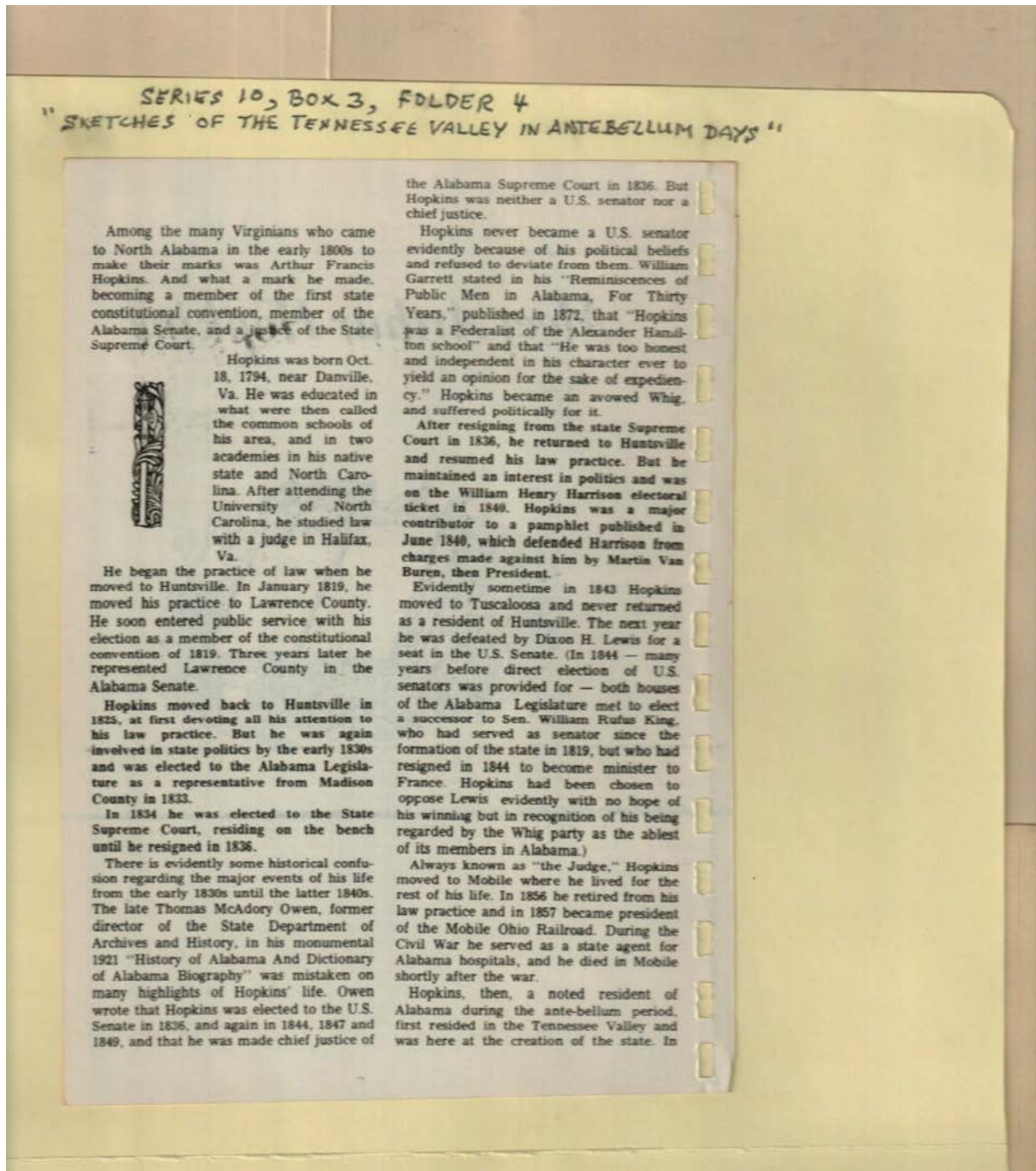


Names:

Meet Arthur Hopkins

Types:

booklet



Names:

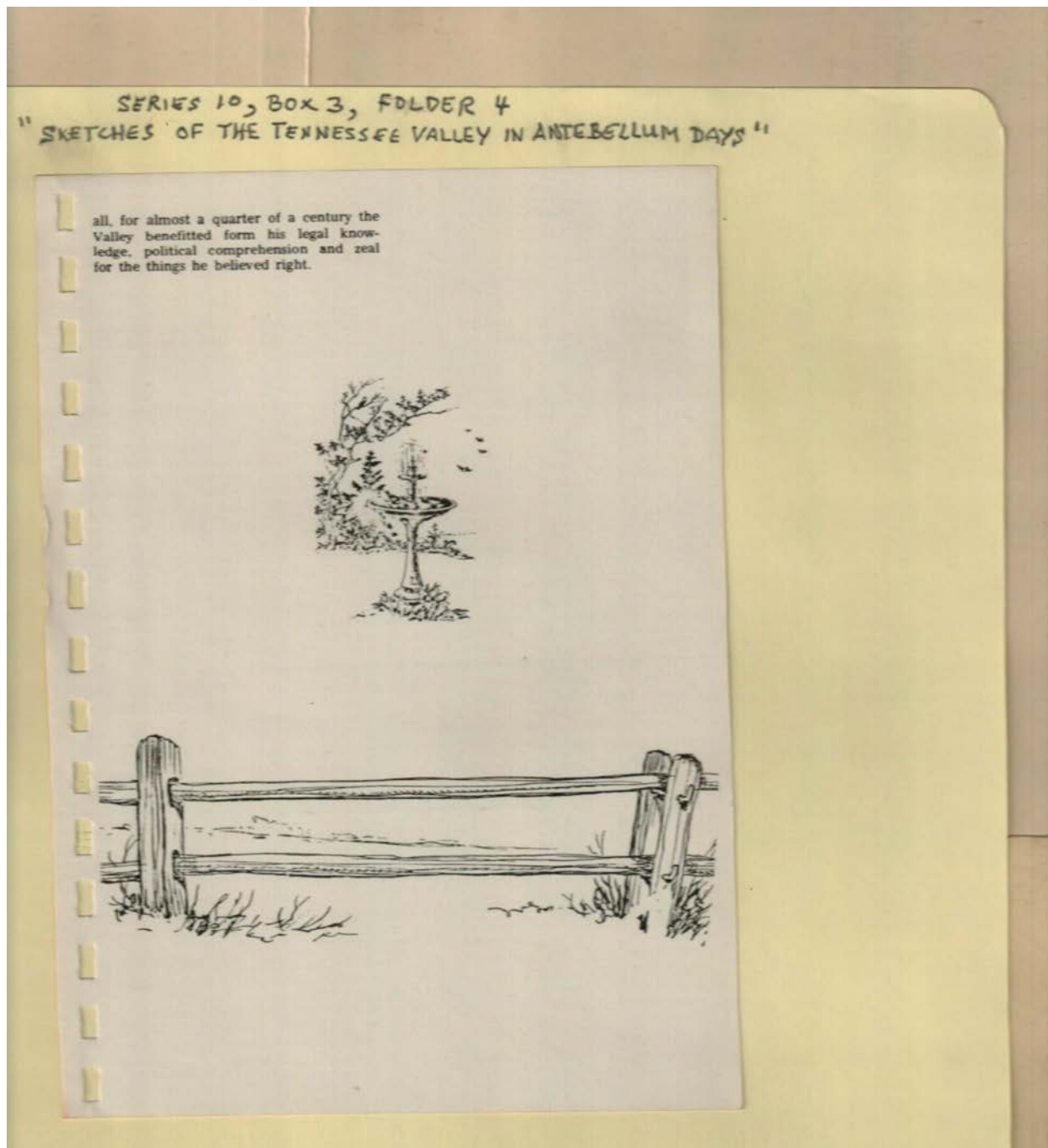
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Harrison, William
Henry

Hopkins, Arthur
Francis Judge
King, William Rufus
Lewis, Dixon H.

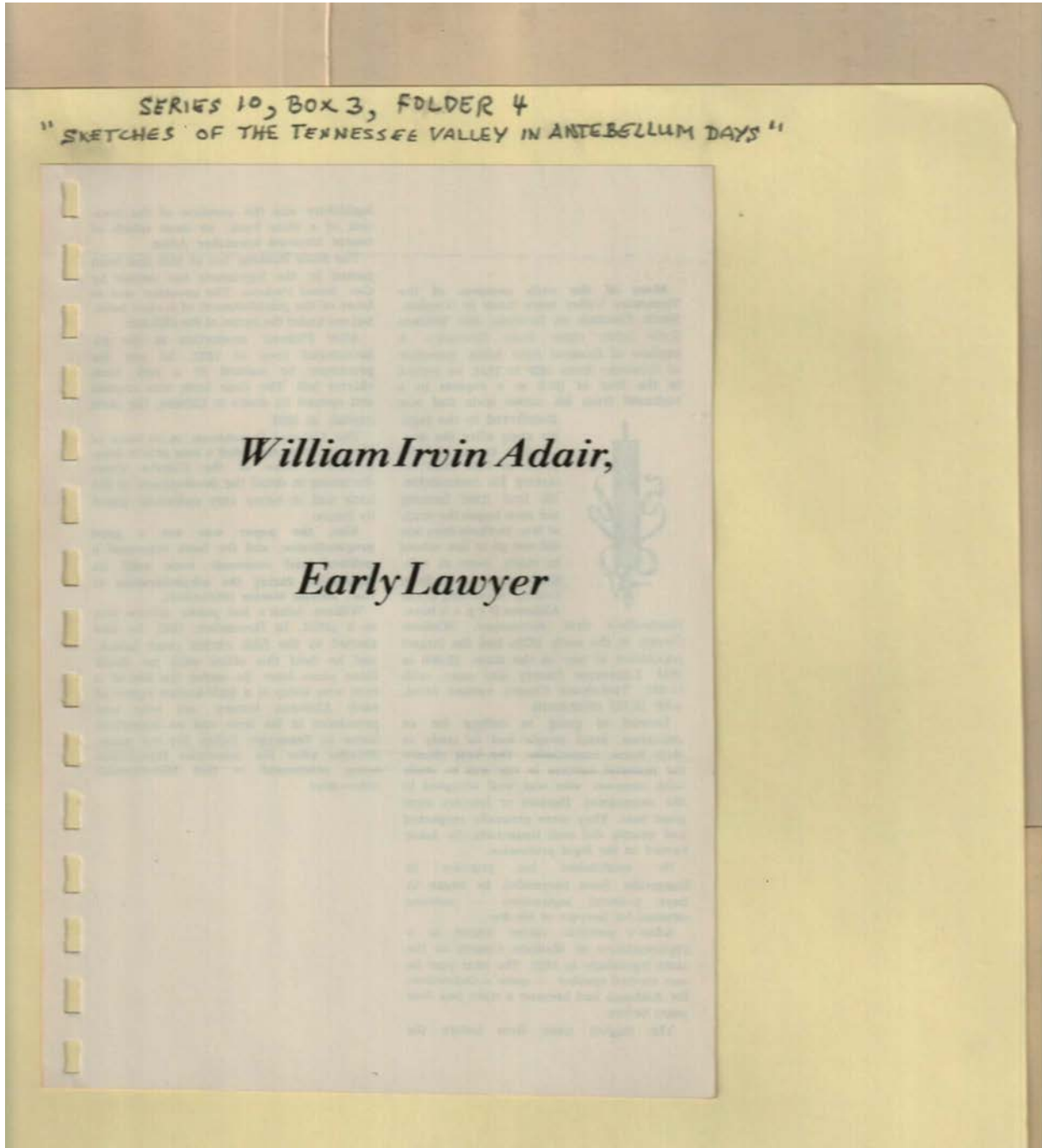
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McAdory
Van Buren, Martin

Types:

booklet



Types:
booklet



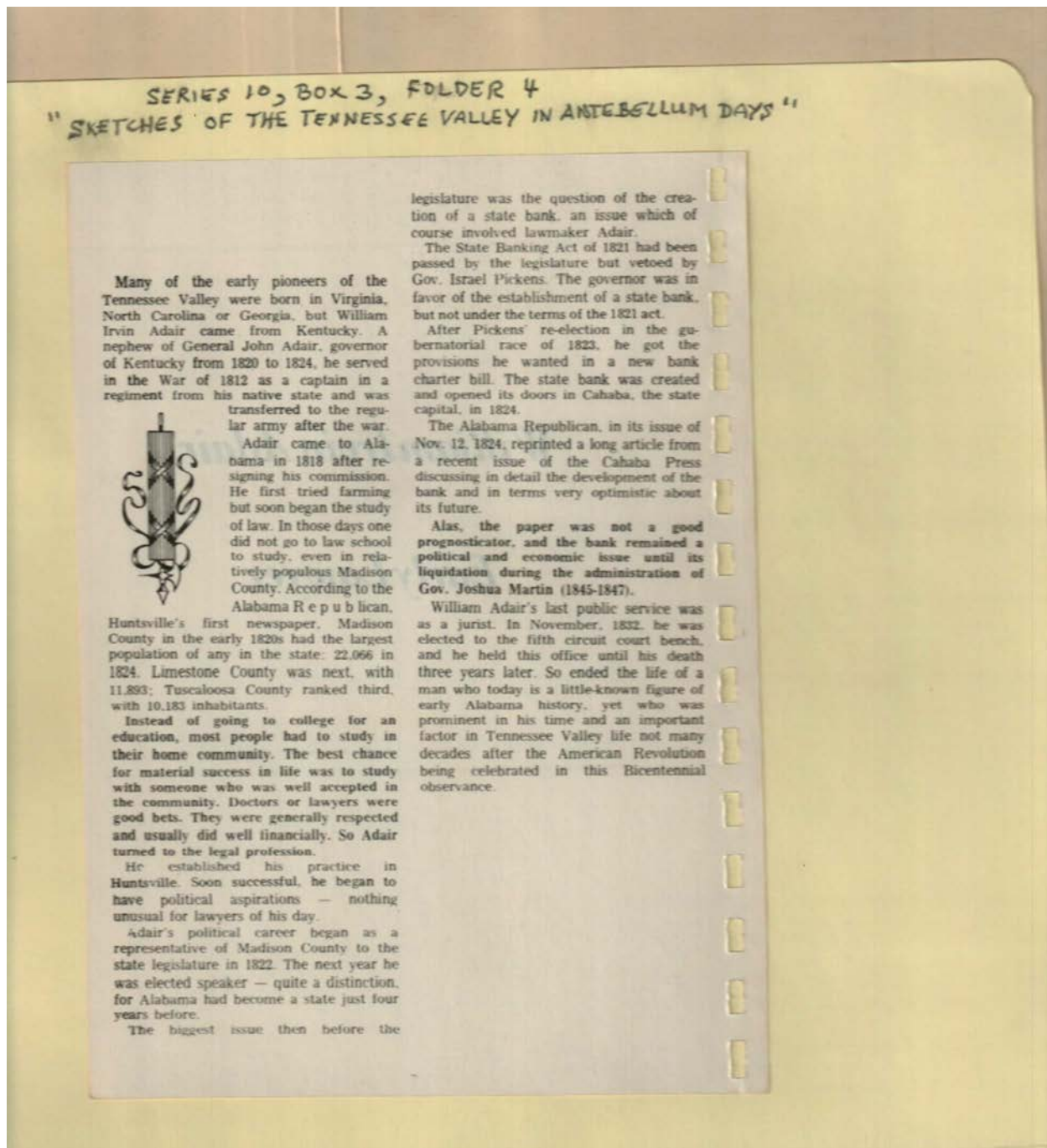
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William Irvin Adair,
Early Lawyer

Types:

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Names:

Adair, John, General

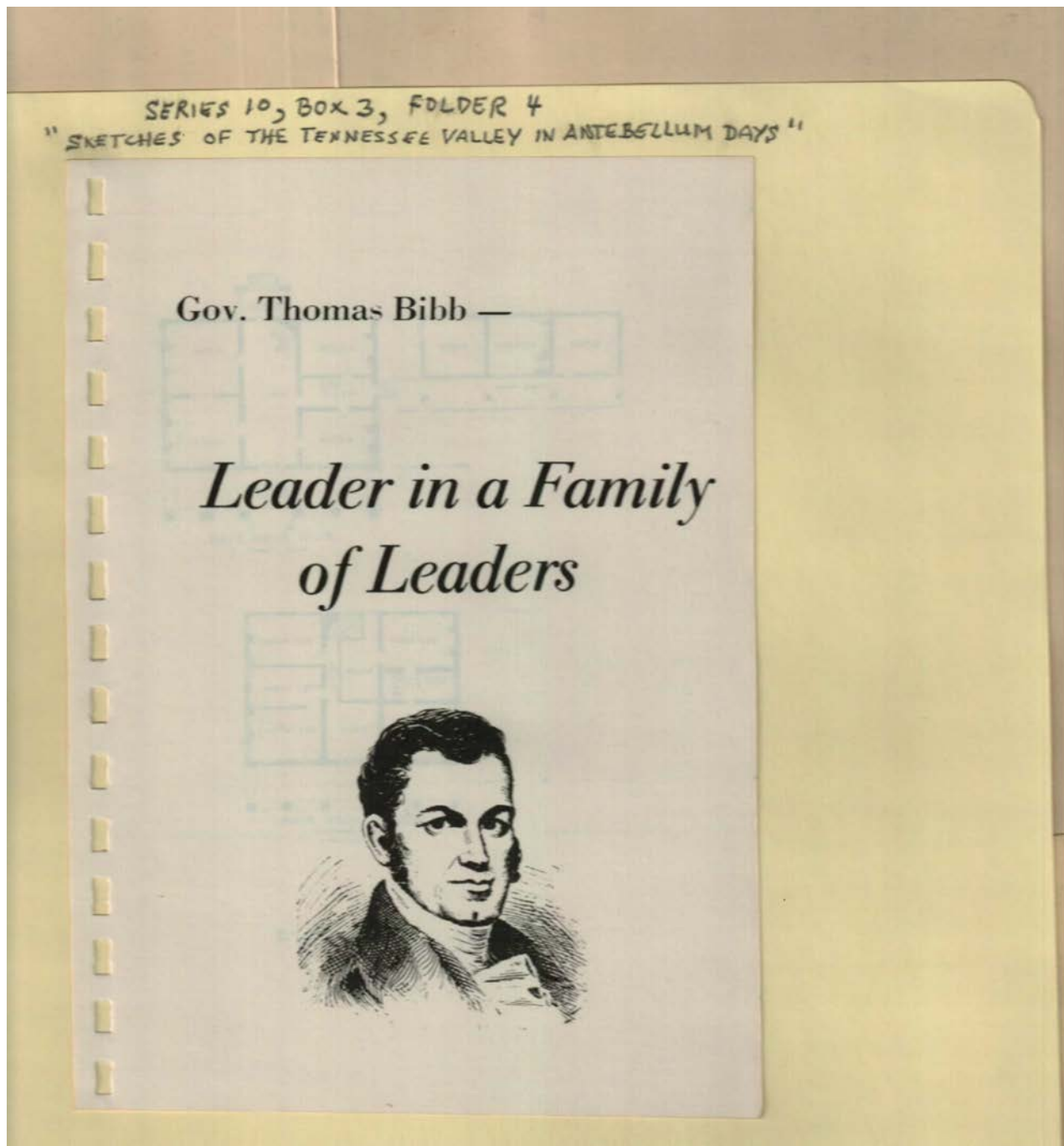
Martin, Joshua,
Governor

Pickens, Israel,
Governor

Types:

booklet

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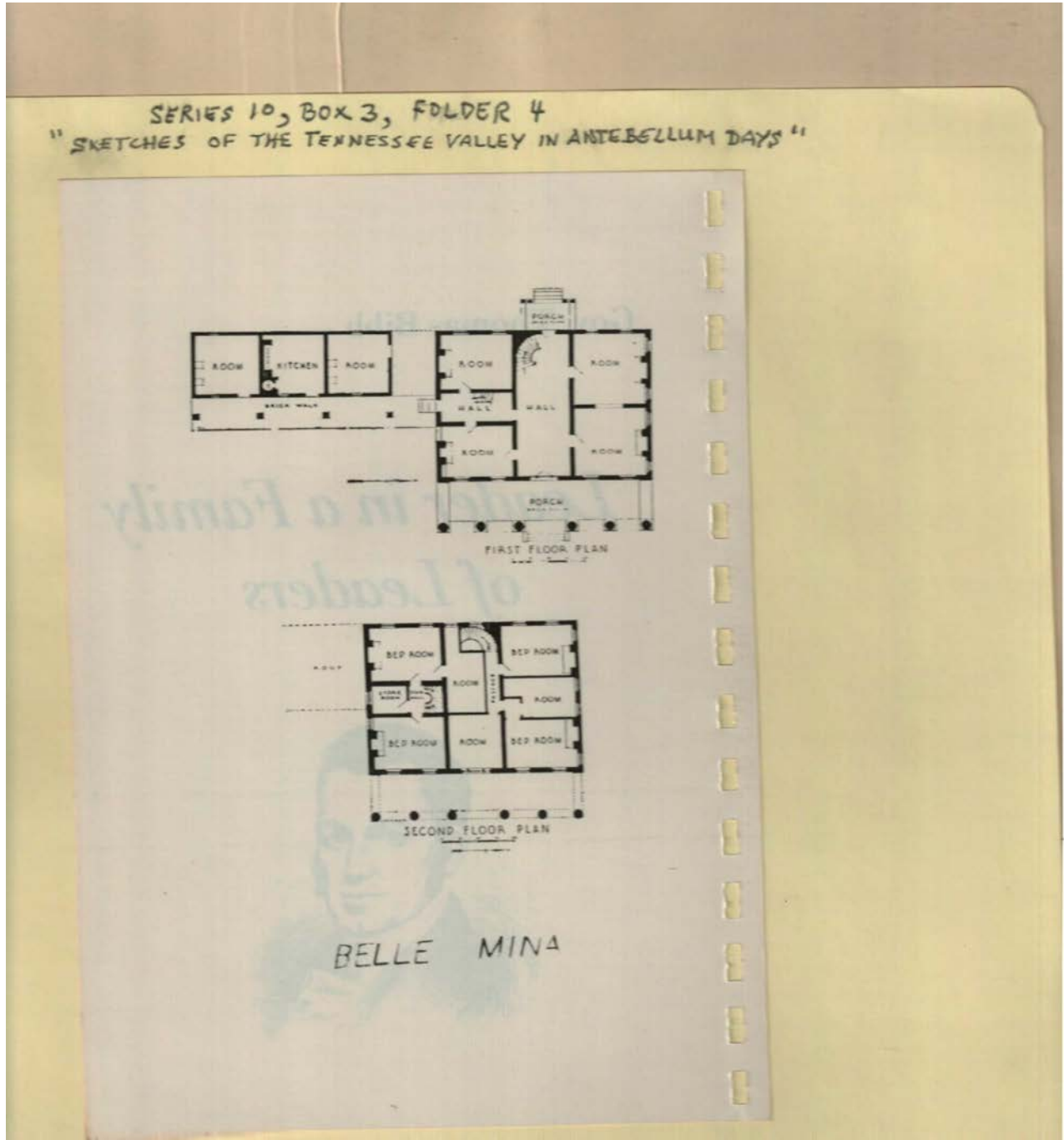


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Gov. Thomas Bibb,
Family of Leaders

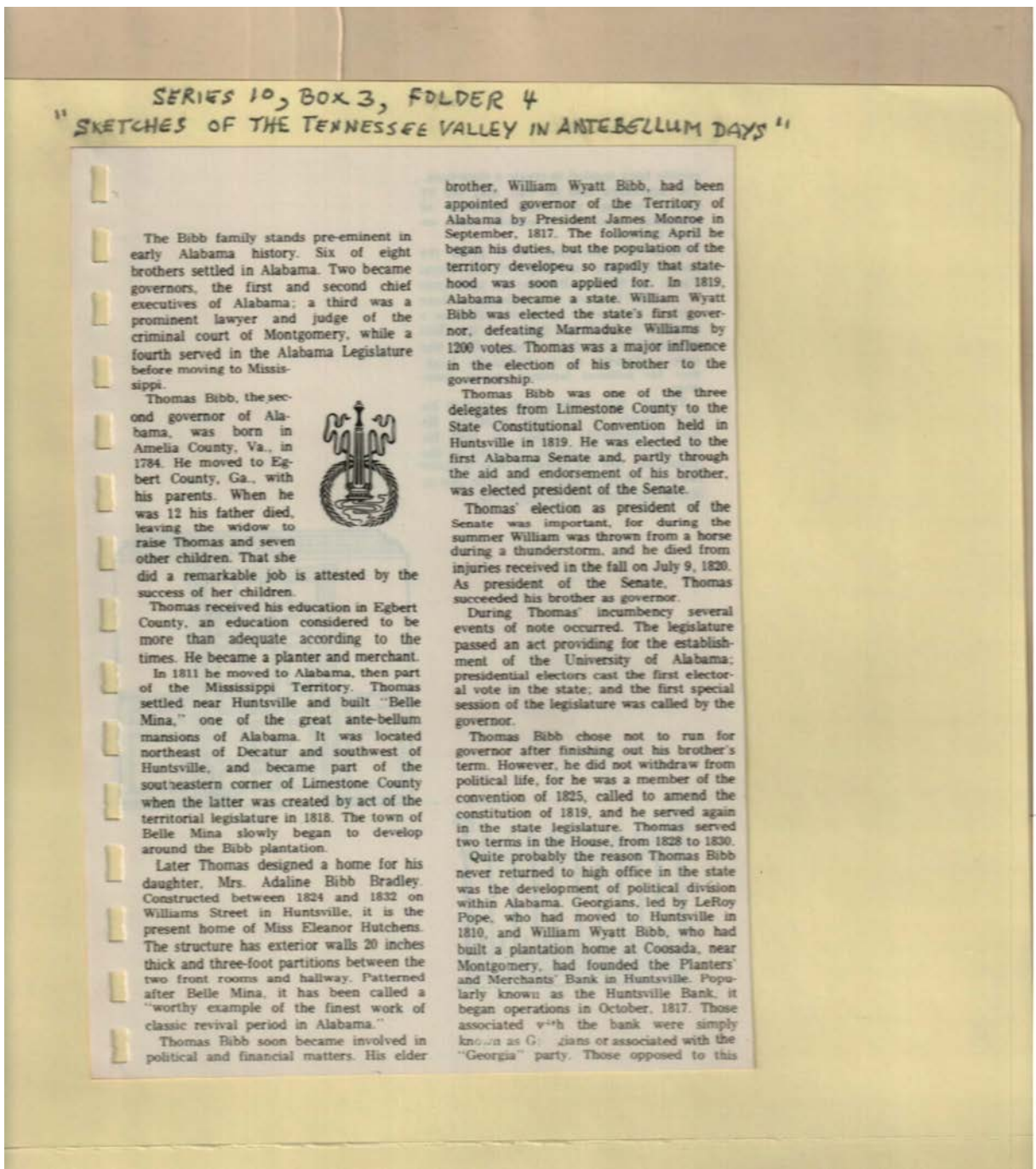
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Names:
Belle Mina

Types:
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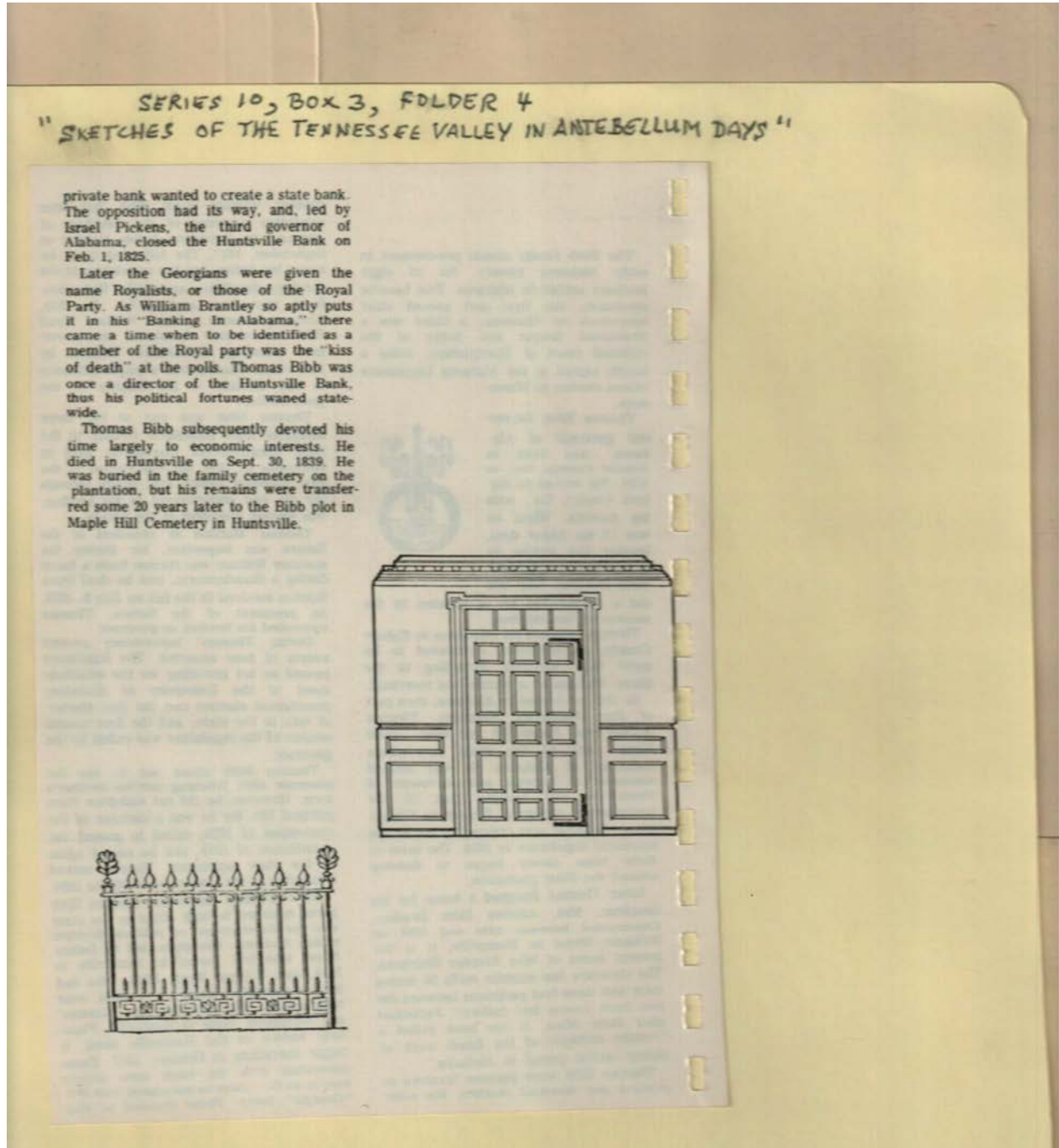


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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
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| Bibb, William Wyatt | Miss | Williams, |
| Bradley, Adaline | Monroe, James, | Marmaduke |
| Bibb, Mrs. | President | |

Types:

booklet



Names:

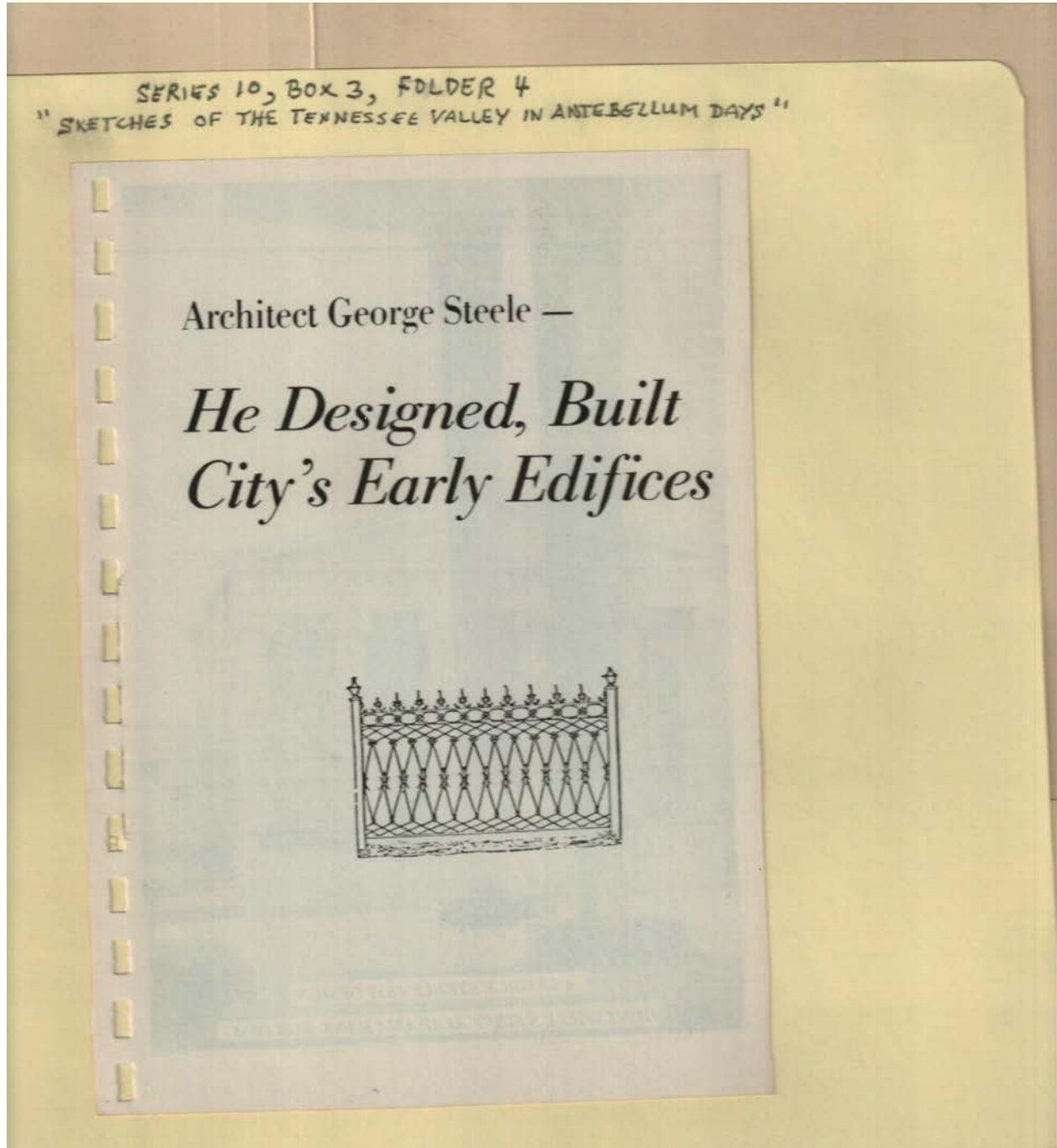
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Brantley, William

Pickens, Israel,
Governor

Types:

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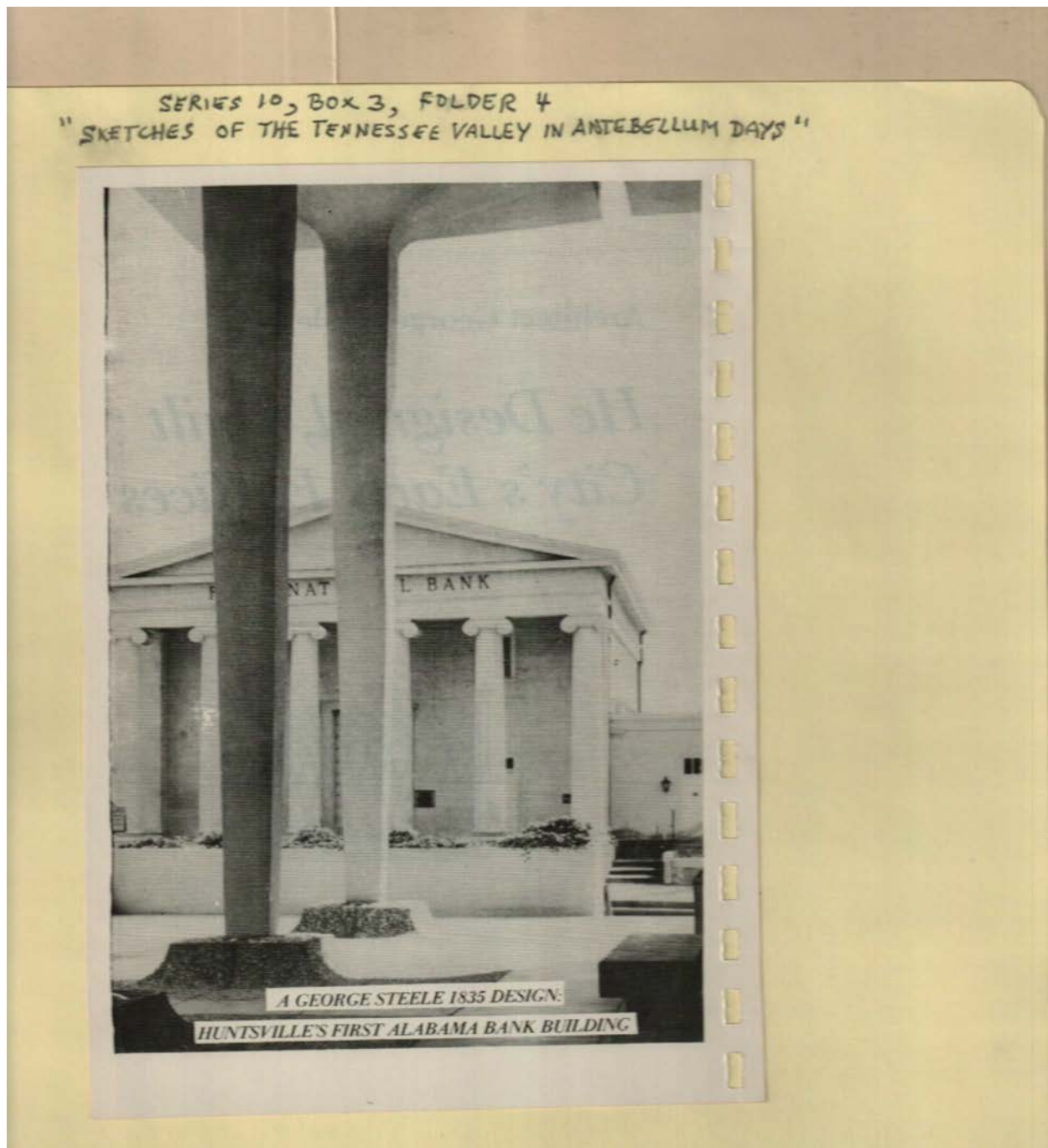
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Names:
Architect George
Steele

Types:
booklet

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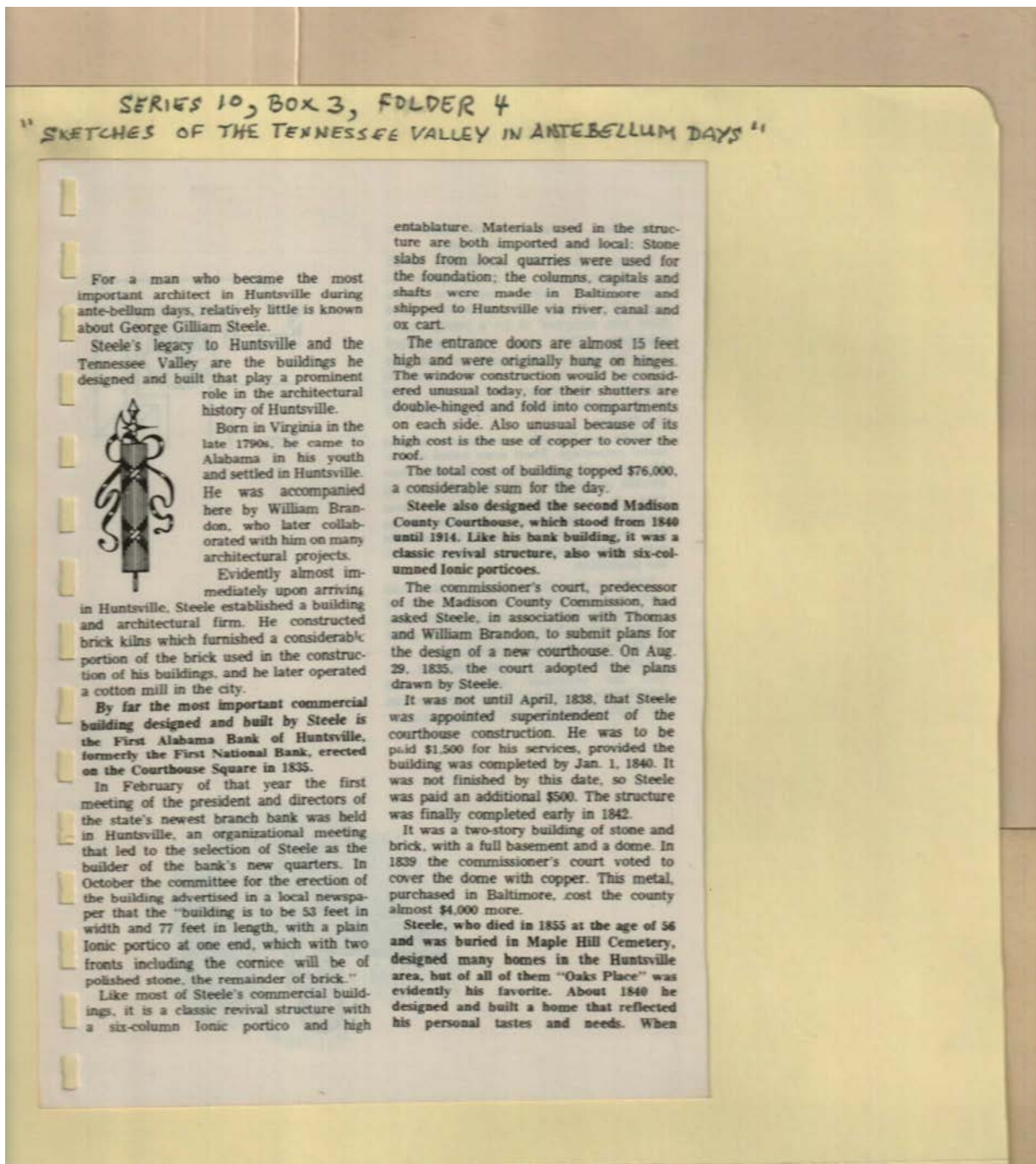


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First Alabama Bank
Building, 1835

Types:

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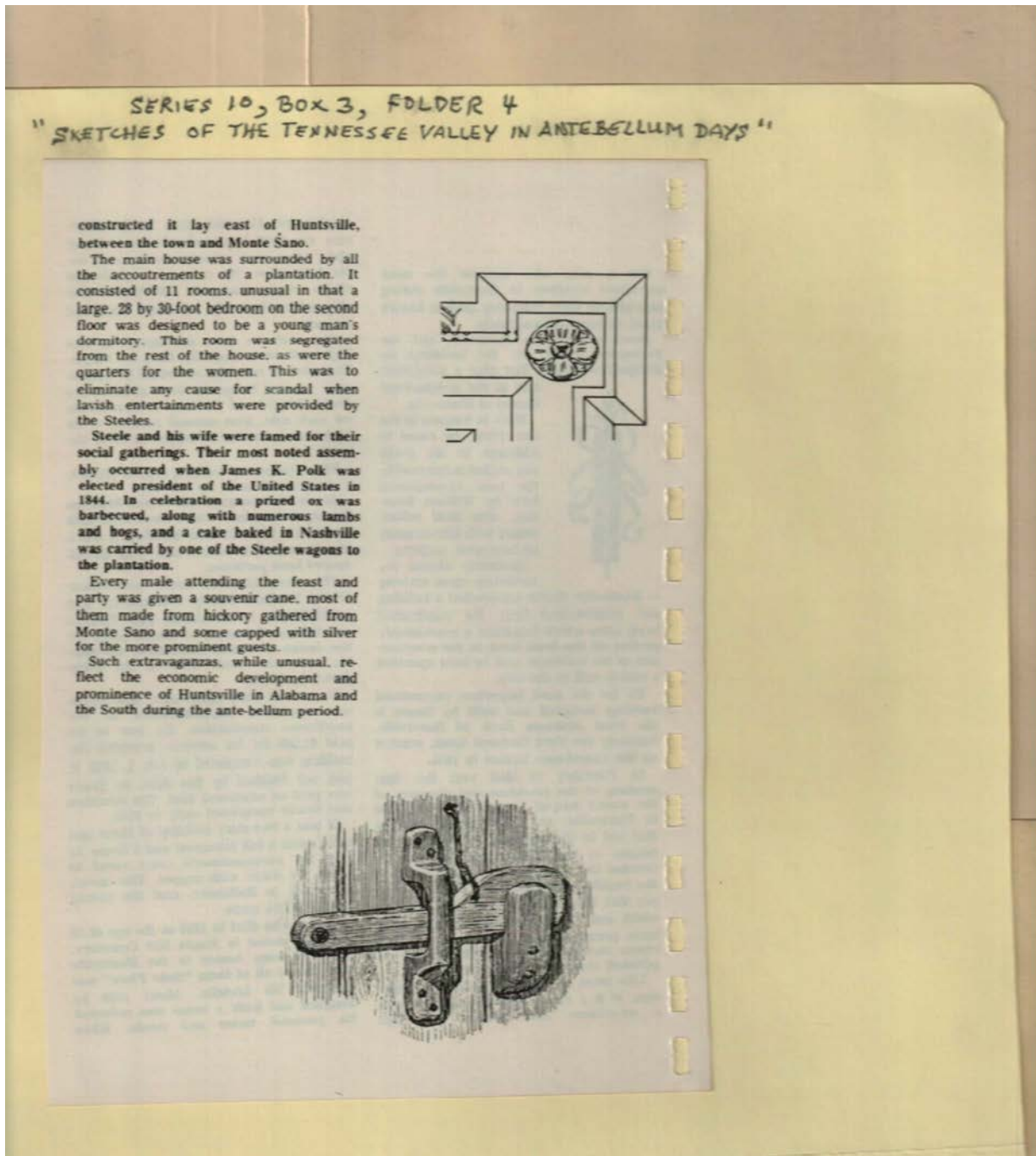
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Gilliam

Types:

booklet



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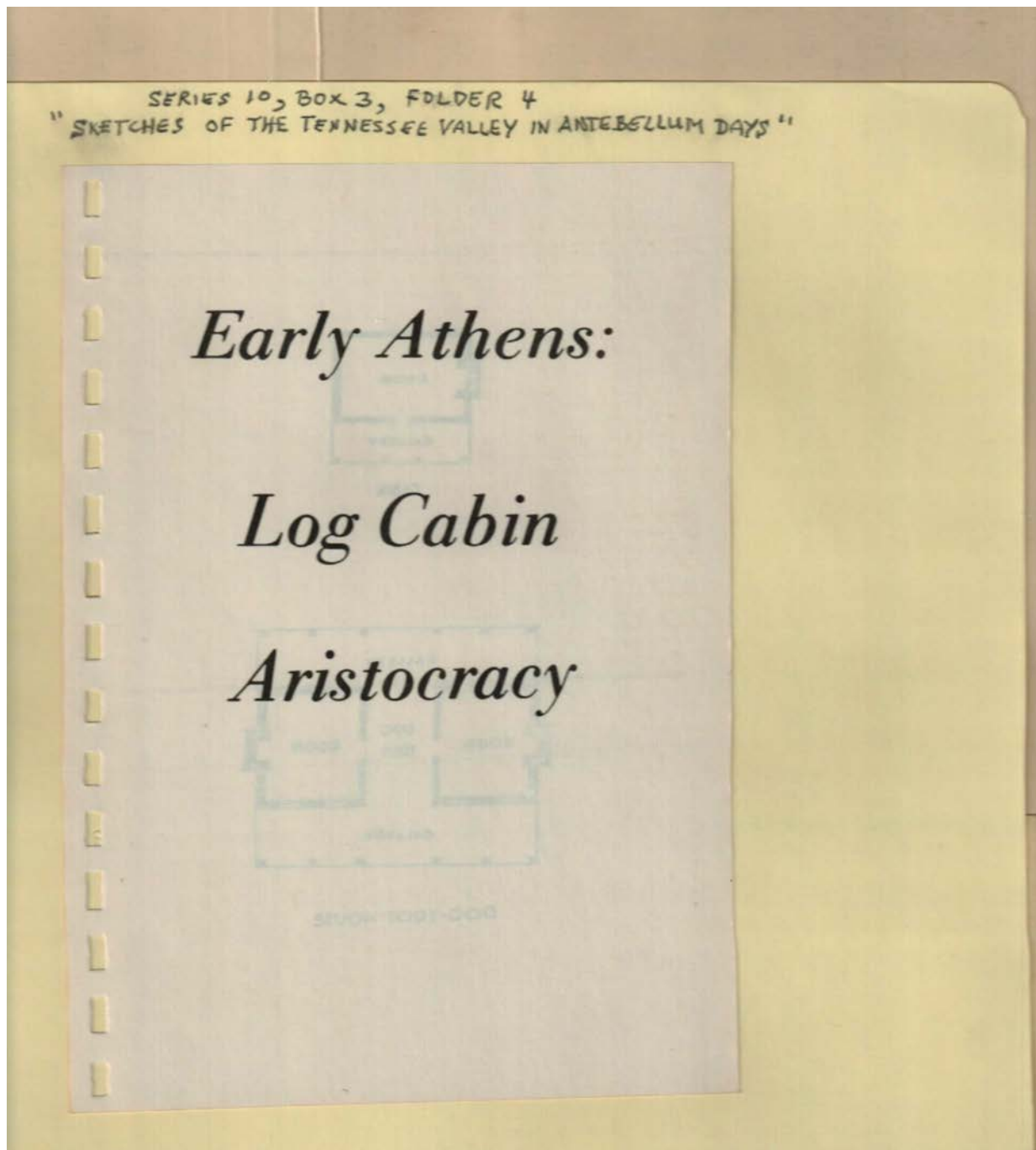
Polk, James K.,
President

Steele, George

Types:

booklet

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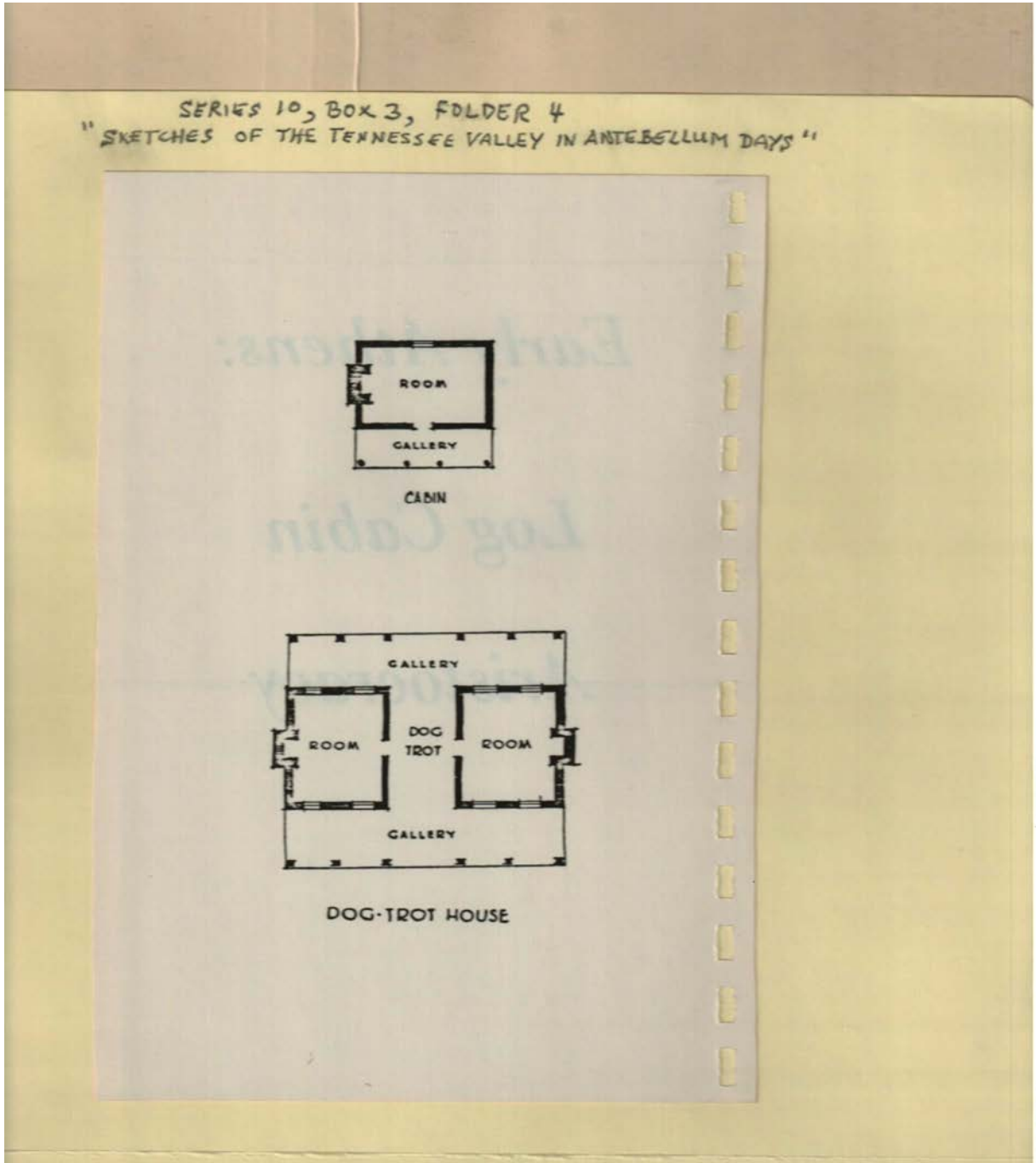


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Early Athens, Log
Cabin Aristocracy

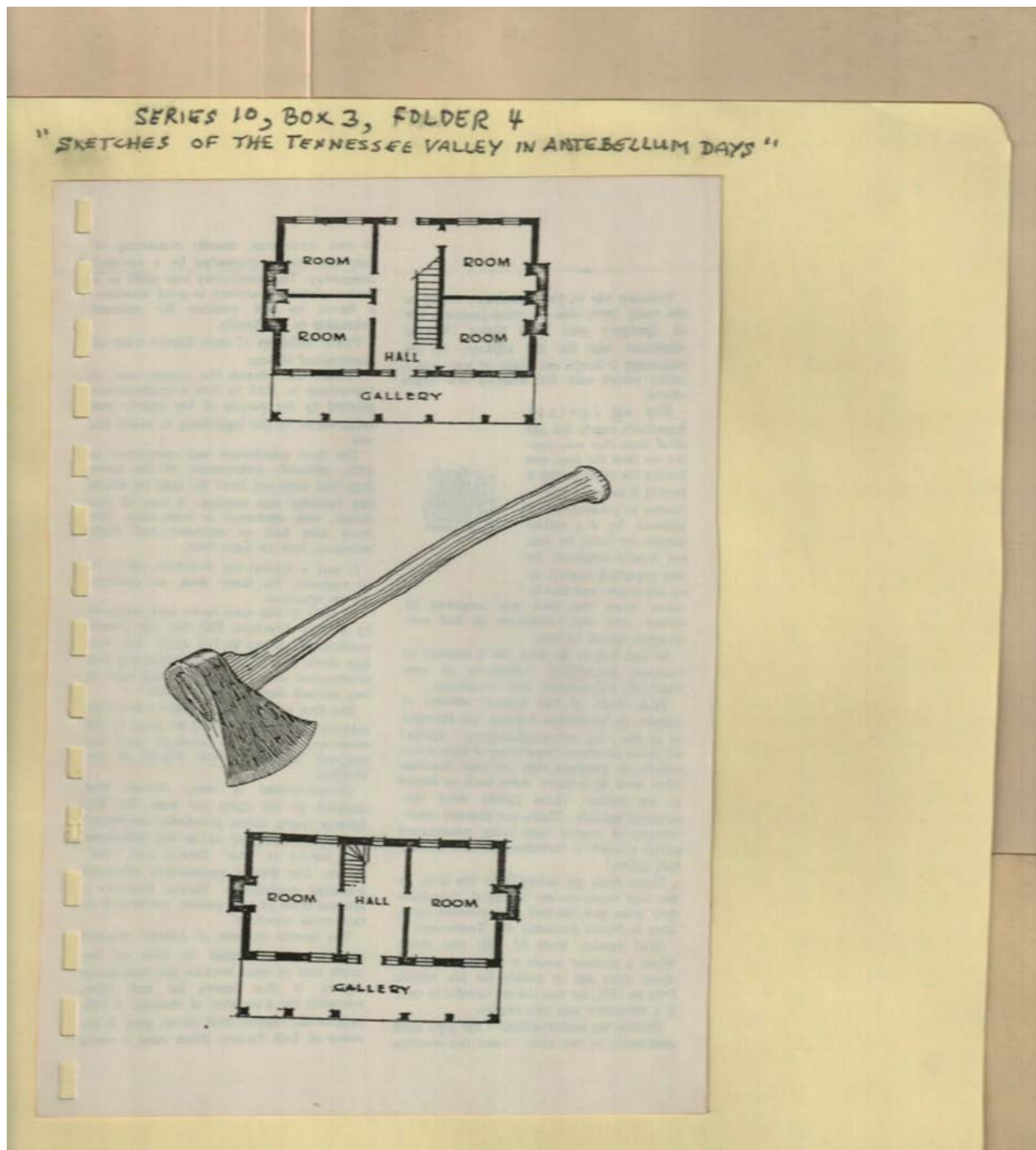
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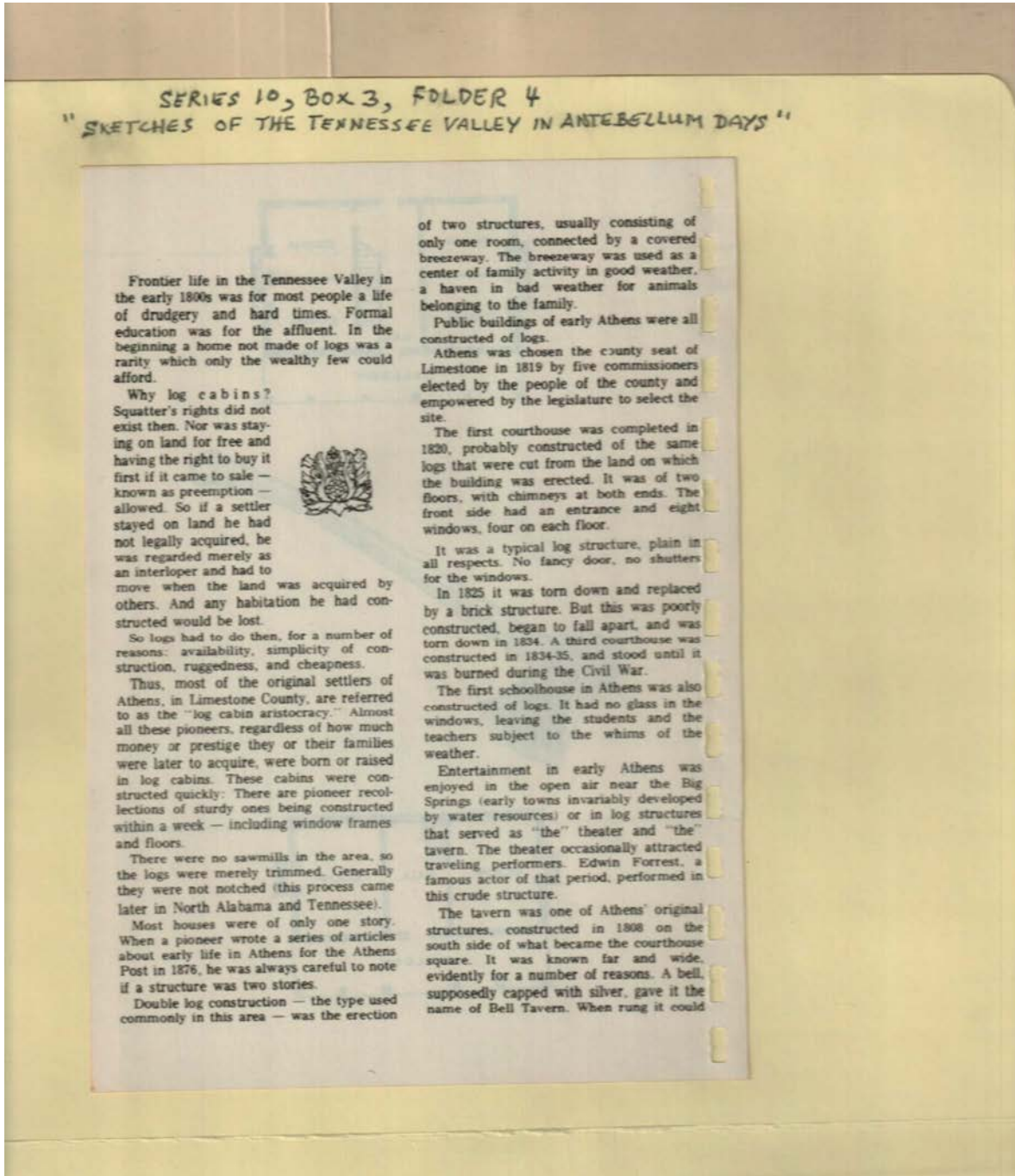
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Types:
drawing



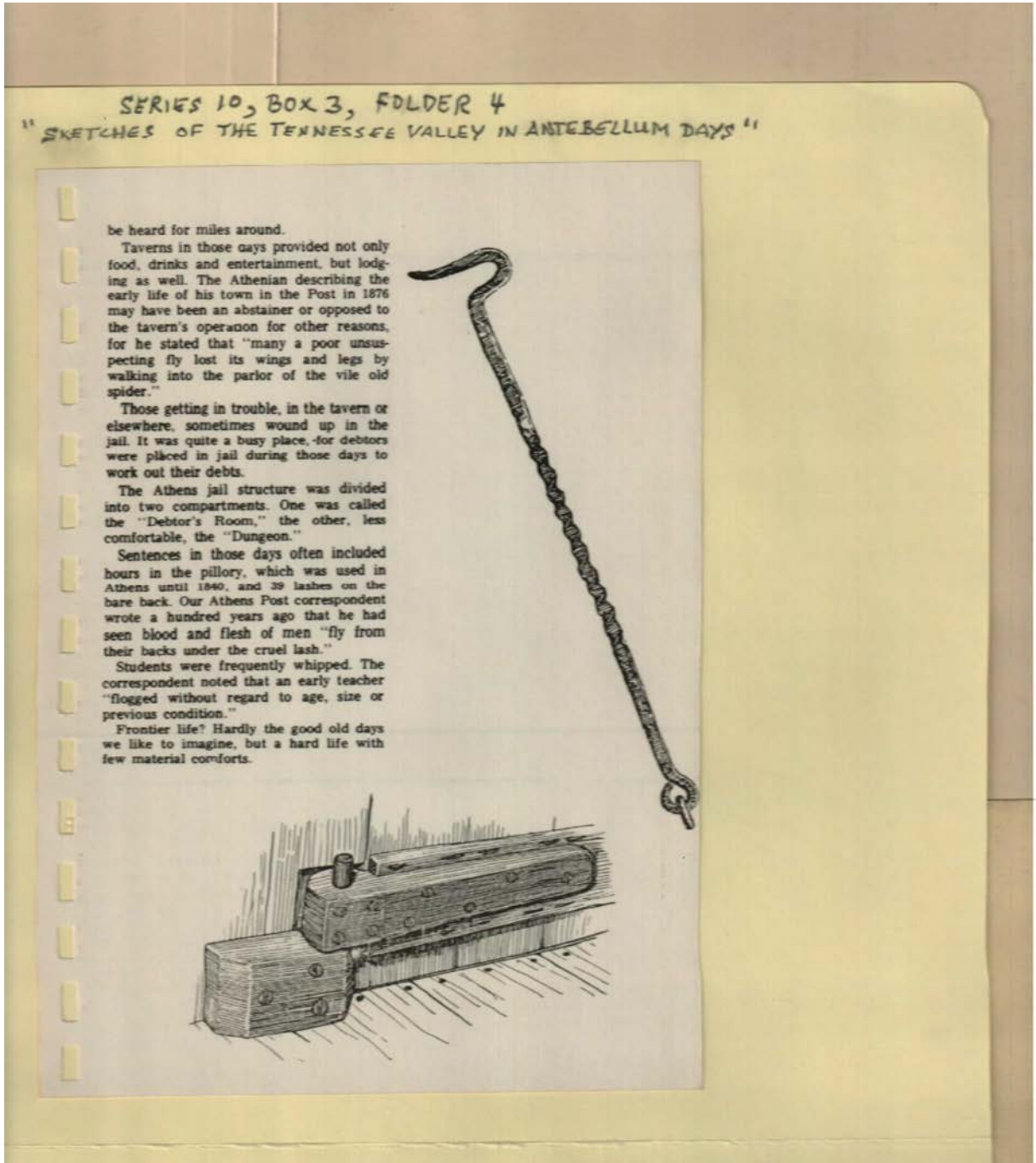
Names:
Dog-Trot House

Types:
drawing



Names:
Log-Cabins

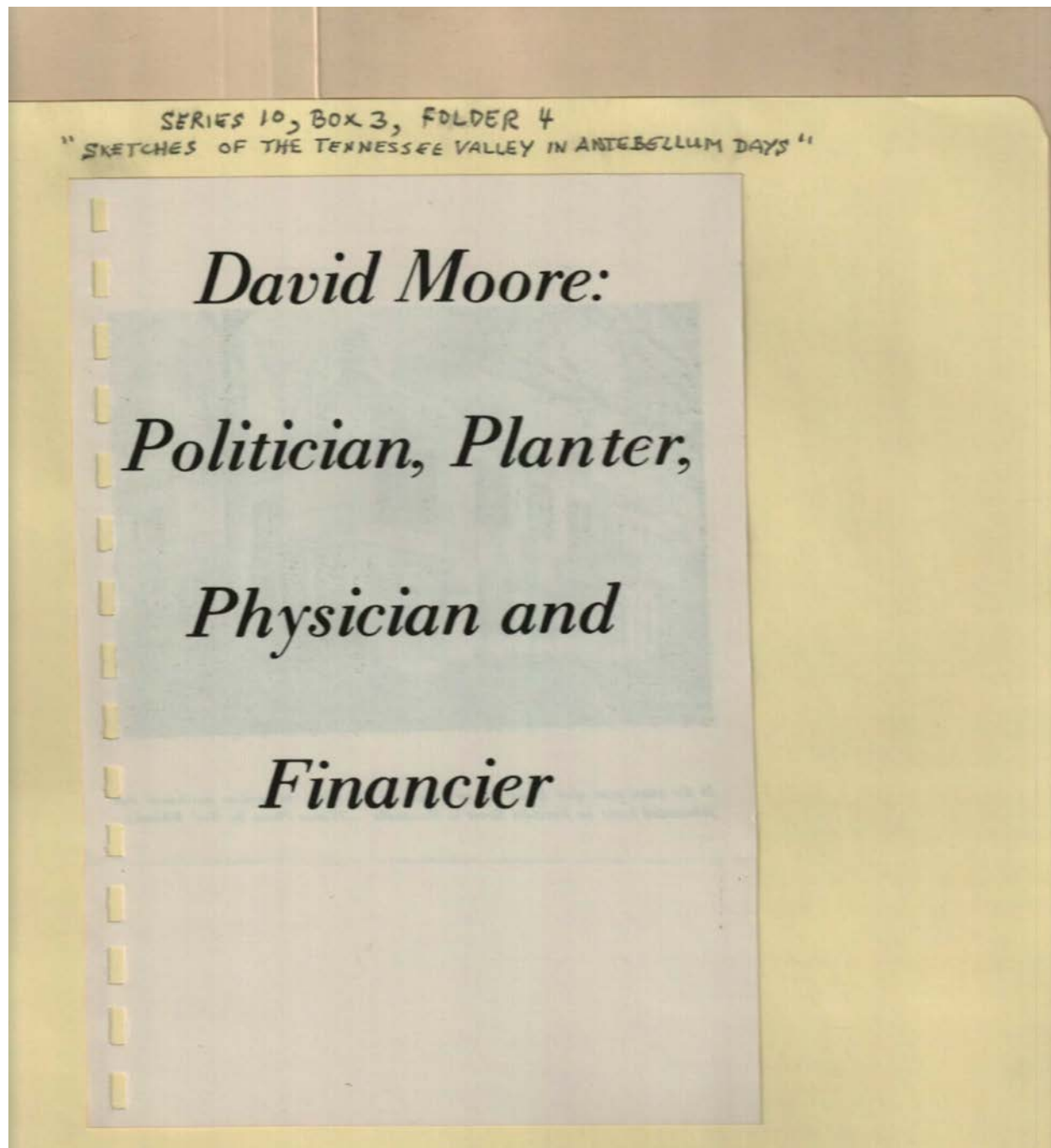
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Names:
Taverns & Jails

Types:
booklet

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Names:

David Moore,
Politician, Planter

Types:

booklet

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In the years soon after David Moore's death in the 1840s, his widow purchased this substantial home on Franklin Street in Huntsville. —(Times Photo by Rod Whited.)

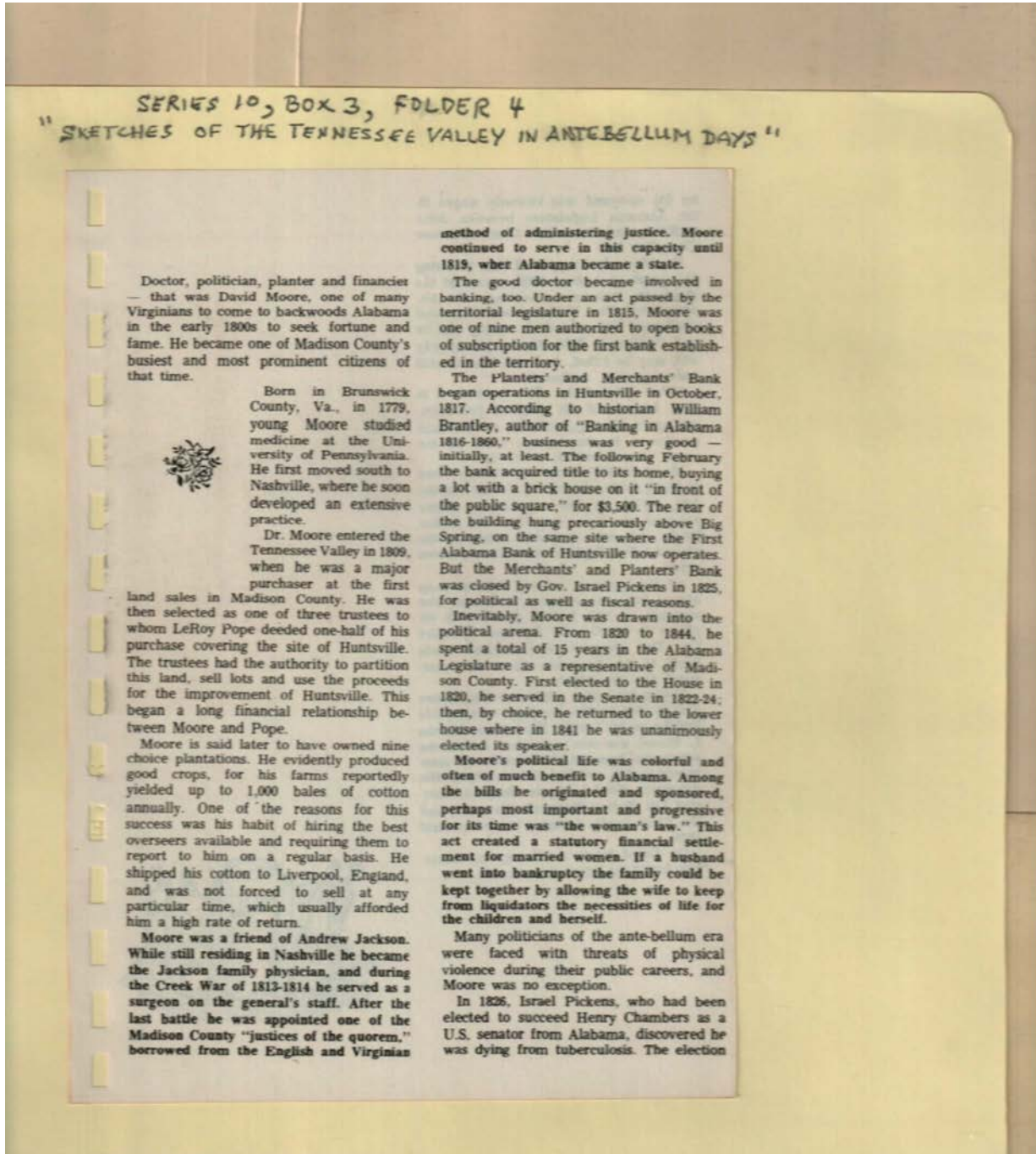
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David Moore Home

Whited, Rod

Types:

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Names:

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Chambers, Henry

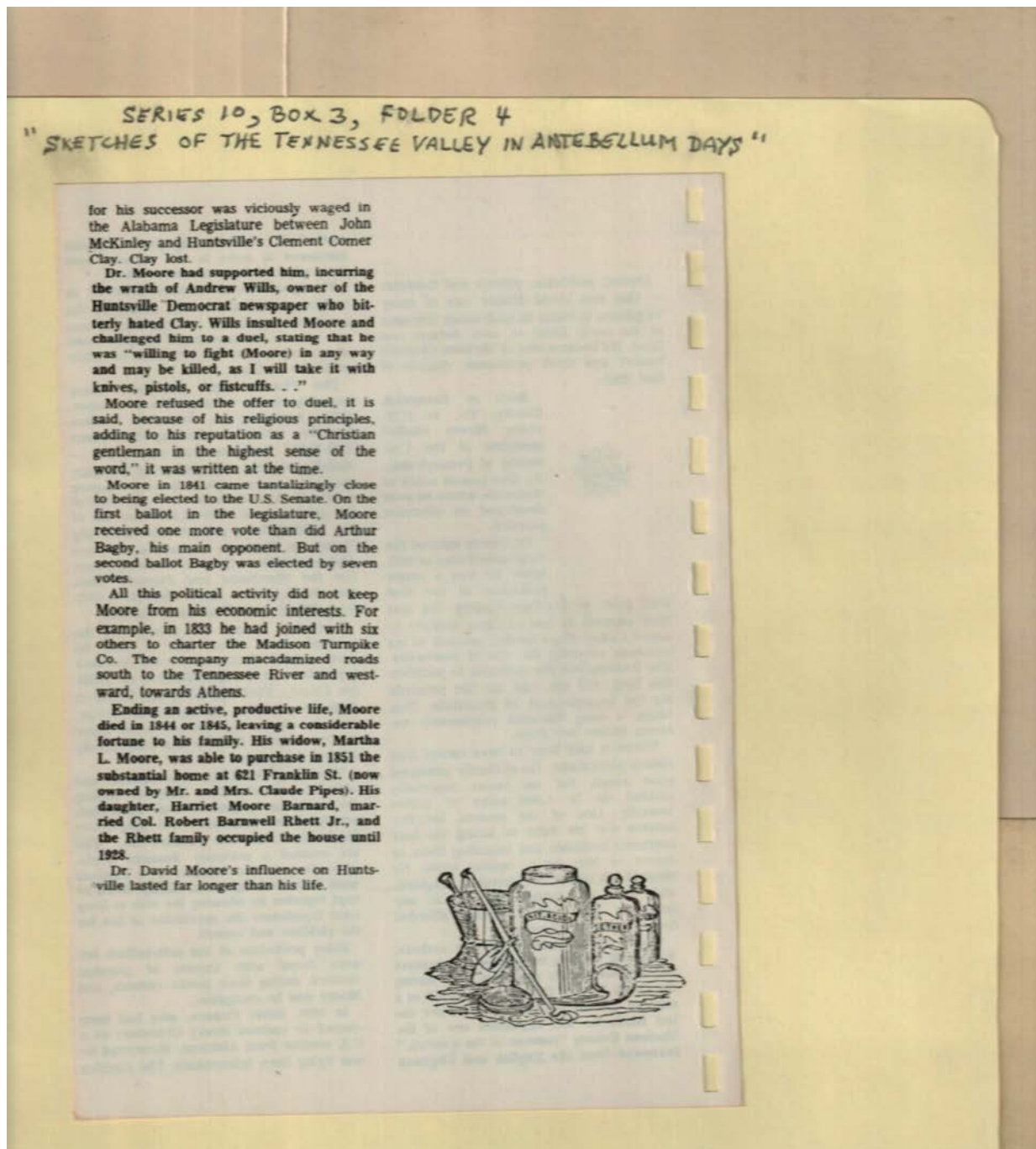
Jackson, Andrew
Moore, David

Pickens, Israel,
Governor

Pope, LeRoy

Types:

booklet



Names:

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Barnard, Harriet
Moore
Clay, Clement Comer

McKinley, John
Moore, David, Dr.
Moore, Martha L.

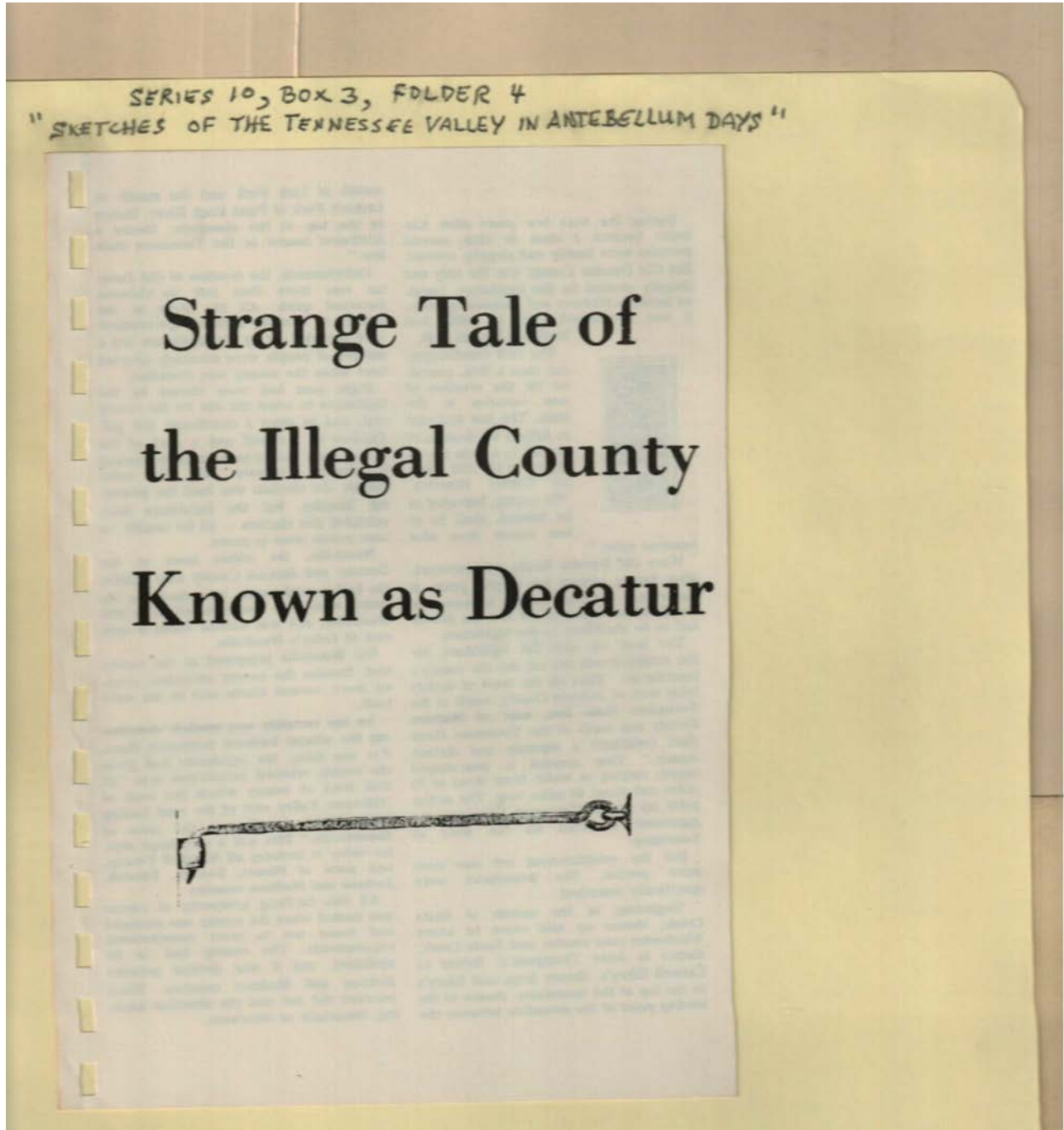
Pipes, Claude, Mr. &
Mrs.
Rhett, Robert
Barnwell, Jr.,

Colonel
Wills, Andrew

Types:

booklet

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Marks, Henry, "Sketches of the Tennessee Valley in Antebellum Days" Booklet, 1976
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Names:

Decatur, the Illegal
County

Types:

booklet

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During the next few years after Alabama became a state in 1819, several counties were hastily and sloppily created. But Old Decatur County was the only one illegally created by the legislature. Located between Madison and Jackson counties, it was established Dec. 13, 1821, and abolished Dec. 25, 1825.



The 1819 Constitution, our state's first, provided for the creation of new counties in the state. The last sentence in Article VI, Section 17 proved to be the key in regard to the Old Decatur County situation: "No county, hereafter to be formed, shall be of less extent than nine

hundred miles."

When Old Decatur finally was surveyed, after having existed for several years, it simply was not large enough to meet this constitutional requirement and the county had to be abolished by the legislature.

The fault lay with the legislature, for the establishment act set out the county's boundaries: "That all the tract of county lying west of Jackson County, south of the Tennessee State line, east of Madison County and north of the Tennessee River shall constitute a separate and distinct county." This created a pear-shaped county varying in width from three to 25 miles and about 40 miles long. The widest point lay on the Tennessee River and the narrowest bordered on the state of Tennessee.

But the establishment act was even more precise. The boundaries were specifically described:

"Beginning at the mouth of Sauta Creek; thence up said creek to where Winchester road crosses said Sauta Creek; thence to Jesse Thompson's; thence to Caswell Bibey's; thence from said Bibey's to the top of the mountains; thence to the leading point of the mountain between the

mouth of Lick Fork and the mouth of Larkin's Fork of Paint Rock River; thence to the top of the mountain; thence a northwest course to the Tennessee state line."

Unfortunately, the creation of Old Decatur was more than just an Alabama historical quirk. All the steps in the process of creating a county government were provided for by the legislature and a number of people were adversely affected later when the county was abolished.

Eight men had been chosen by the legislature to select the site for the county seat, and to erect a courthouse and jail. Election of a sheriff and a clerk of the circuit court was to be held on the second Monday in February, 1822. For some reason, the election was held the preceding Monday, but the legislature later validated this election — all for nought, as later events were to prove.

Woodville, the oldest town in the Decatur and Jackson County area besides the Indian settlements, was chosen as the county seat. It is now referred to as Old Woodville, and was located about a mile east of today's Woodville.

Old Woodville prospered as the county seat. Besides the county structures erected there, several stores and an inn were built.

An inn certainly was needed, considering the official business conducted there. For one thing, the legislature had given the county criminal jurisdiction over "all that tract of county which lies west of Willstown Valley east of the road leading from Ditto's Landing to the town of Blountsville." This was a very large area, for today it includes all Marshall County, and parts of Blount, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson and Madison counties.

All this far-flung prosperity of course was dashed when the county was surveyed and found not to meet constitutional requirements. The county had to be abolished, and it was divided between Jackson and Madison counties. Those involved did not find the situation amusing, financially or otherwise.

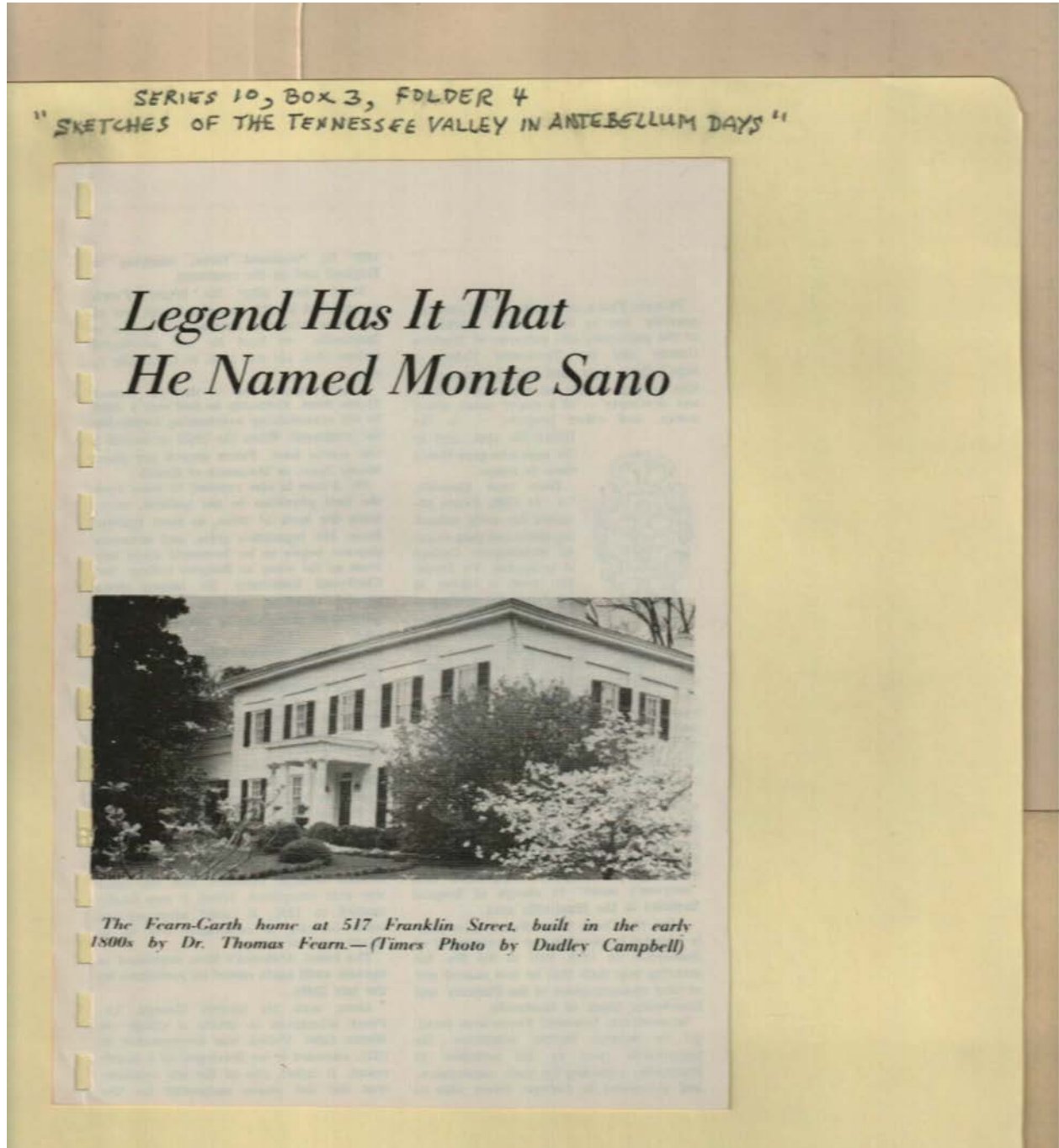
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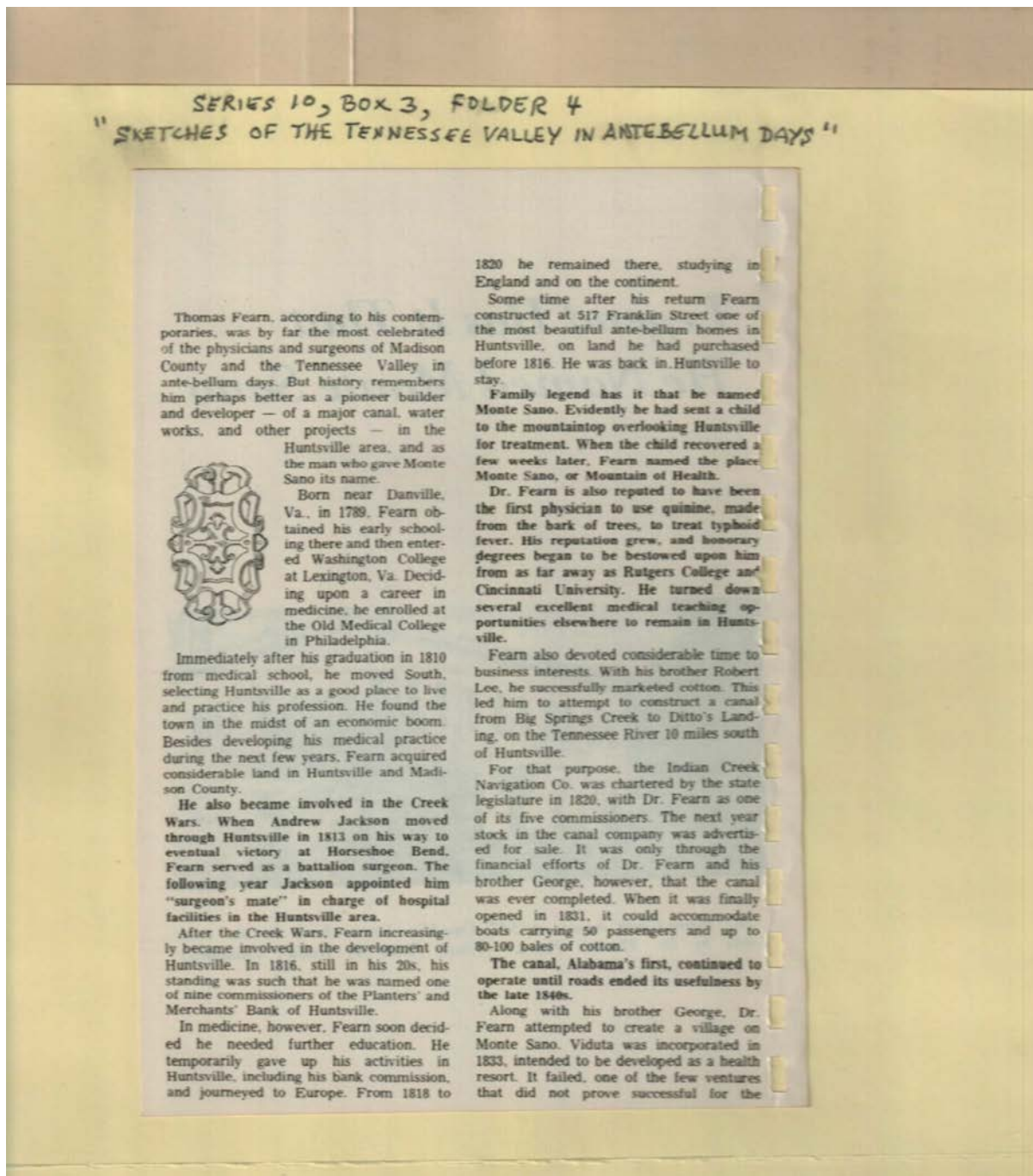
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He Named Monte
Sano

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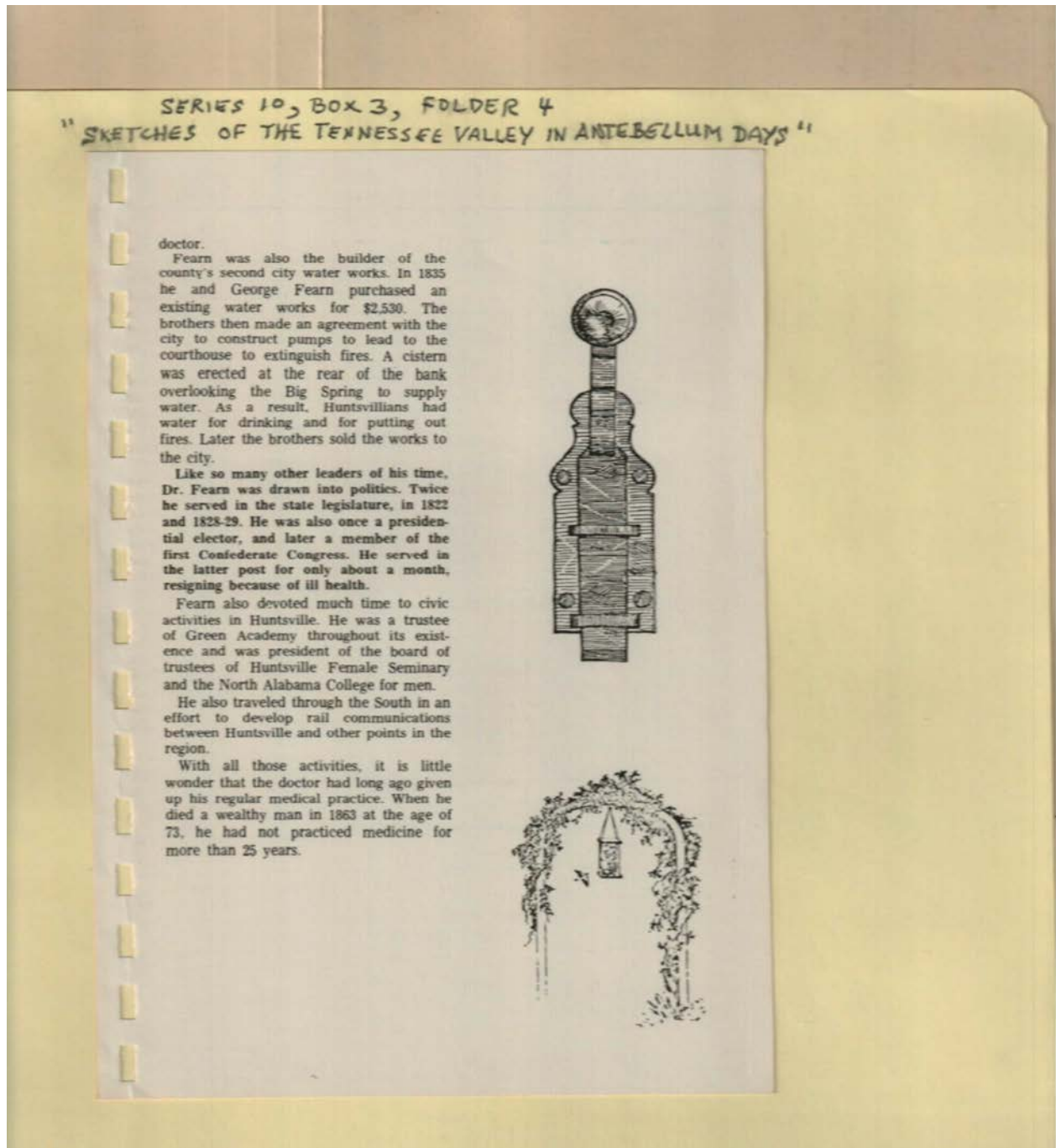
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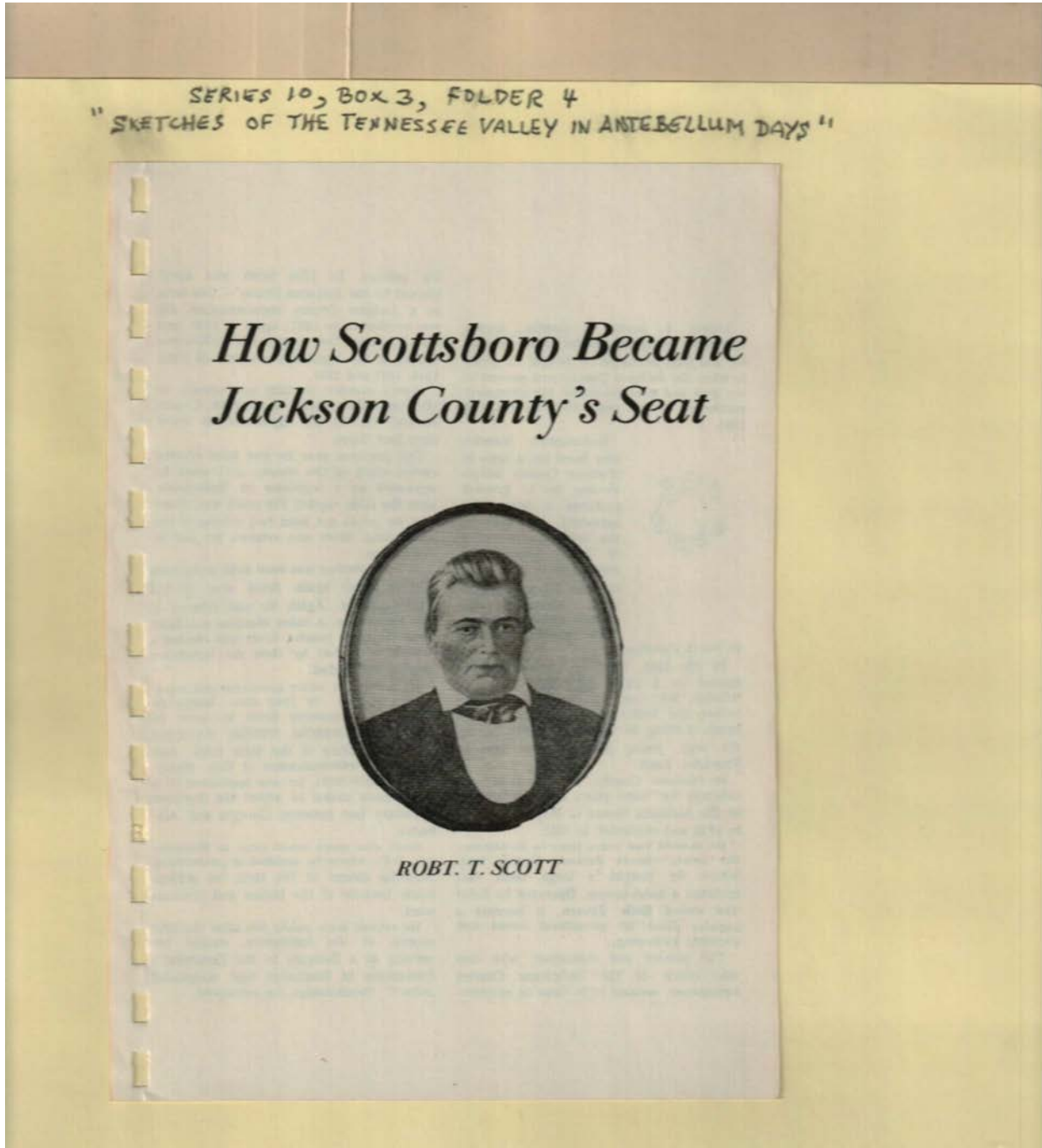
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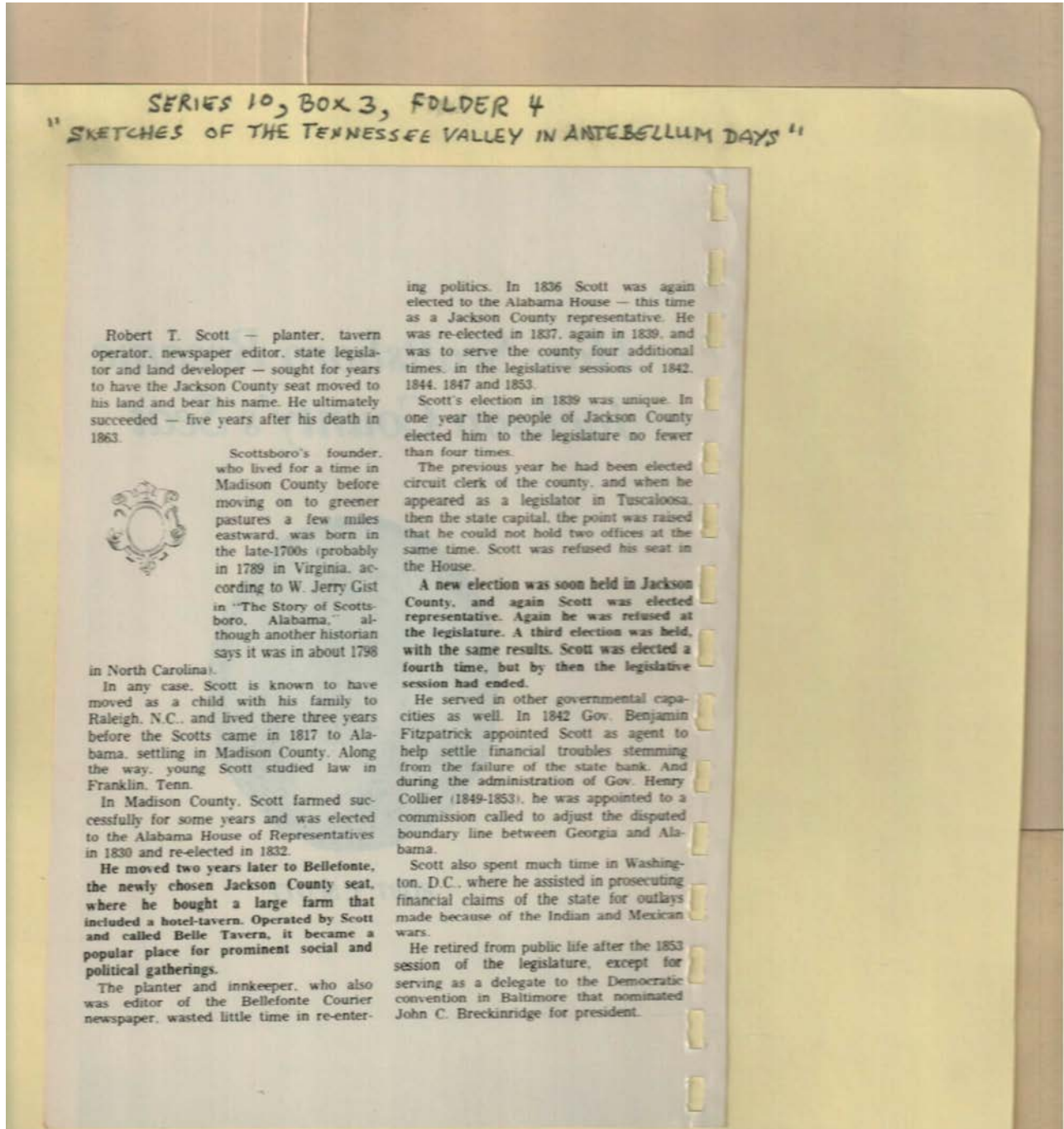
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Seat

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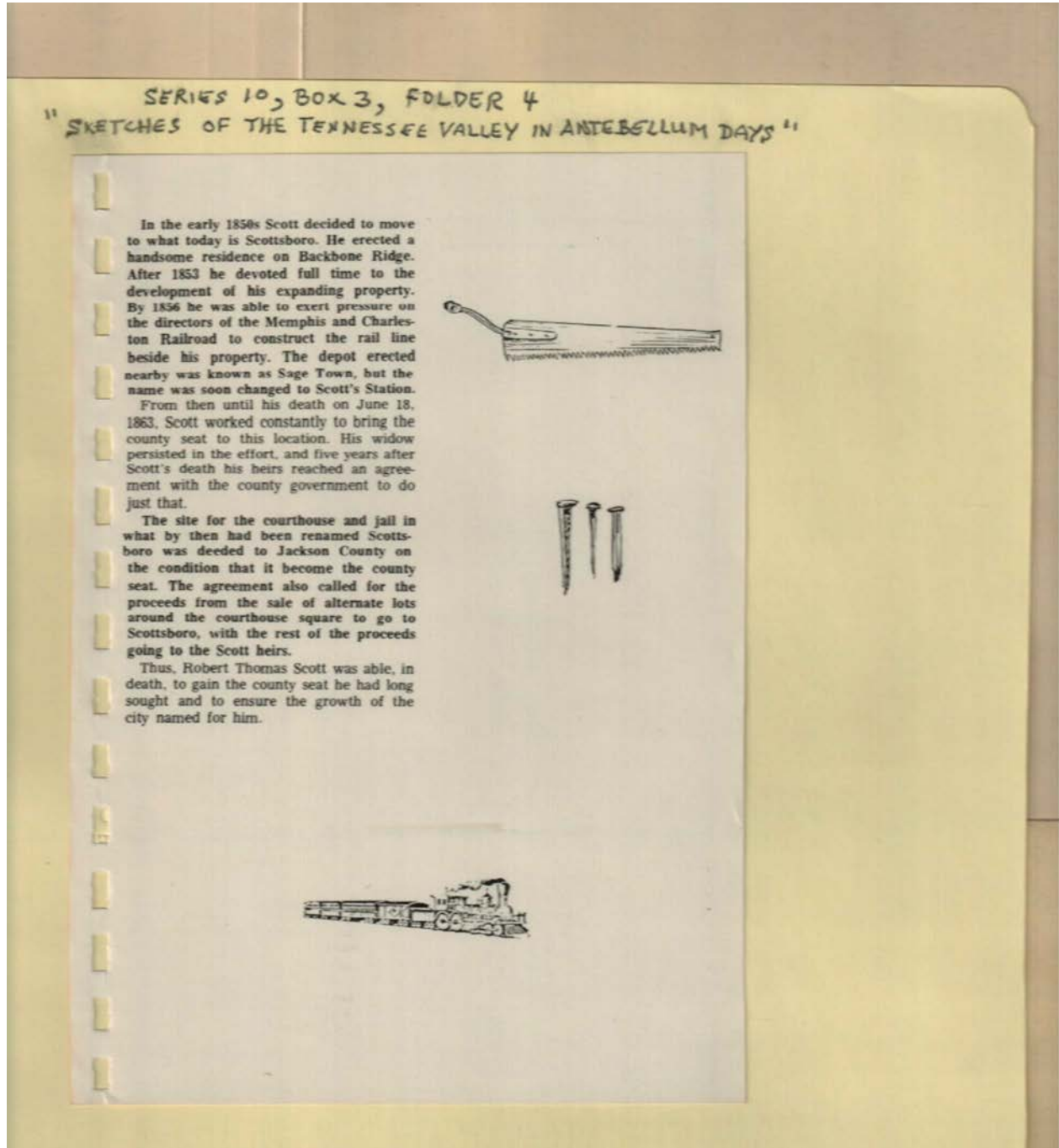
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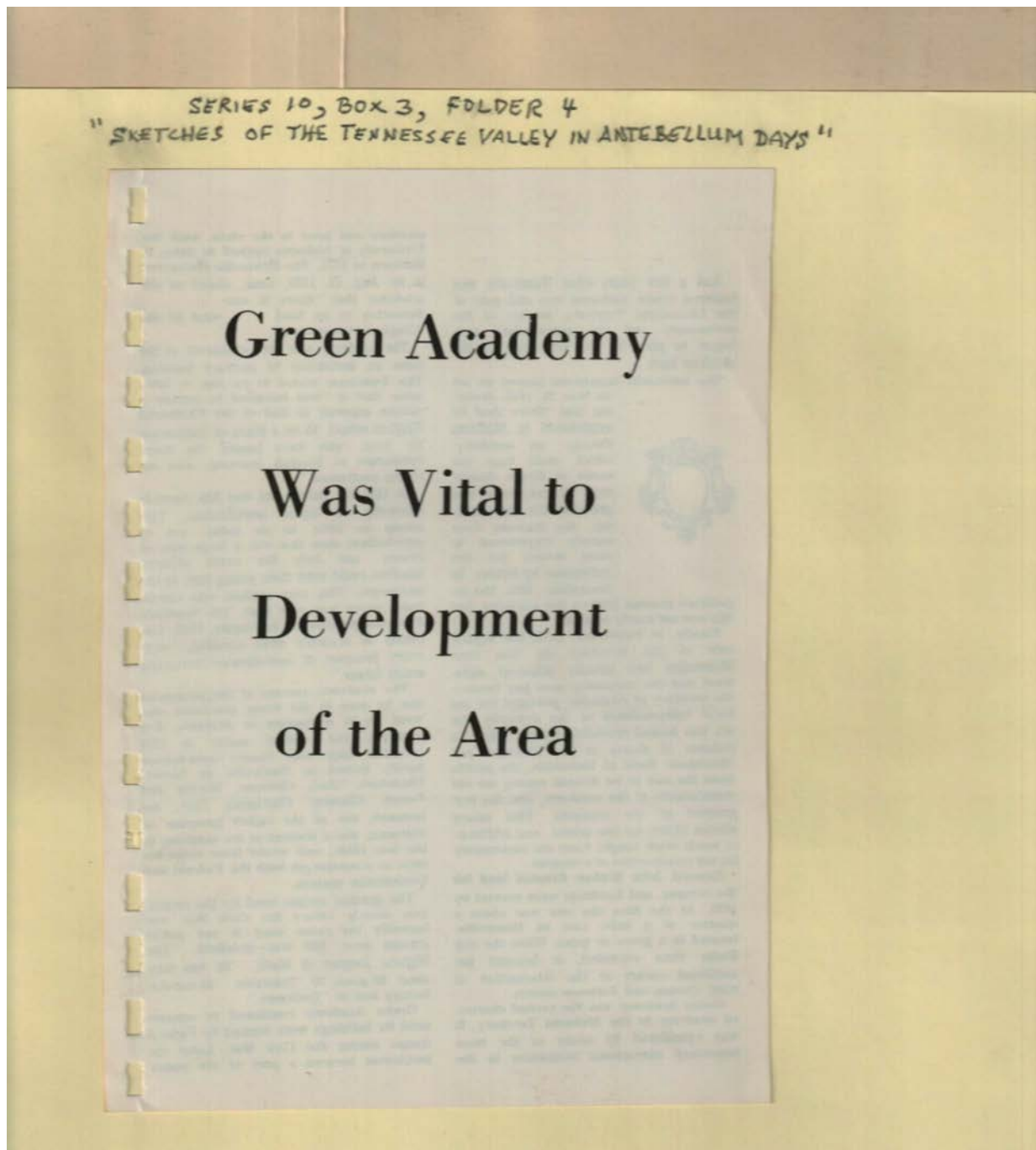
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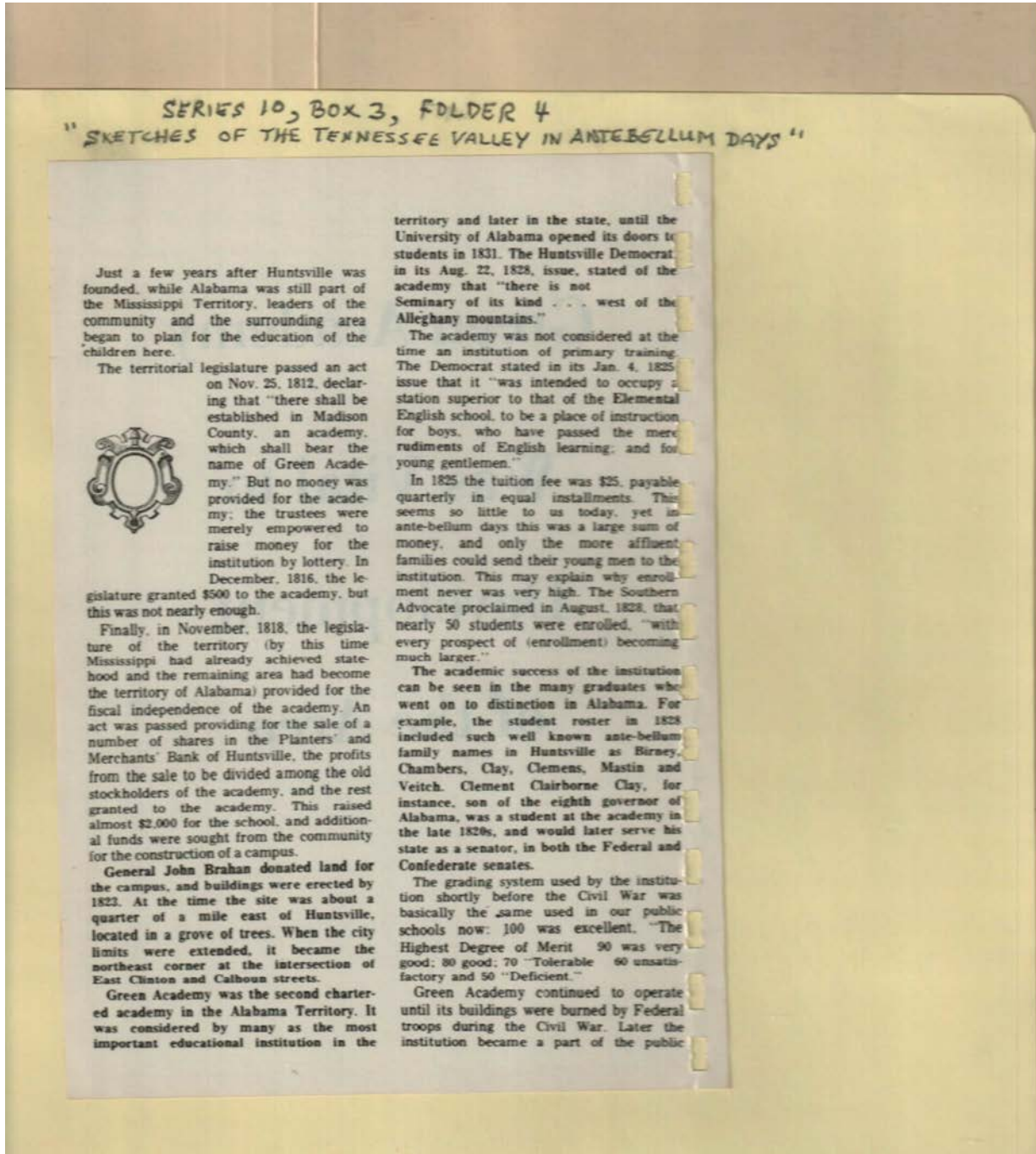
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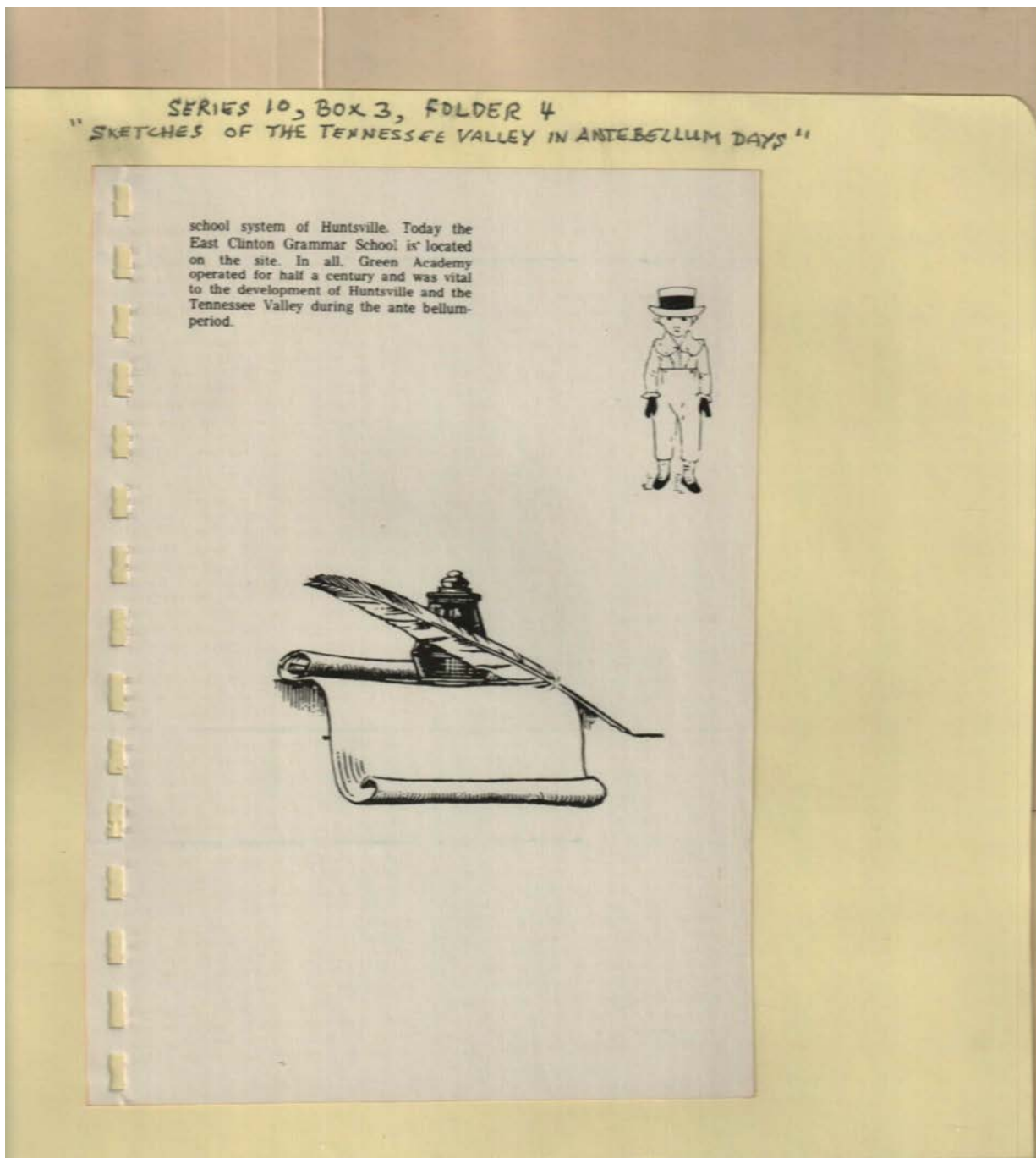
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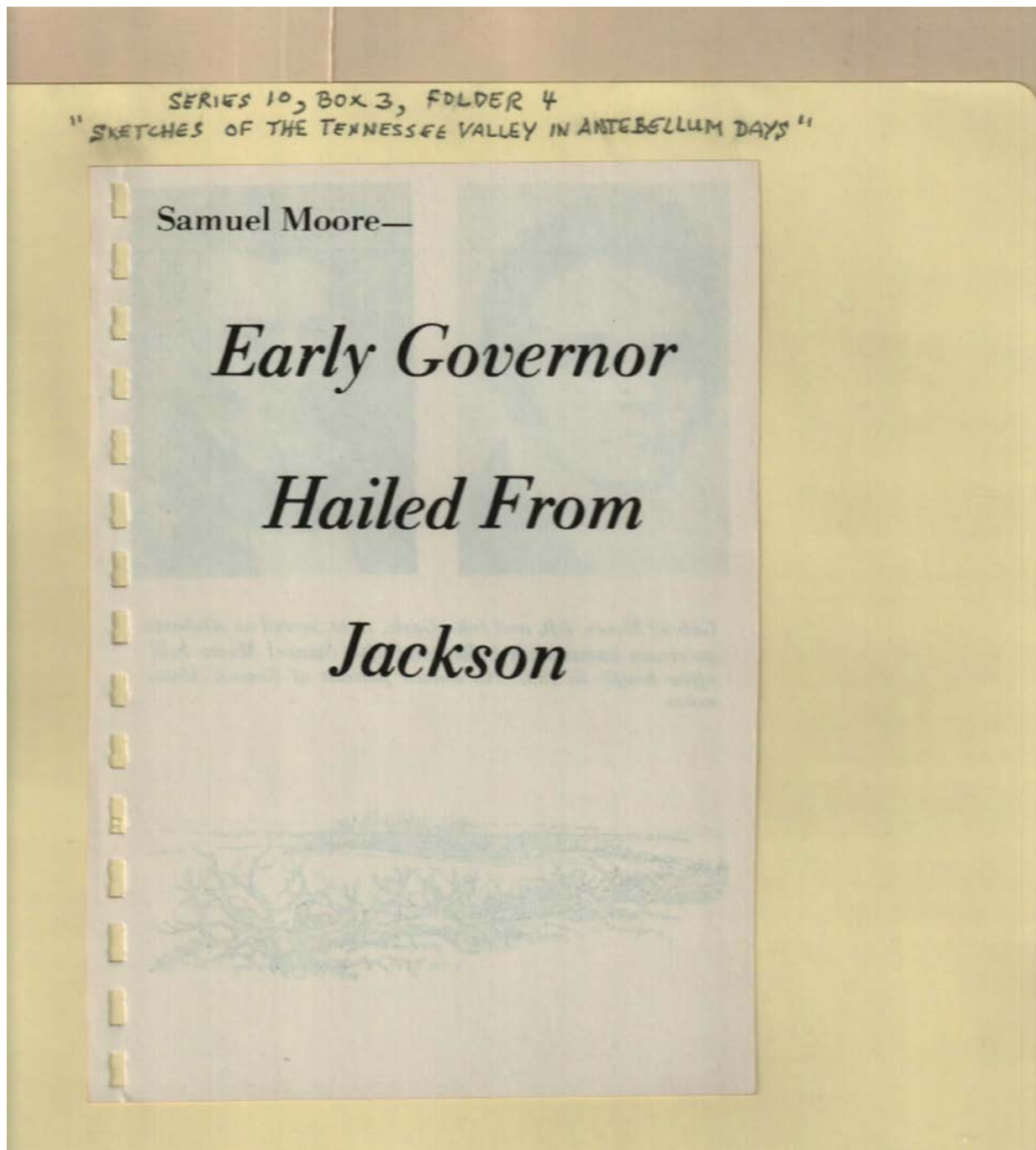
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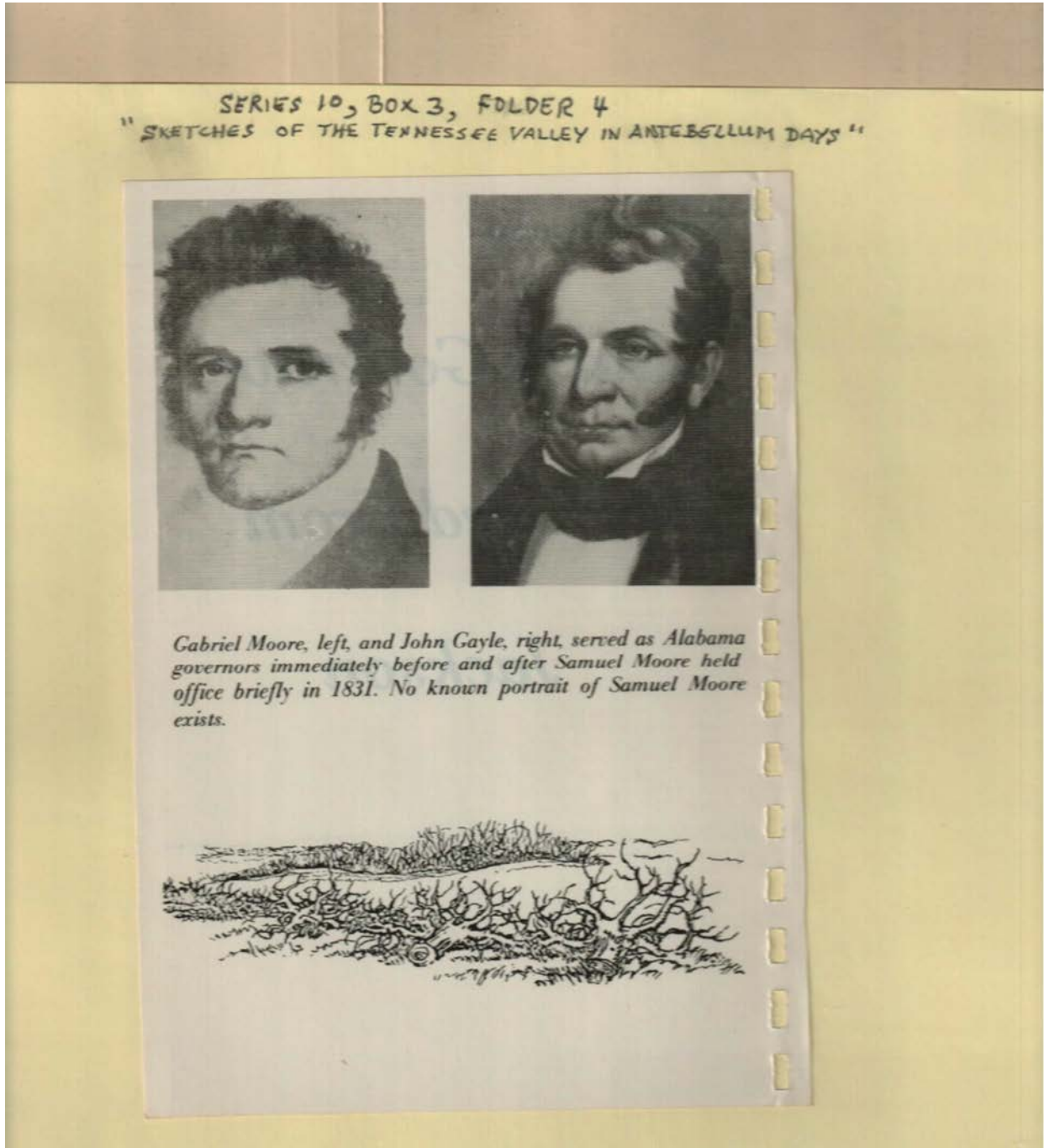
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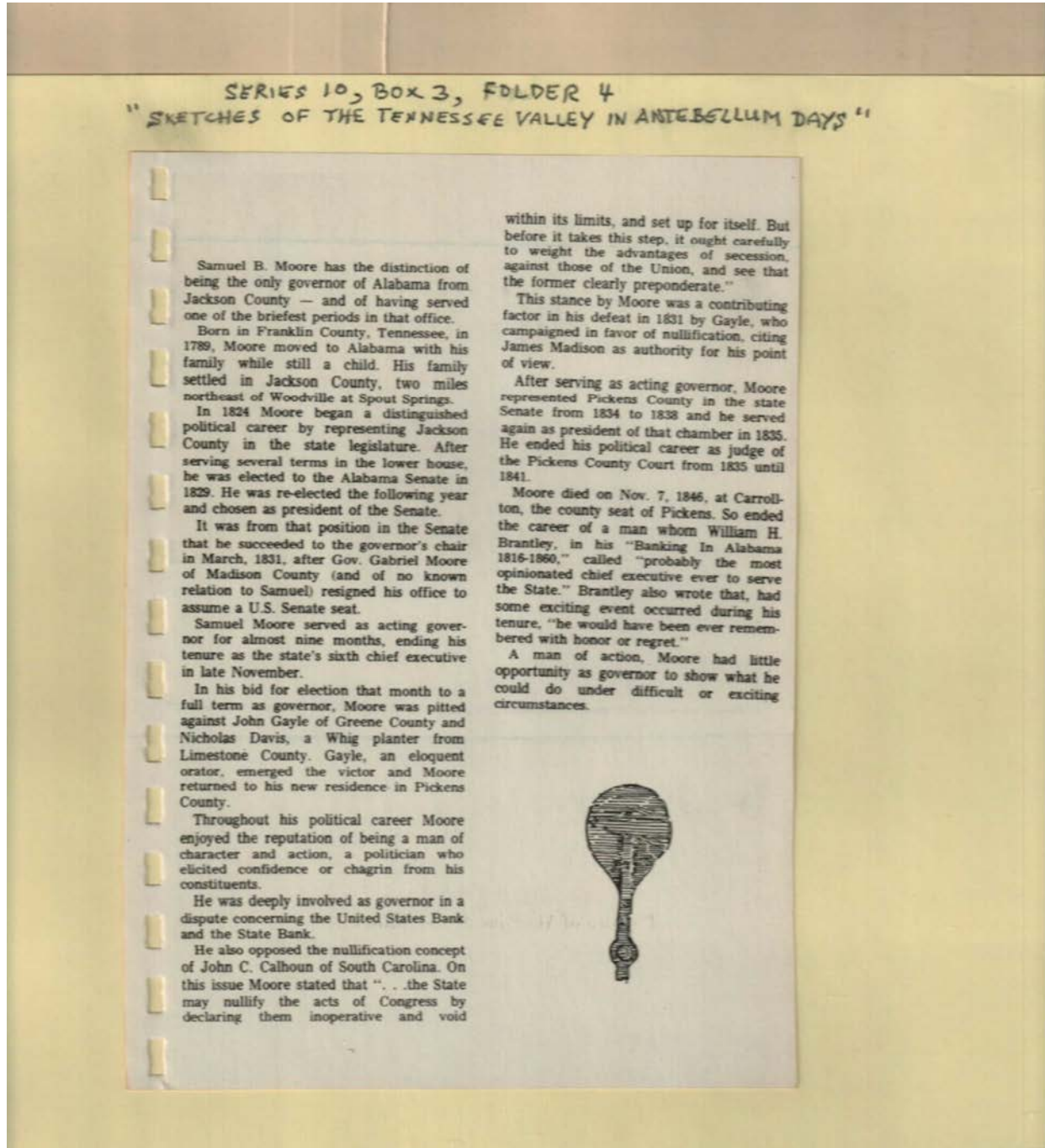
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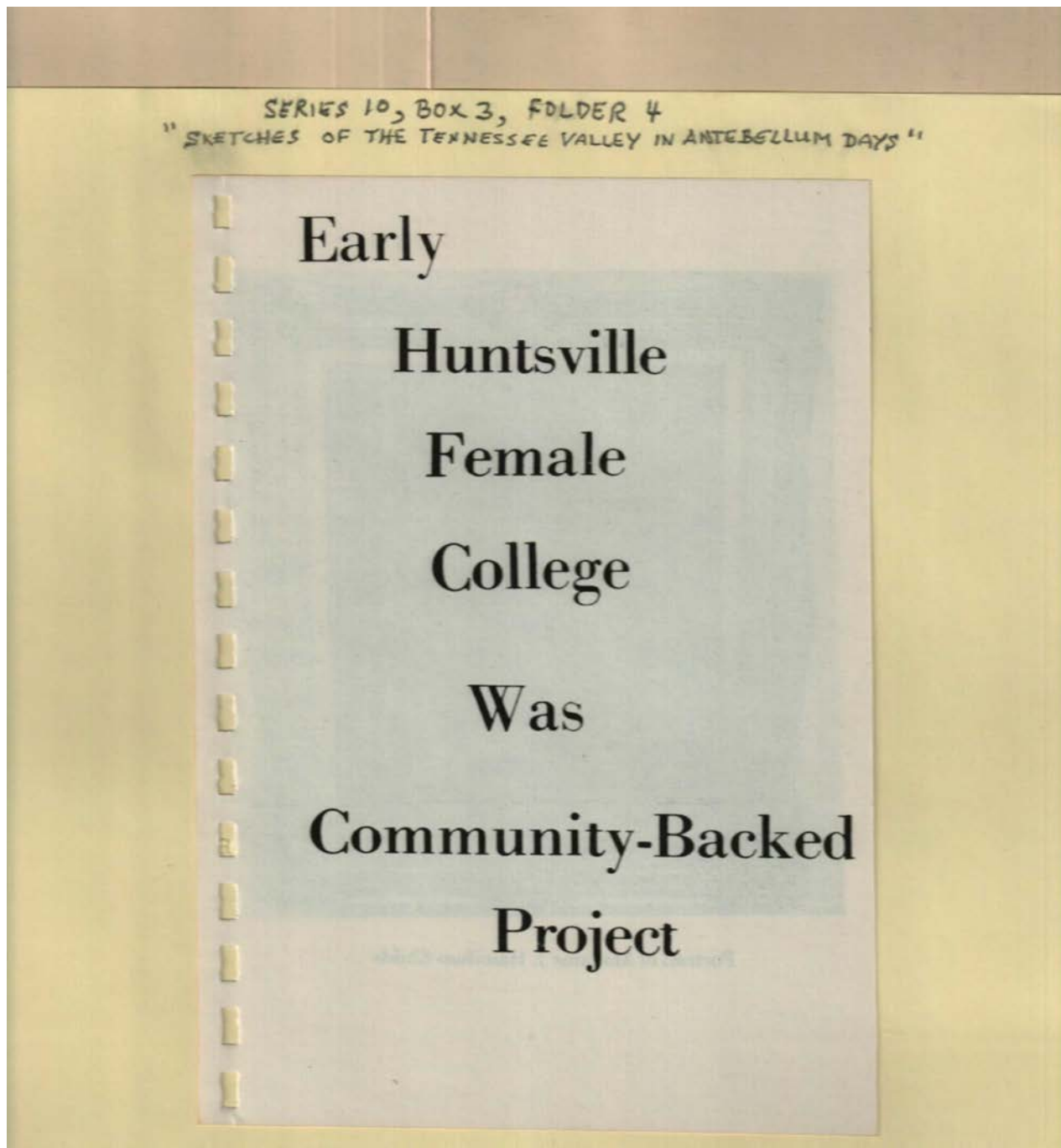
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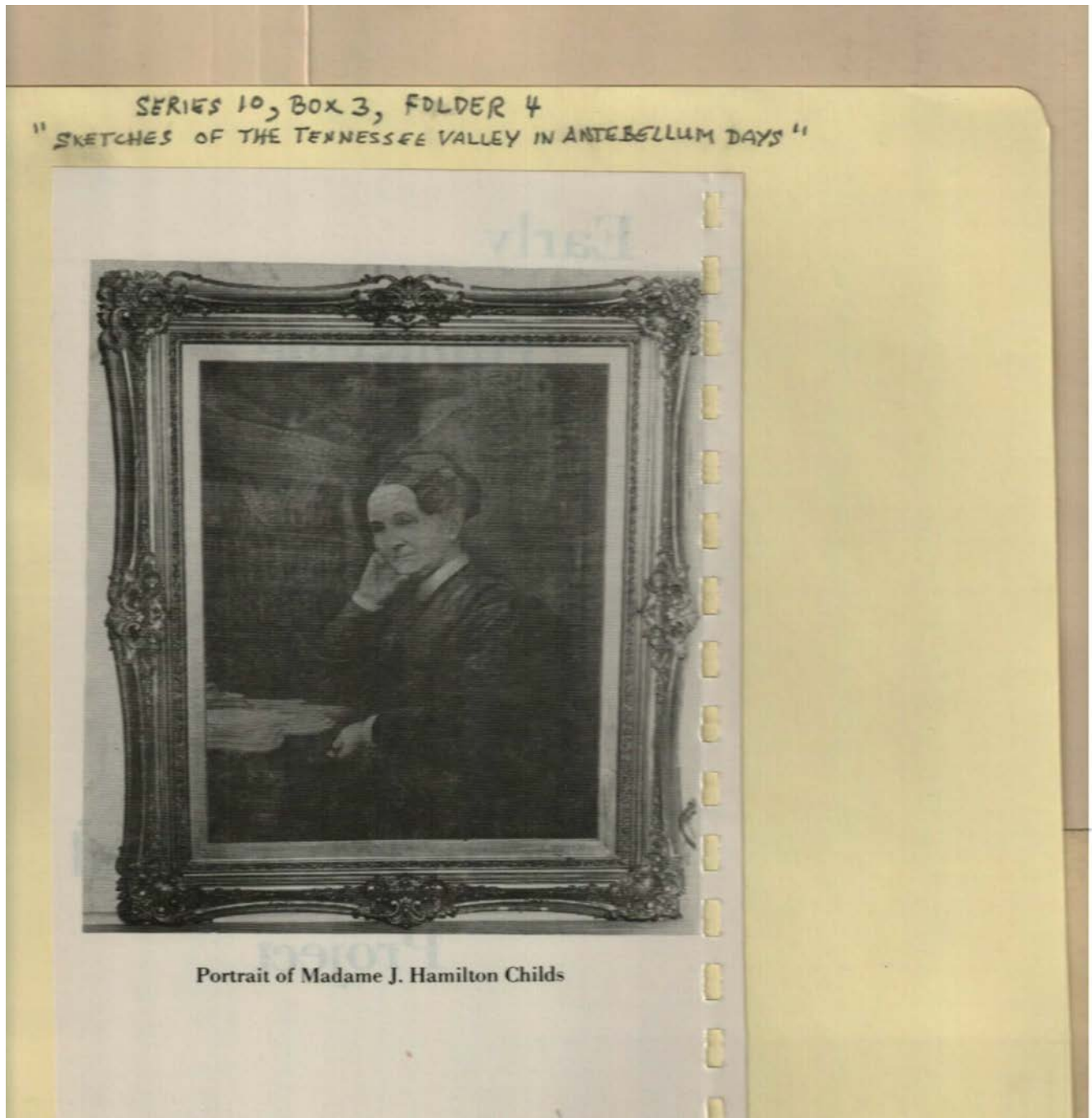
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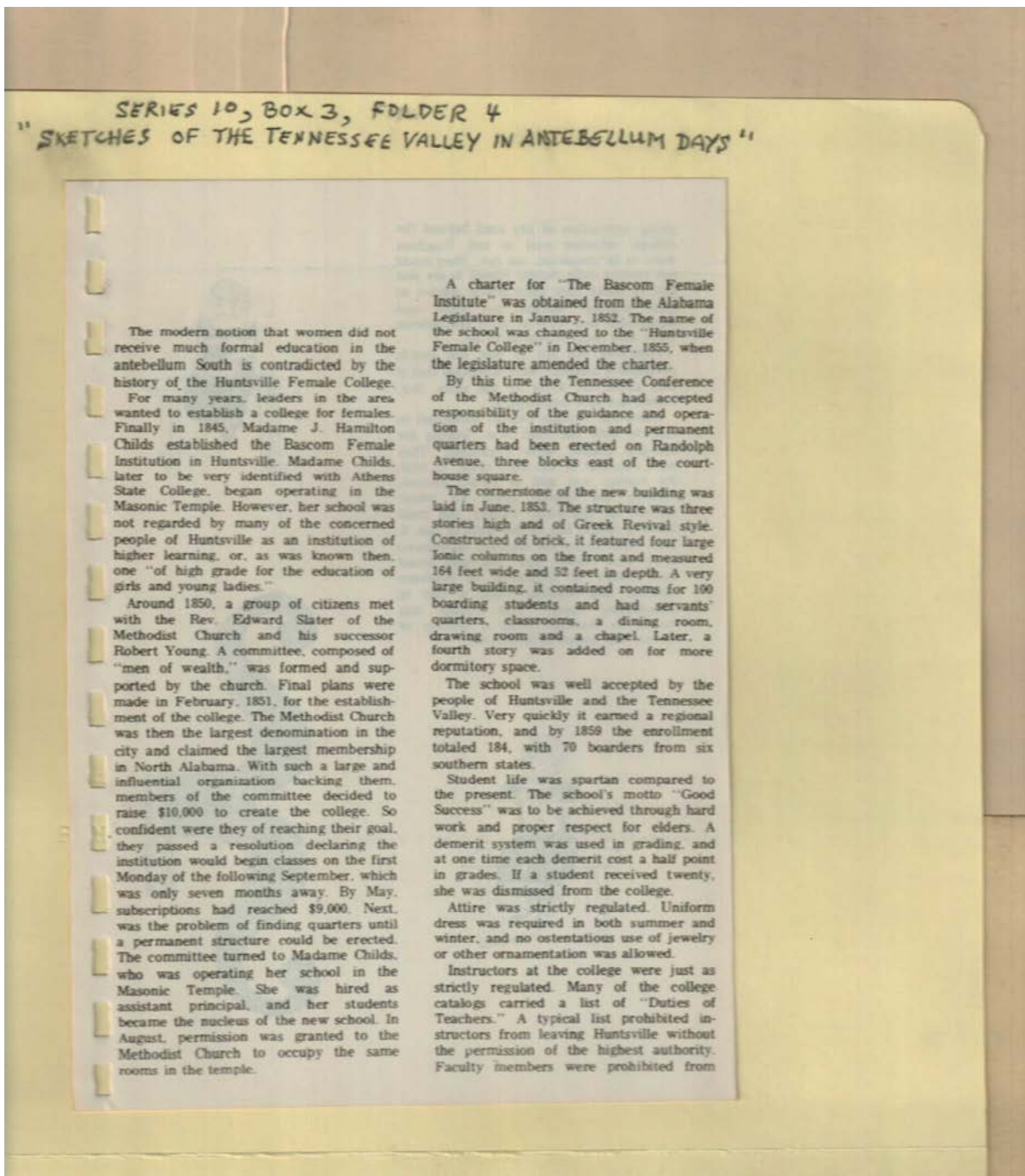


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Madame

Types:

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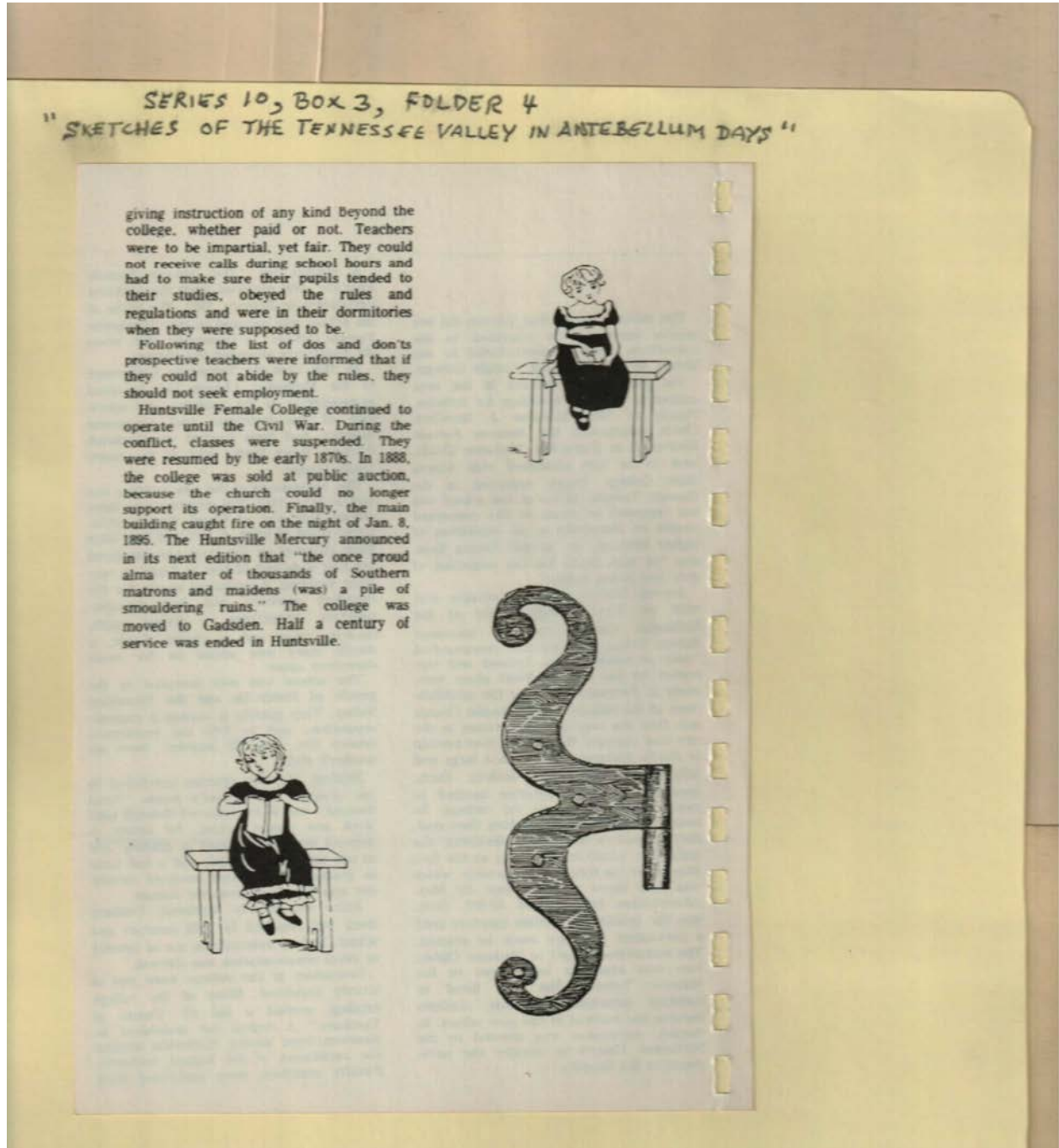
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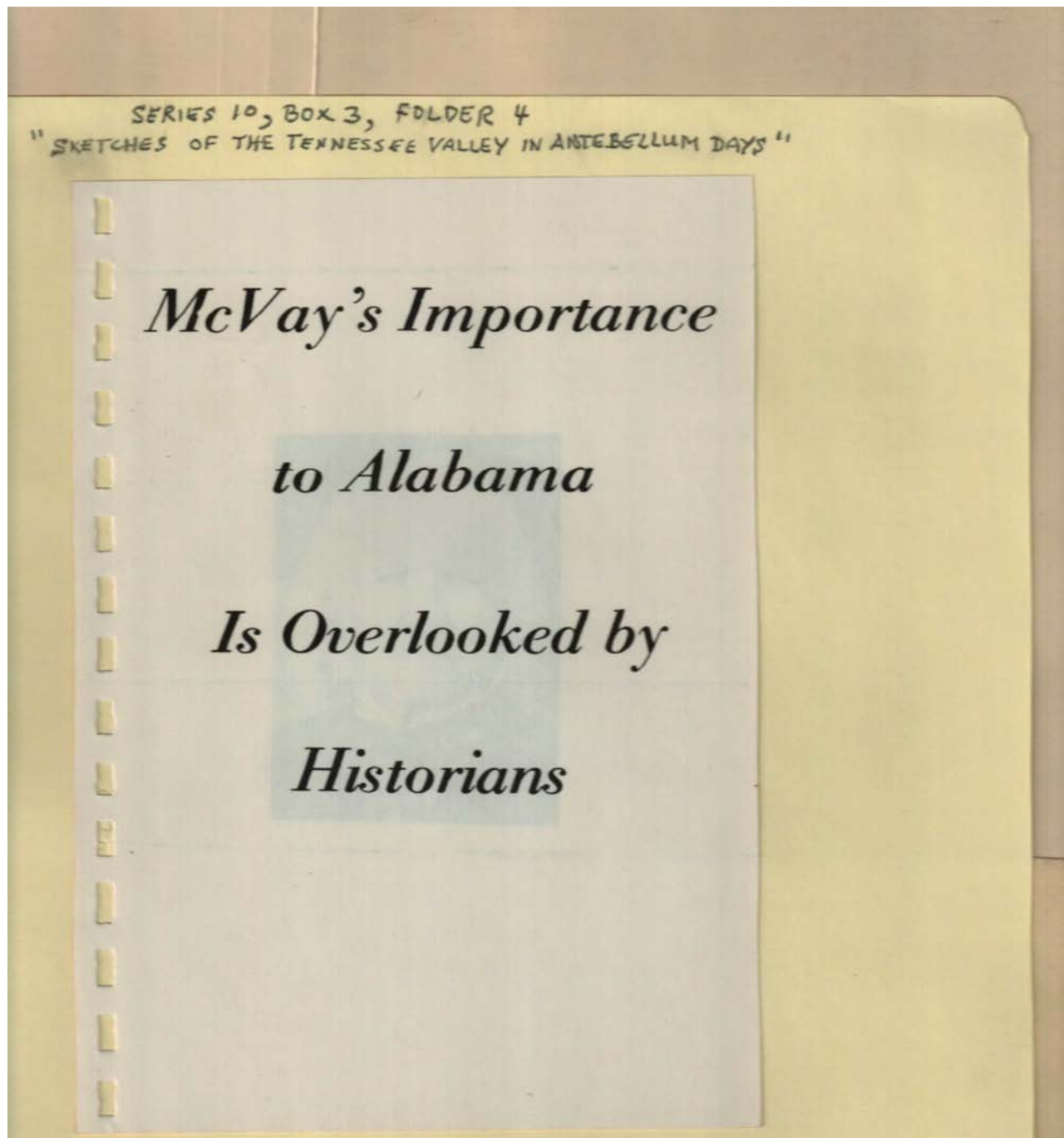
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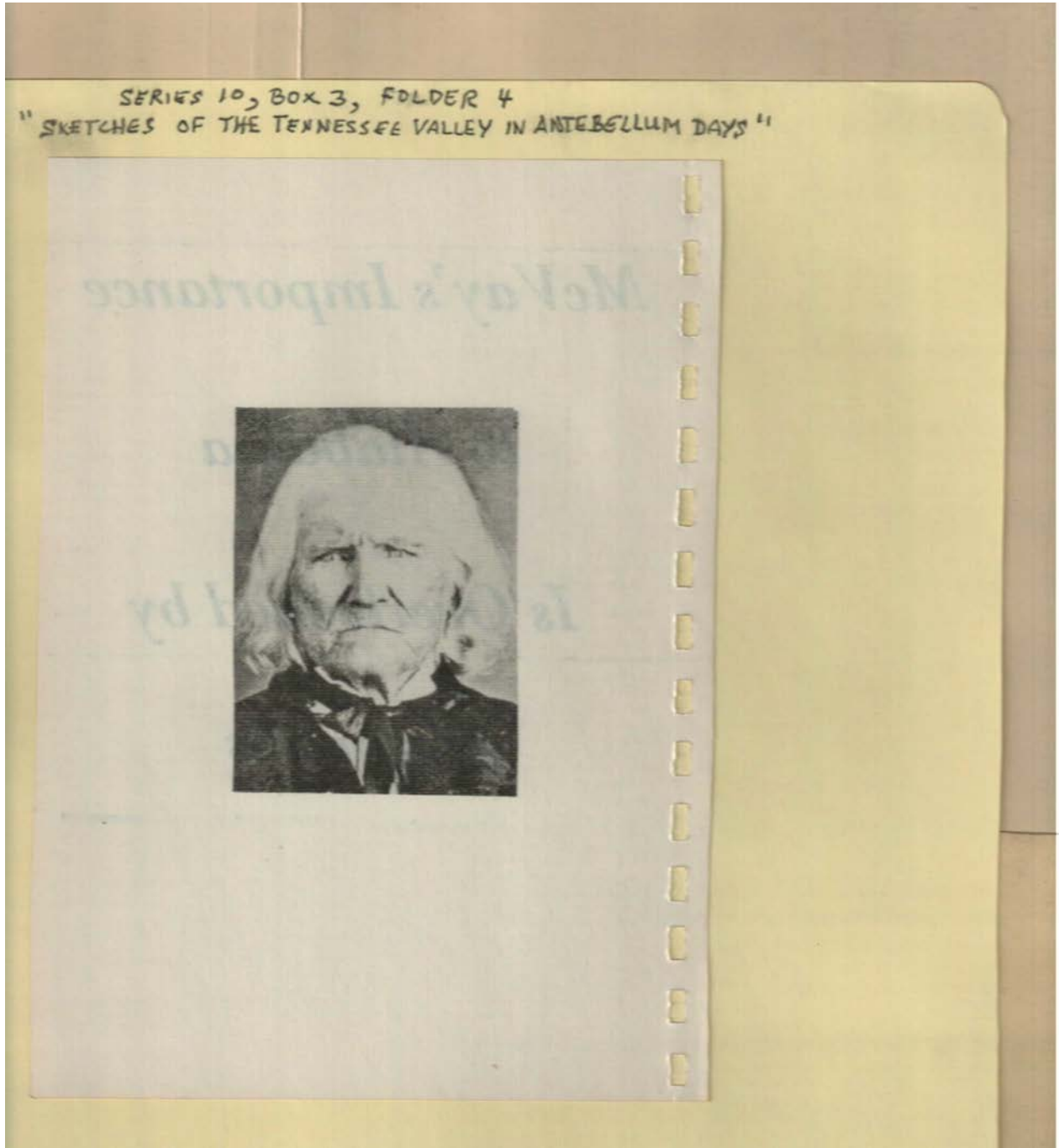
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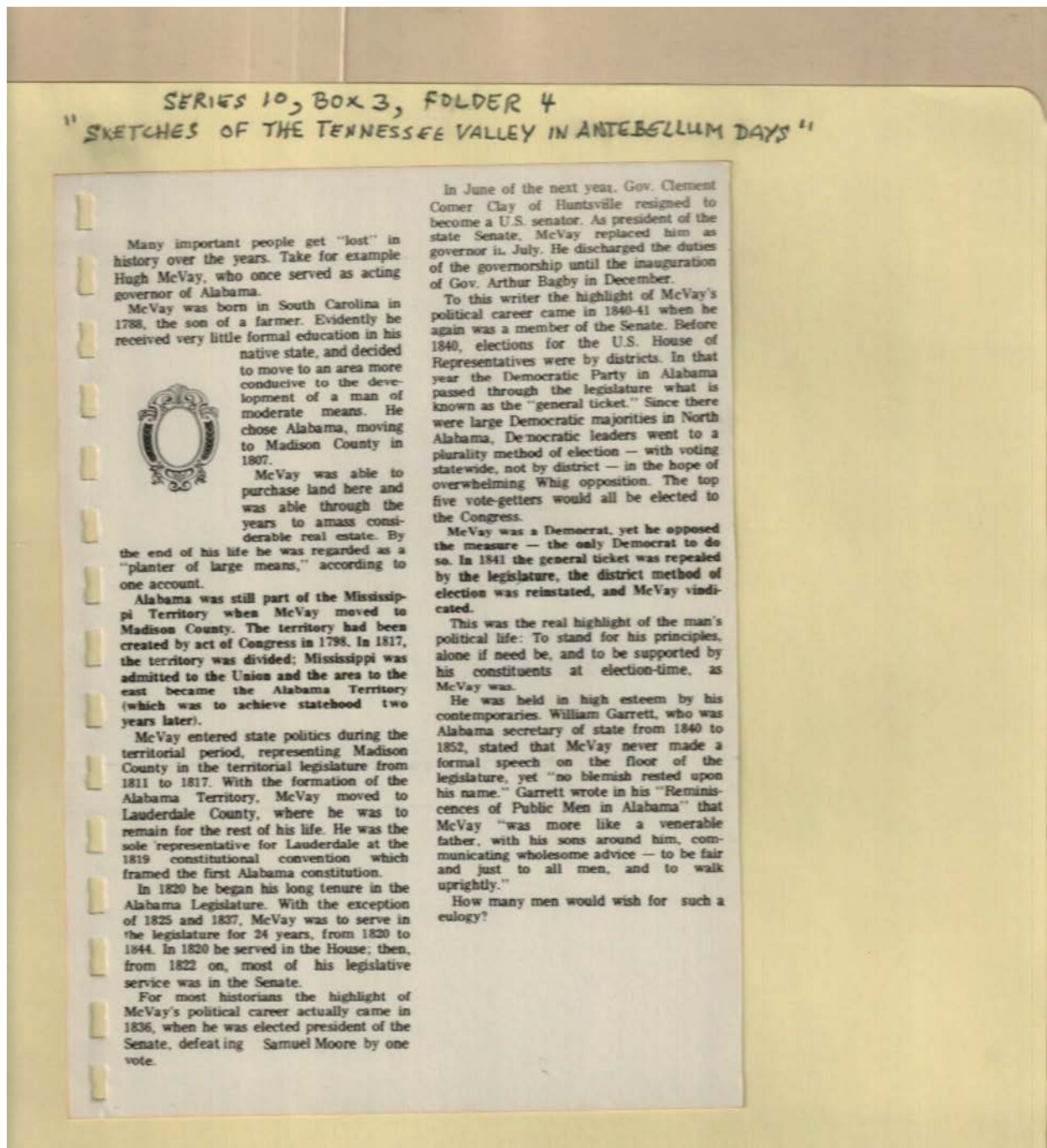
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Types:
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Governor

Clay, Clement Comer,
Governor

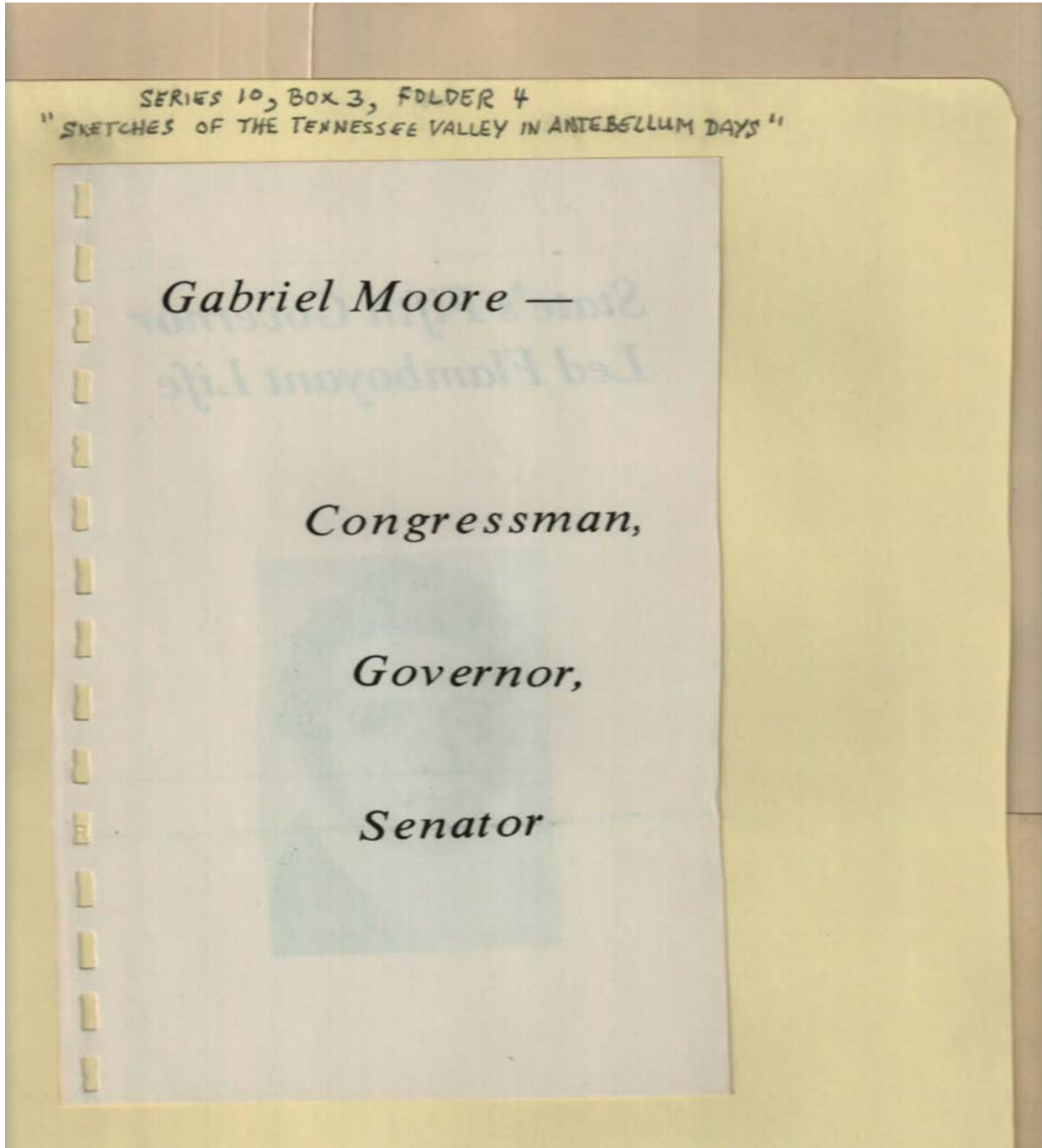
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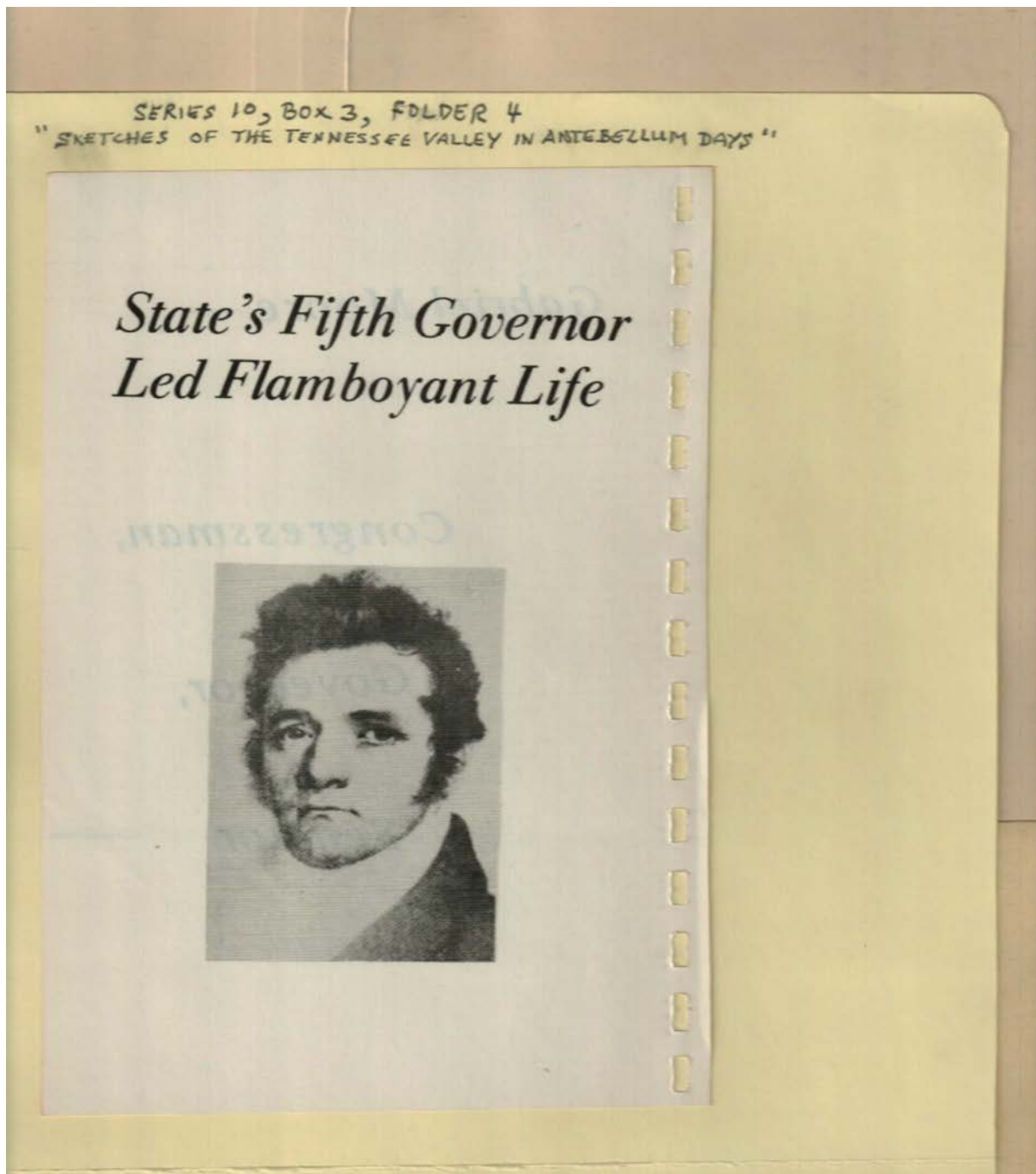
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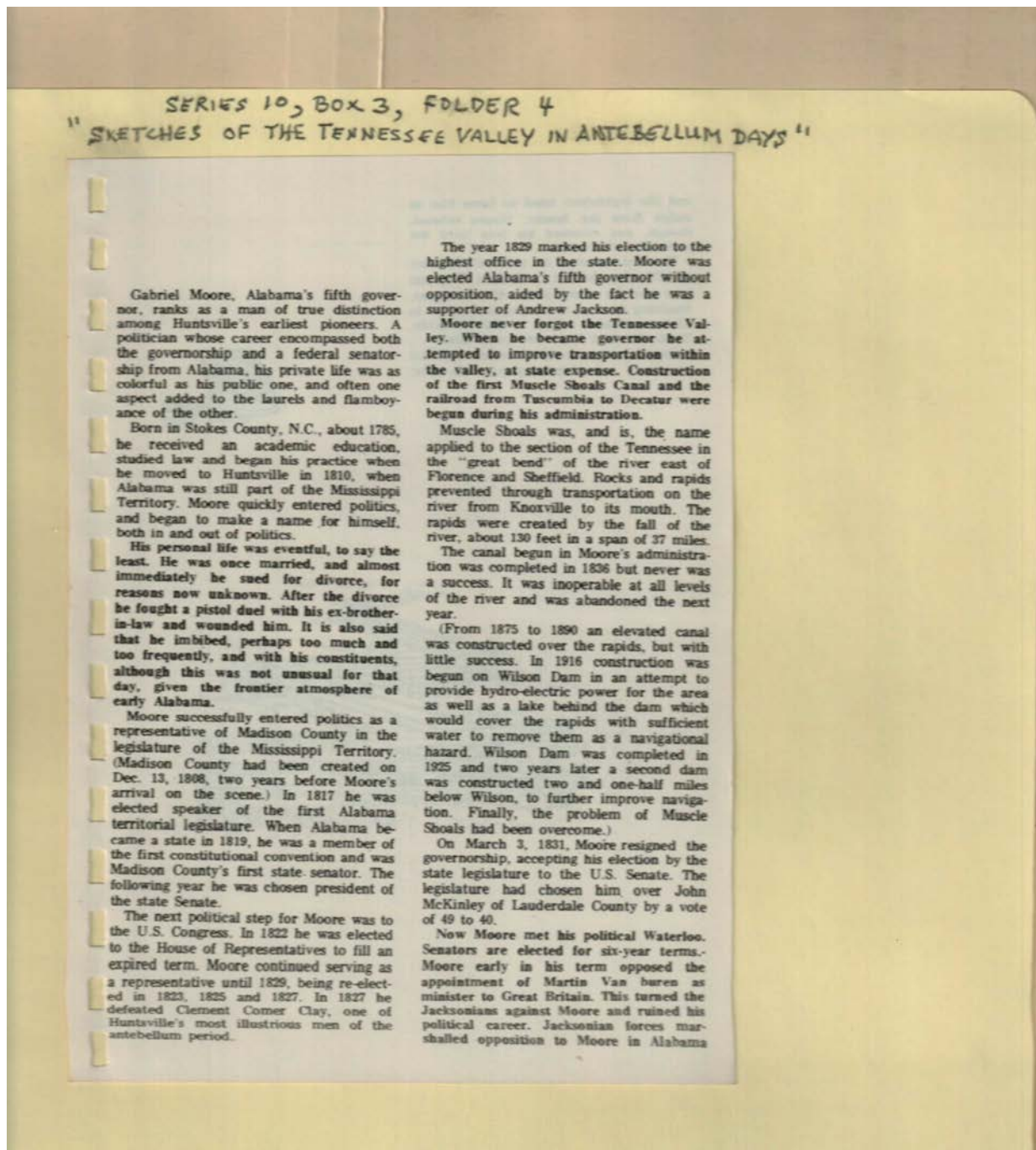


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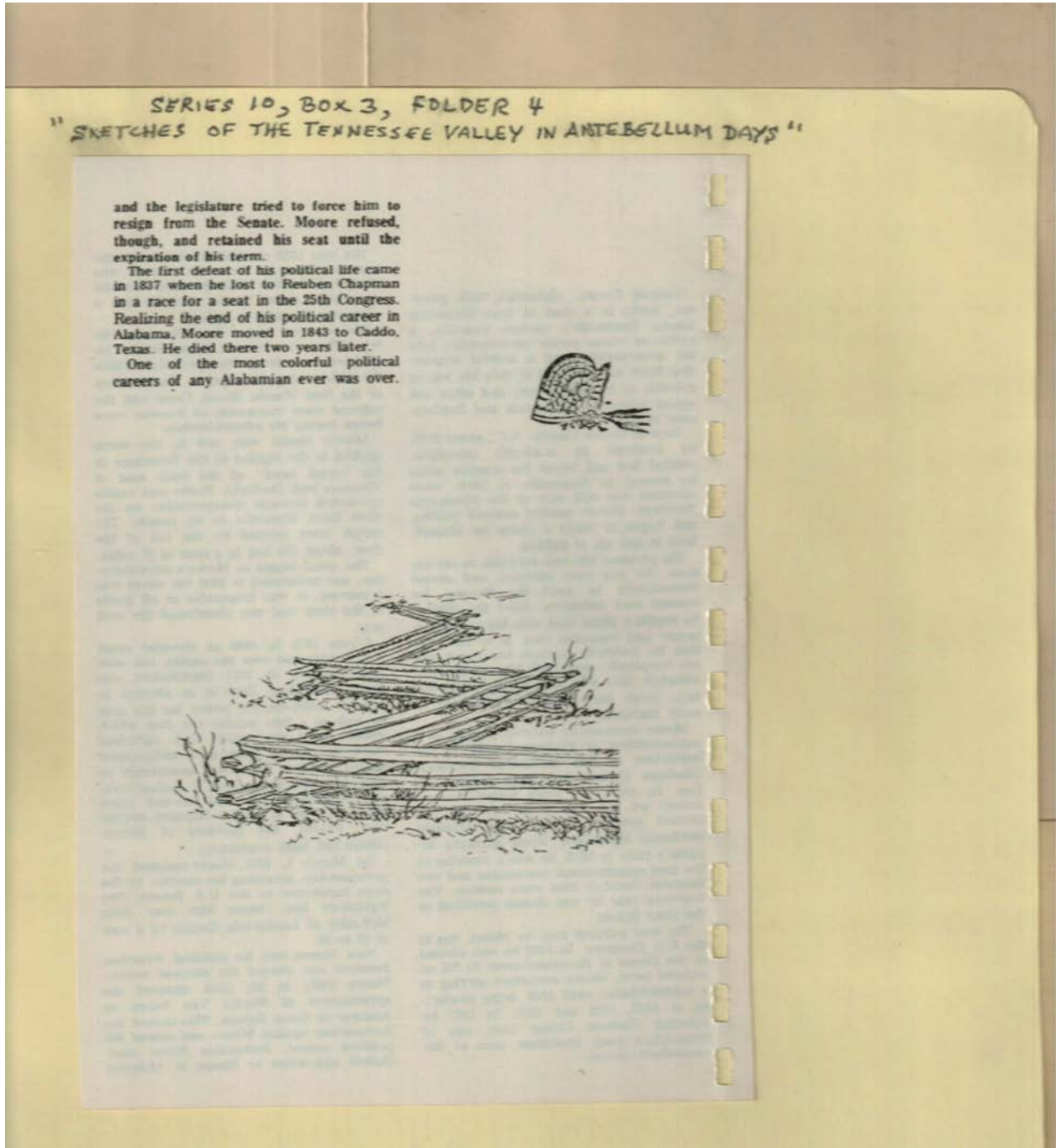
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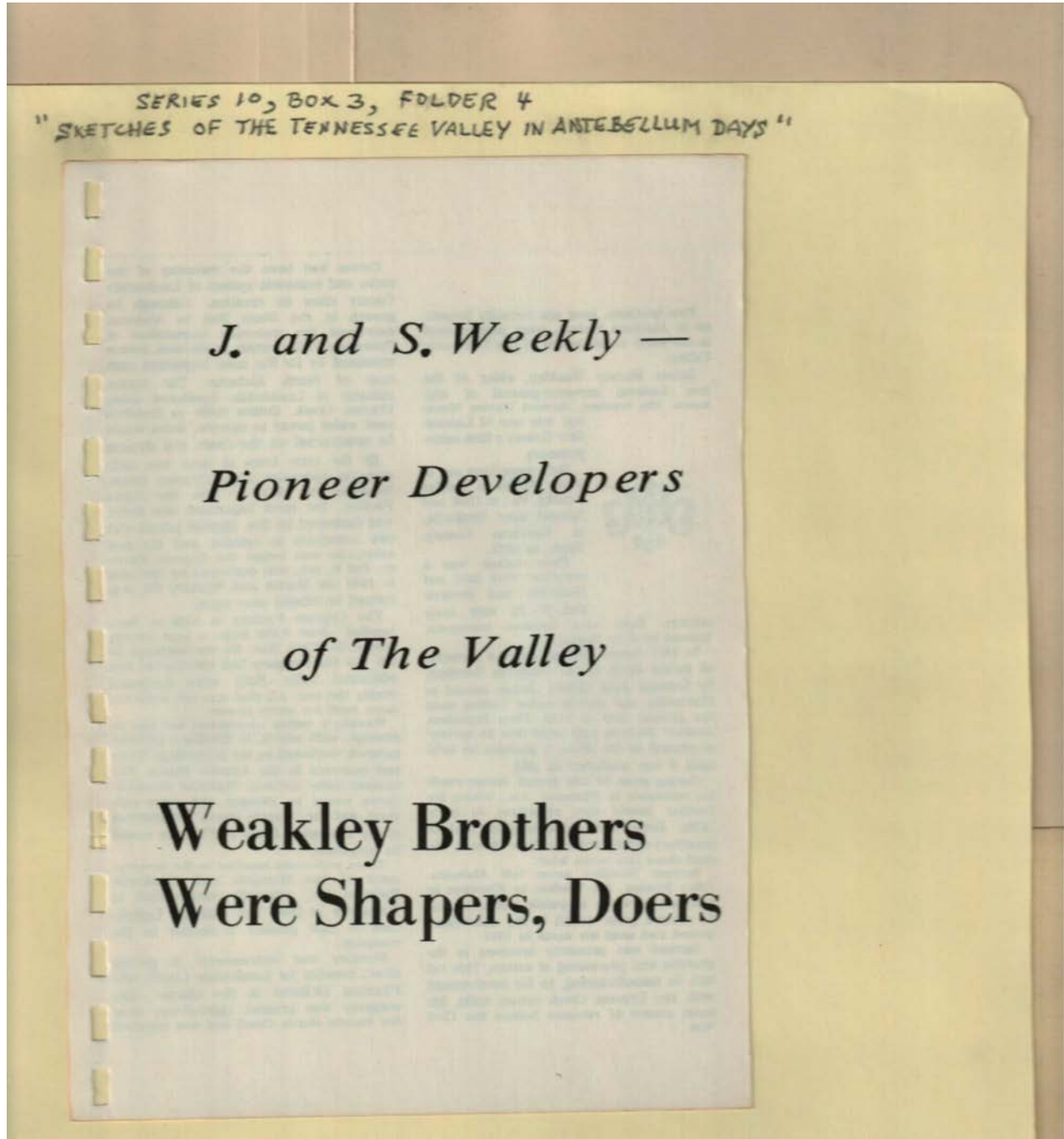
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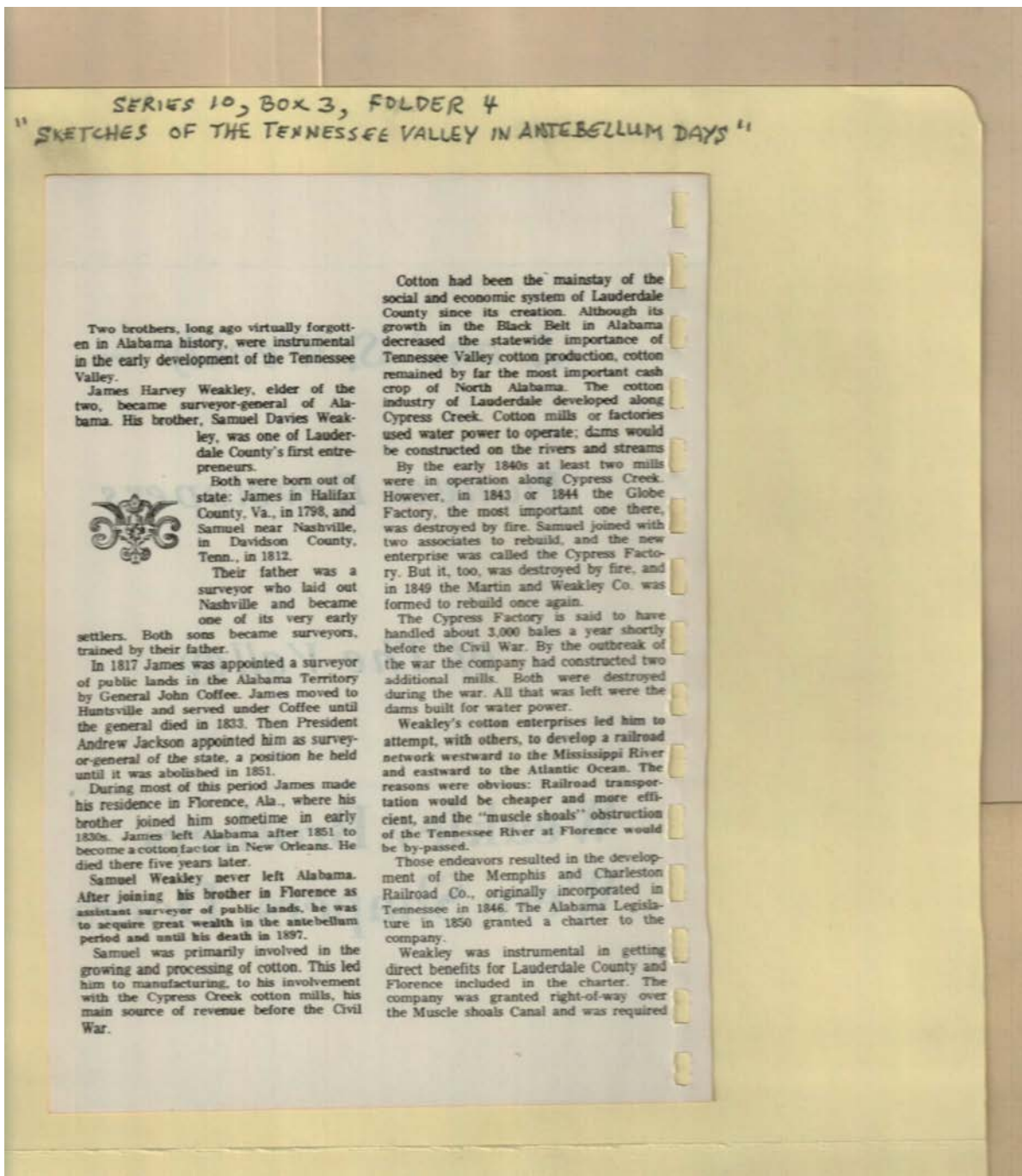
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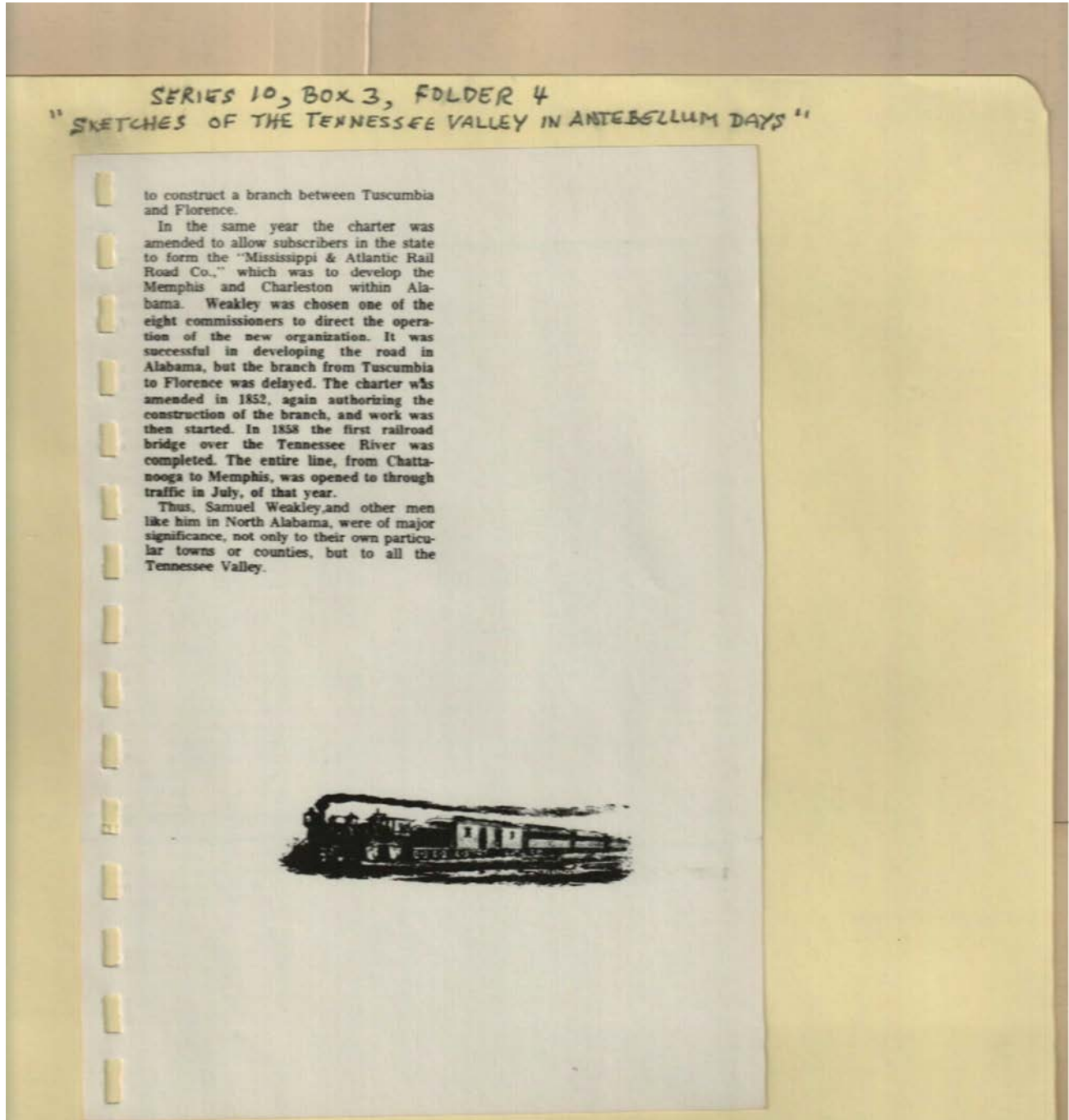
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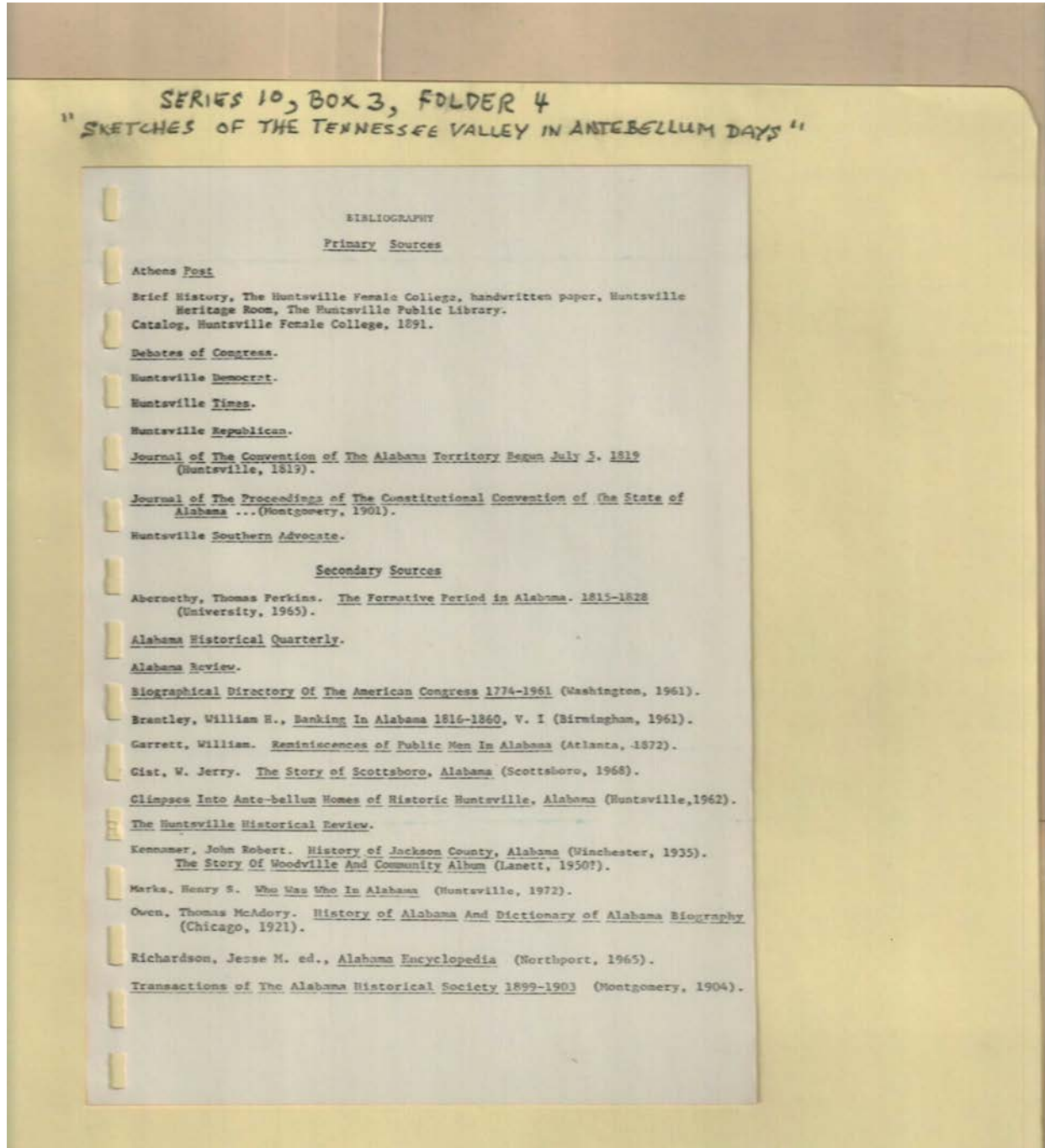
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