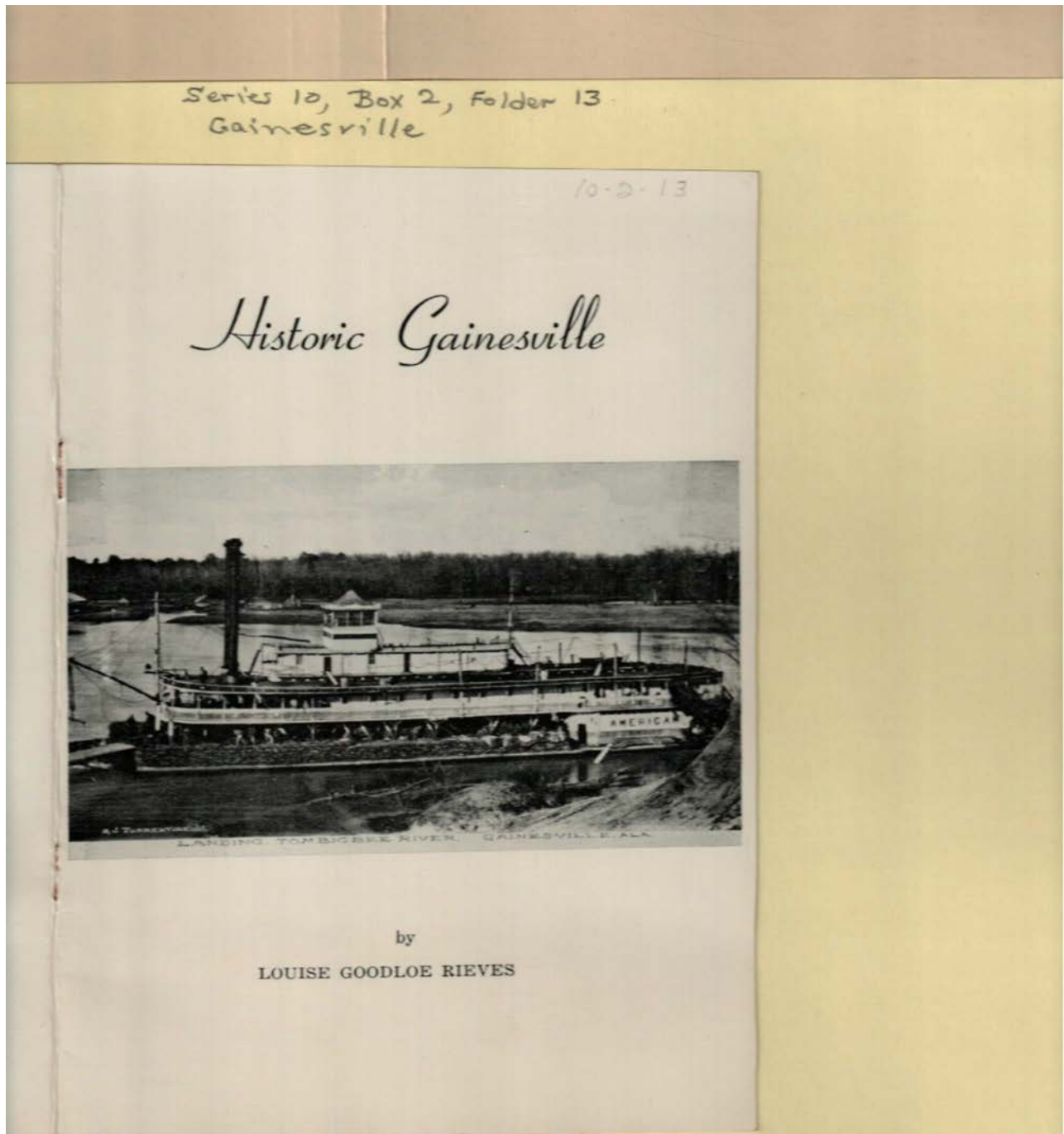


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Goodloe

Historic Gainesville

**Places:**

Gainesville, AL

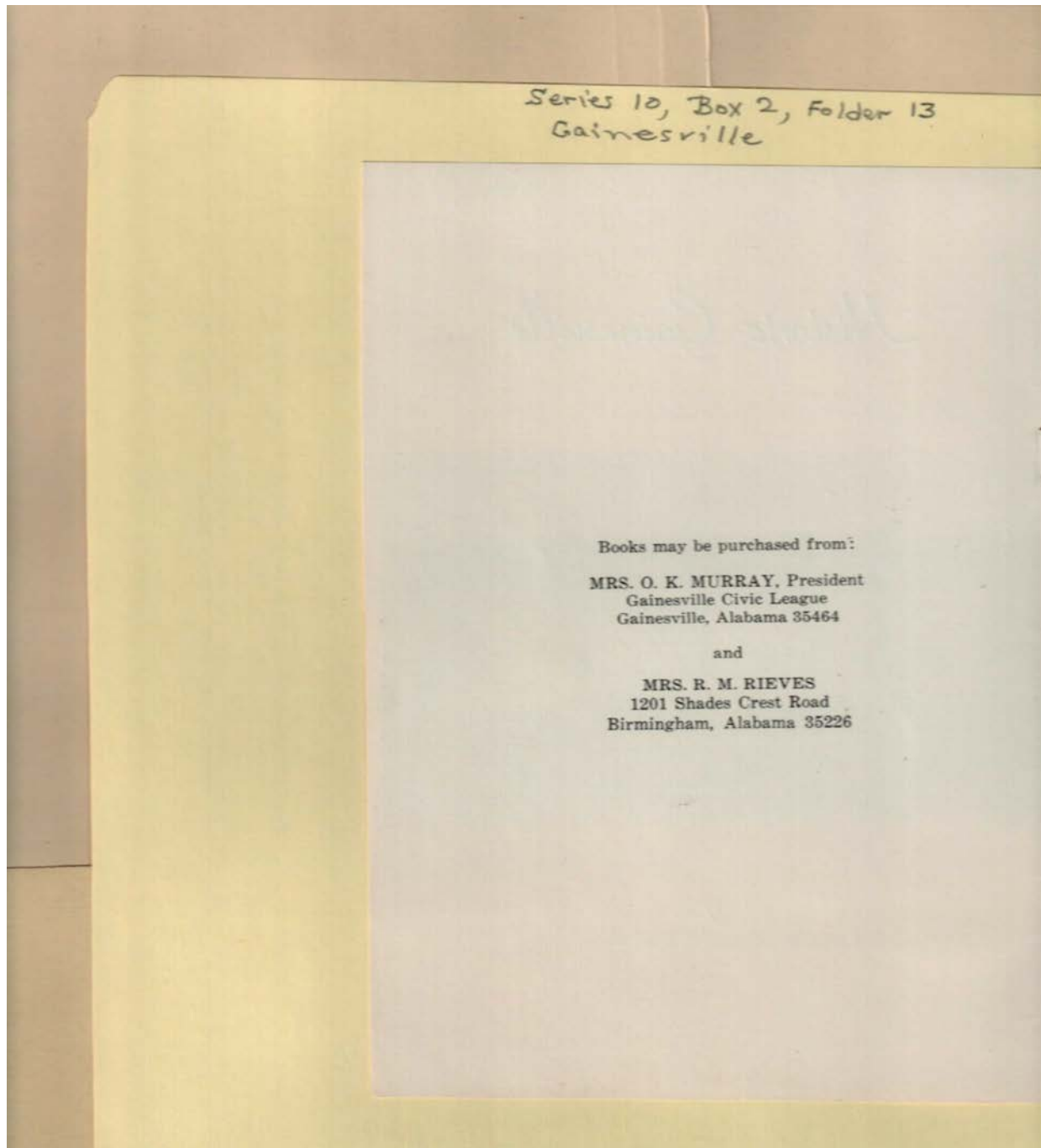
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Rieves, R. M., Mrs.

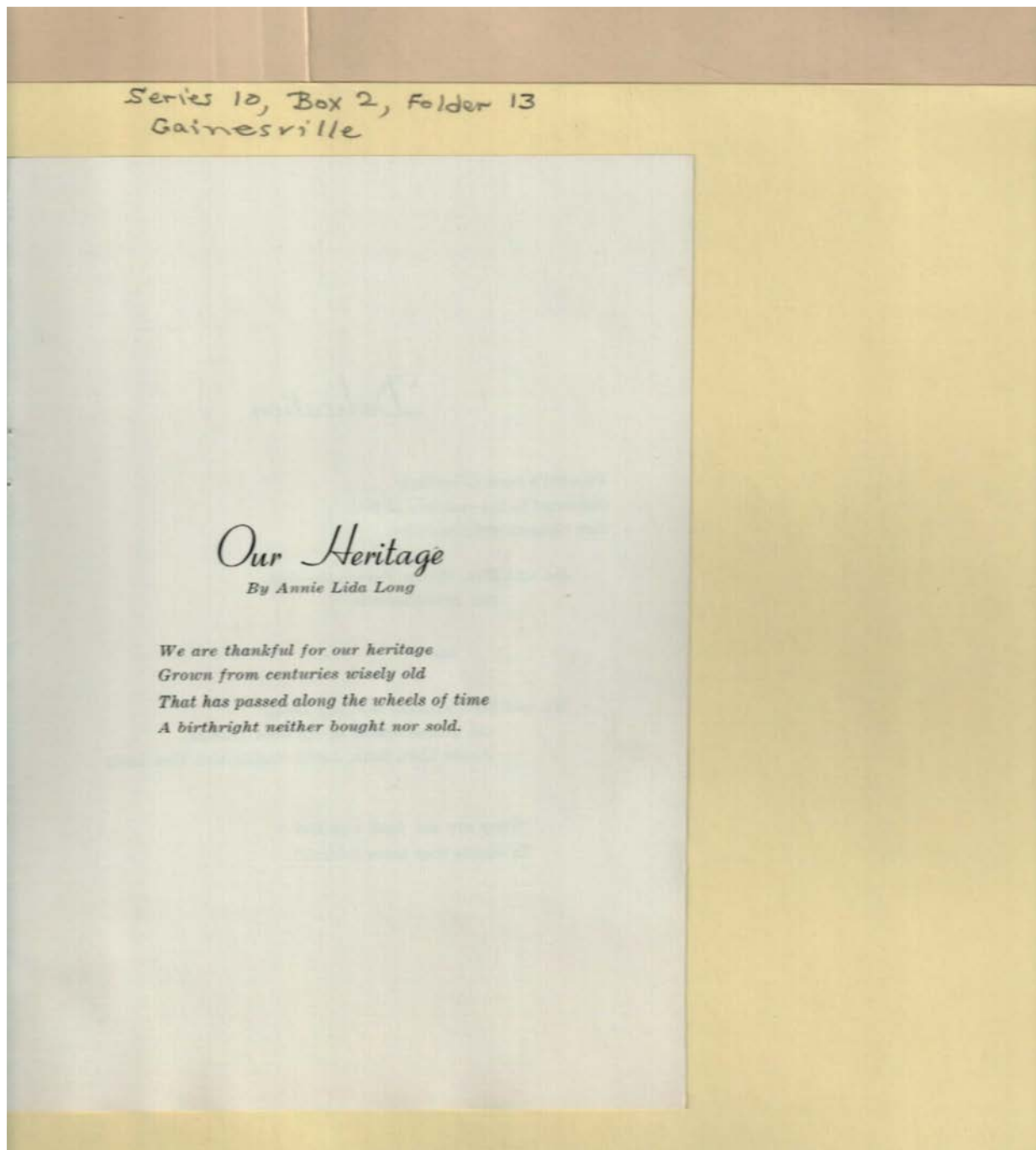
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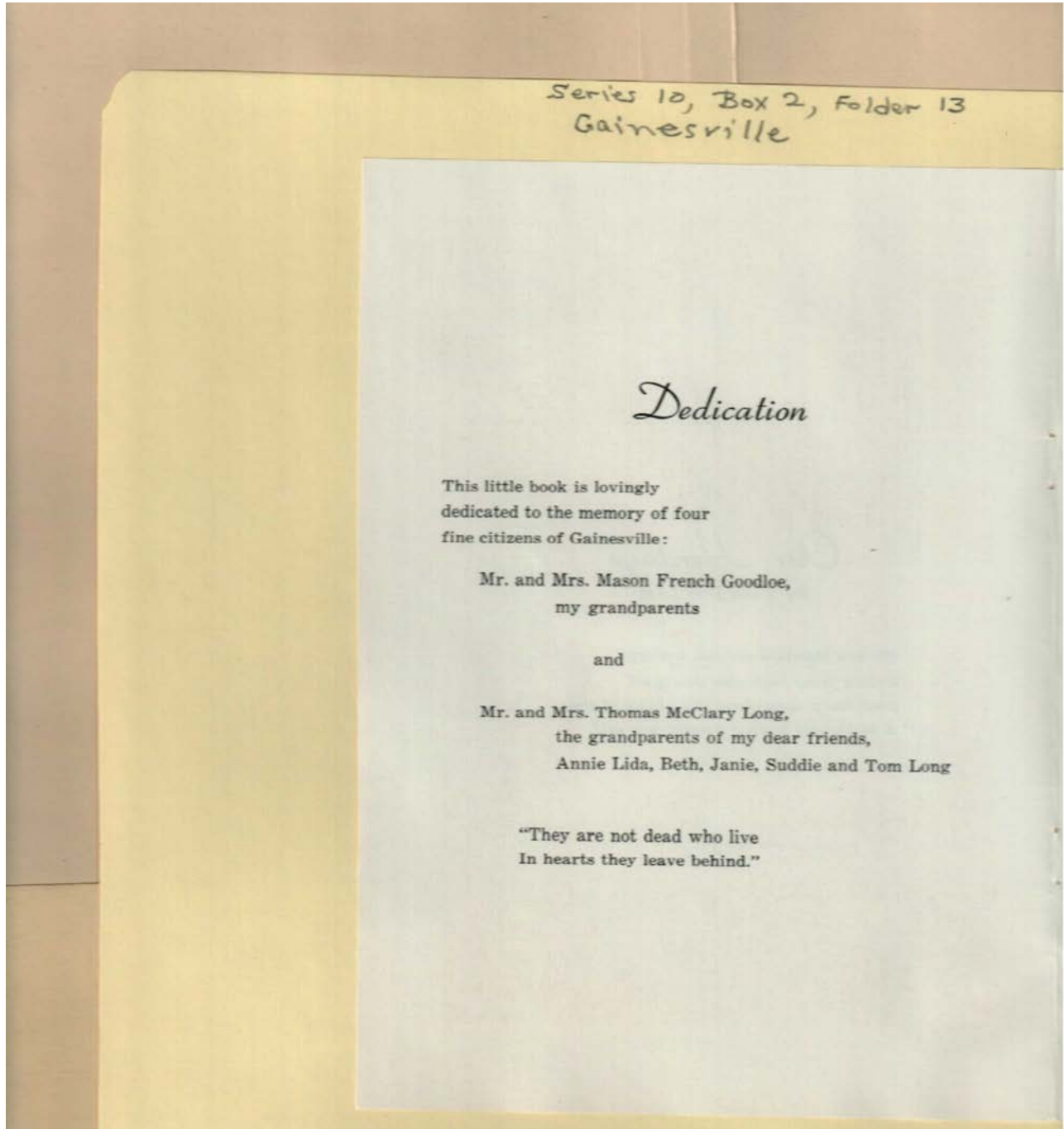


**Names:**

Long, Annie Lida

**Types:**

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**Names:**

, Beth  
, Janie  
, Suddie

Goodloe, Mason  
French, Mr. & Mrs.  
Long, Annie Lida

Long, Thomas  
McClary, Mr. &  
Mrs.

Long, Tom

**Types:**

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Goodloe home on Yankee Street, built 1832. Now the home of Mrs. C. G. Bolton



Long home on Yankee Street . . . Built by Moses Lewis in early 1830's

**Names:**

Bolton, C. G., Mrs.

Goodloe Home

Lewis, Moses

Long Home

**Types:**

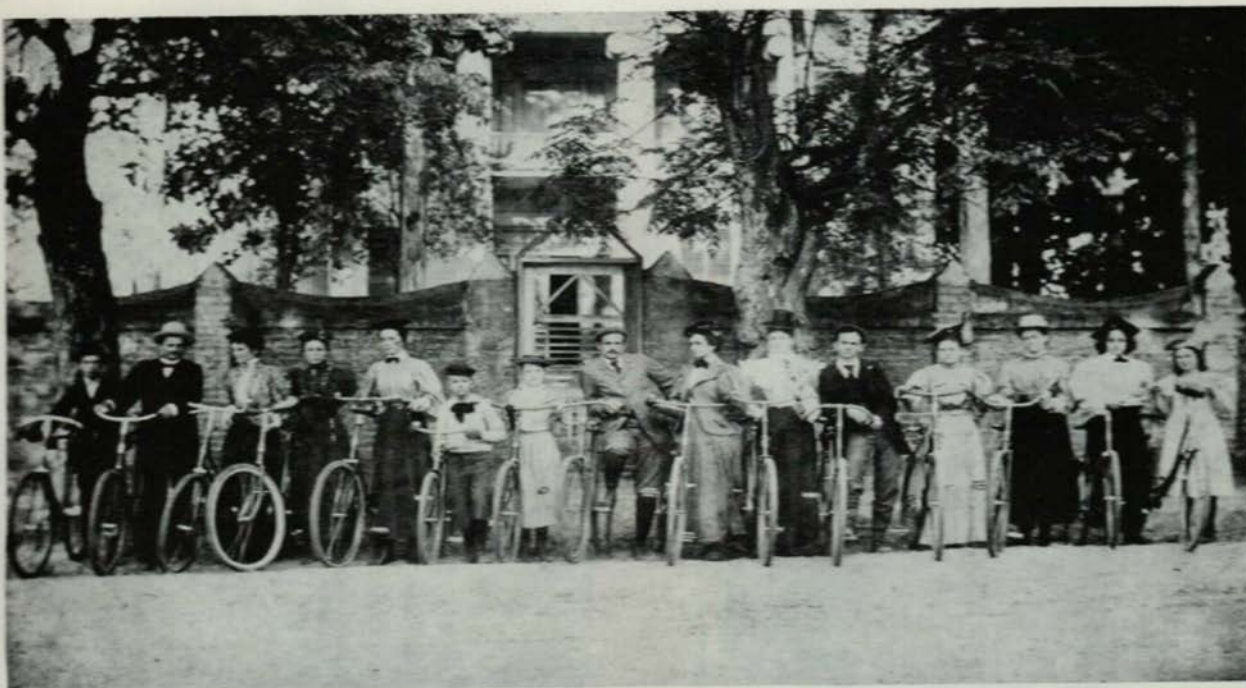
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The Bicycle Club in the Nineties taken in front of the McLelland home built by Greene B. Mobley in 1839. Beautifully restored and lived in today by Mrs. Daisy Allison McLelland.

**Names:**

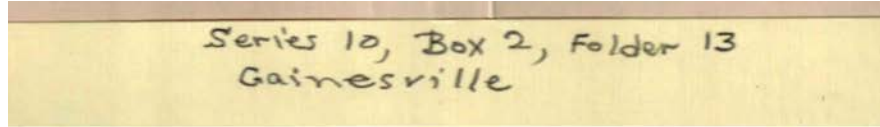
Bicycle Club

McLelland, Daisy  
Allison, Mrs.

Mobley, Greene B.

**Types:**

photograph



## *In The Beginning*

New York has its Park Avenue; Chicago, the Loop; New Orleans, St. Charles Avenue and Atlanta has Peachtree Street. Gainesville, Alabama in the heart of the Black Belt of the Deep South has Yankee Street! How come? Well, it's a long story . . .

The land on which Gainesville stands was part of the property involved in the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek (September 27, 1830). A white man, John Coleman, married to an Indian squaw, came into possession of about 400 acres of land located on the high bluff of the Tombigbee River. In 1832 William O. Winston and Colonel Moses Lewis dickered with Coleman for the land. Elizabeth Winston Sheehan had this to say regarding the transaction: "The following incident has been passed along in the family. Payment of two thousand dollars had to be made in gold and Grandpa, having made the first offer, was told that the land would be his if he delivered the money before sundown. He sent a man somewhere (Tuscaloosa I believe) to get the money exchanged for gold. As the men concerned waited on the high bank of the Tombigbee River they saw his messenger arrive on the opposite low bank just as the sun sank out of sight. Grandpa missed his opportunity and Moses Lewis became the owner of the property."

Mr. Lewis immediately hired Isaac Wright to lay out the town in lots. It was named *Eaton* for John Henry Eaton, Secretary of War, who had negotiated the Treaty. However, due to the scandal surrounding Eaton's wife, the notorious Margaret O'Neill Eaton, the name was changed to Gainesville in honor of Colonel George Strothers Gaines, cotton factor and founder of the town of St. Stephens. In 1816 he had moved his family to the trading post or "factory" which he had established the year before, a few miles beyond the site of Gainesville. Factory Creek which one crosses a few miles from Gainesville on the road to Livingston is a reminder of those days.

It was fitting that the town should be named for Mr. Gaines for it was through his intervention and help during the administration of the Treaty that the Indians were moved to new lands.

### **Names:**

Coleman, John  
Eaton, John Henry  
Eaton, Margaret  
O'Neill

Gaines, George  
Stephens, Colonel  
Lewis, Moses

Sheehan, Elizabeth  
Winston  
Winston, William O.  
Wright, Isaac

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Gainesville

### **Types:**

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An anonymous writer in an old newspaper referred to the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek as "one broken promise per square mile" and went on to describe the eerie sounds of the Indians who sat on the banks of Bodka Creek on the Mitchell Plantation for three nights previous to their removal and wailed their grief for all to hear.

Among the community's first settlers were families from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and other parts of Alabama. Also a group of New Englanders came. They built their sturdy houses on a wide, tree shaded street which followed the gentle curve of the river. This was called "*Yankee Street*." It is still called Yankee Street though the descendants of the original Yankees are as southern as cornbread and turnip greens or the yellow jasmine that perfumes the woods in spring!



The Rogers home built in 1844.  
Now the home of Mrs. John Aduston Rogers, Jr.

**Names:**

Rogers Home

Rogers, John  
Aduston, Jr.

**Types:**

photograph



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## A Town Grows

The town was incorporated by an act of the Legislature on January 10, 1835. In 1829 the first house had been built by Coleman. It was about 100 yards east of the site of the famous American Hotel which was completed in 1837.

The Hotel was an impressive, two-story structure of twenty rooms and a ballroom. "They" say, and it must be true because it has been said often and emphatically, that the ballroom was built on springs so that it swayed to the rhythm of the dancers. The hotel was built by Martin Griswold who kept it open for five or six years. After that for a period of ten years there were half a dozen proprietors. Then on September 21, 1852 it was taken over by Colonel R. G. McMahon who kept it open continuously for twenty-two years, seven months and nine days!

Colonel McMahon came to Gainesville on April 10, 1836 from Courtland. He was one of the town's most distinguished citizens. He was extremely active in all civic affairs, serving as mayor and postmaster. Many articles on issues of the day which appeared in local papers signed "Grotan" were known to be his. During the period 1836-75 he kept a scrapbook which in addition to giving valuable history of the immediate vicinity, also gave a birdseye view of life and times of that era.

The old Gainesville Bank was erected in 1835. The small, colonial building stood across the street from the town square. During those days certain banks were allowed to print money. This Bank, being one of the most influential in the State was permitted to issue currency. In later days the town's banker was Mr. S. T. Jones who came there from Missouri in 1872. Business was transacted at an old-fashioned rolltop desk in his dining room and he would gladly take a deposit or cash a check if one happened to meet him on the street.

At the age of 18 Captain Jesse A. Gibbs came to the vicinity on December 1, 1832 from Prince Edward County, Virginia. He excelled in many things. He located and opened the first roads in the county and built many of the early homes there. Some of his descendants still live in Gainesville. The late Minnie Turrentine Todd of Todd's Cafeteria fame (in Birmingham) was a descendant of Captain Gibbs.

In 1835 *The Gainesville Reporter*, the first newspaper in the town, was launched. It was owned and edited by W. W. Paschal. Next came *The Gainesville Pilot*, edited by Montgomery Carlton.

### Names:

Carlton, Montgomery

Coleman, John

Gibbs, Jesse A.,

Captain

Griswold, Martin

Jones, S. T.

McMahon, R. G.,

Colonel

Paschal, W. W.

Todd, Minnie

Turrentine

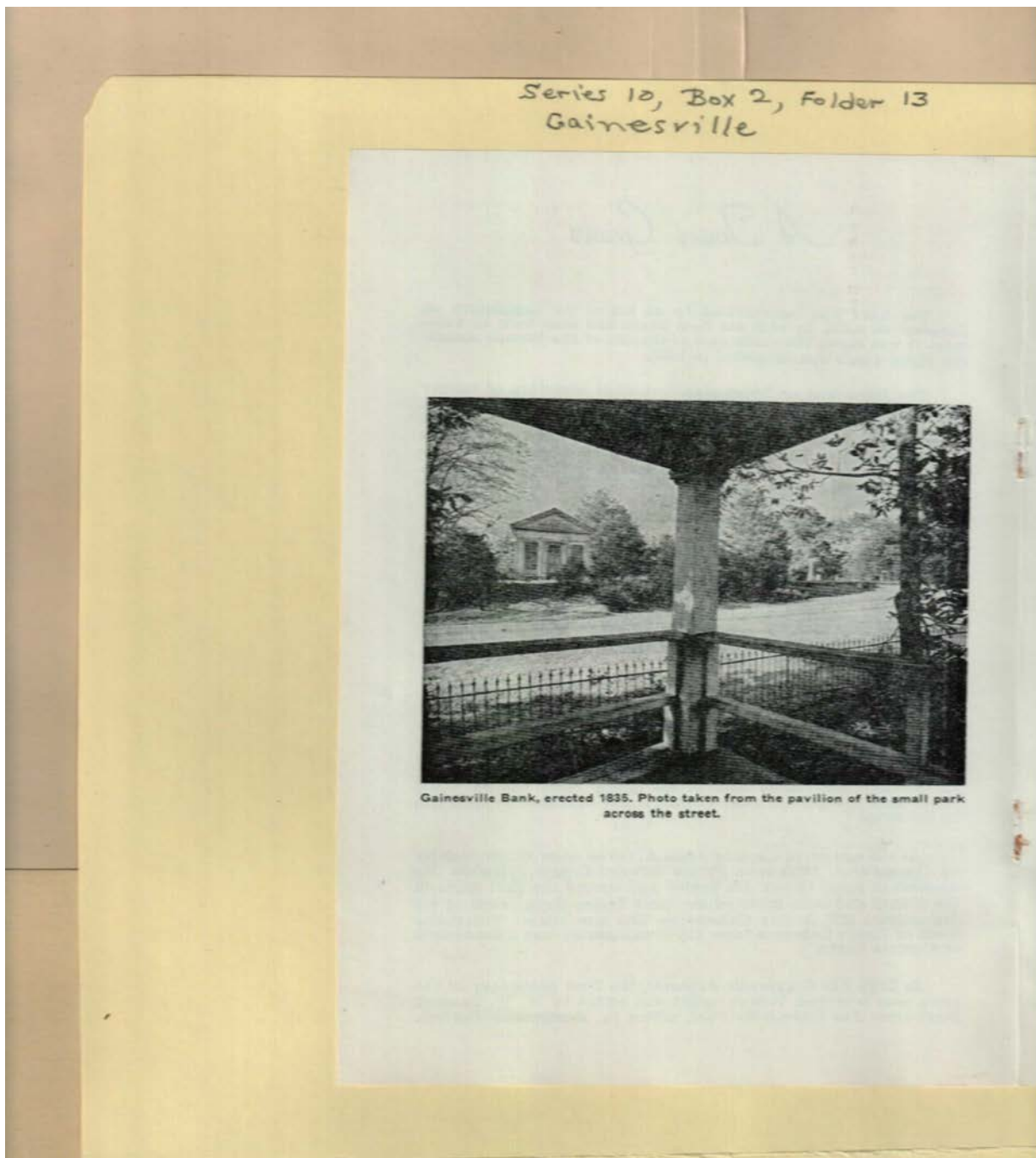
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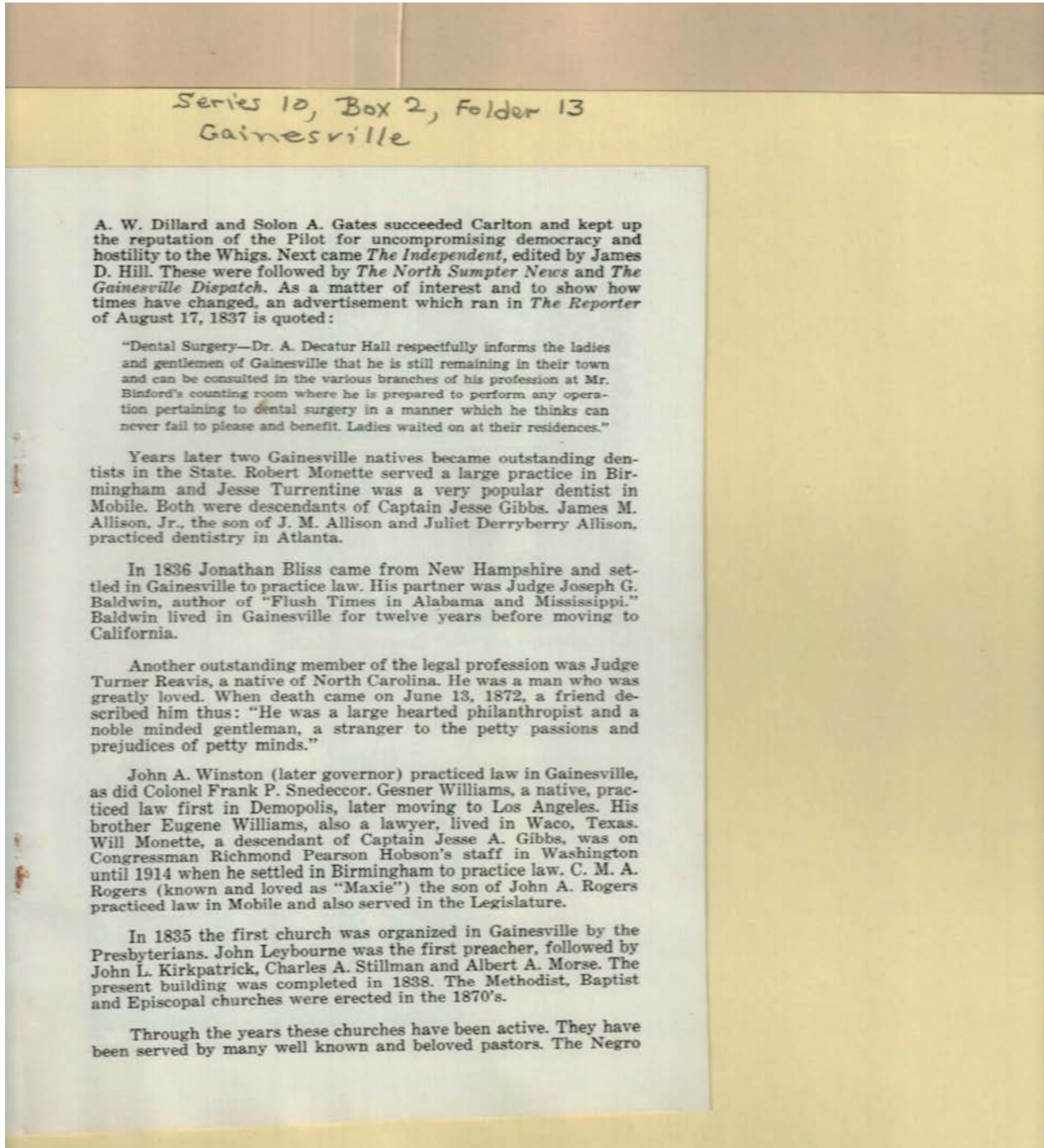


**Names:**

Gainesville Bank

**Types:**

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**Names:**

Allison, James M.	Dillard, A. W.	Kirkpatrick, John L.	Snedecor, Frank P.,
Allison, James M., Jr.	Gates, Solon A.	Leybourne, John	Colonel
Allison, Juliet	Gibbs, Jesse A.,	Monette, Robert	Stillman, Charles A.
Derryberry	Captain	Monette, Will	Turrentine, Jesse
Baldwin, Joseph G.,	Gibbs, Jesse, Captain	Morse, Albert A.	Williams, Eugene
Judge	Hall, A. Decatur, Dr.	Reavis, Turner, Judge	Winston, John A.
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Bliss, Jonathan	Hobson, Richmond	Maxie	
Carlton,	Pearson	Rogers, John A.	

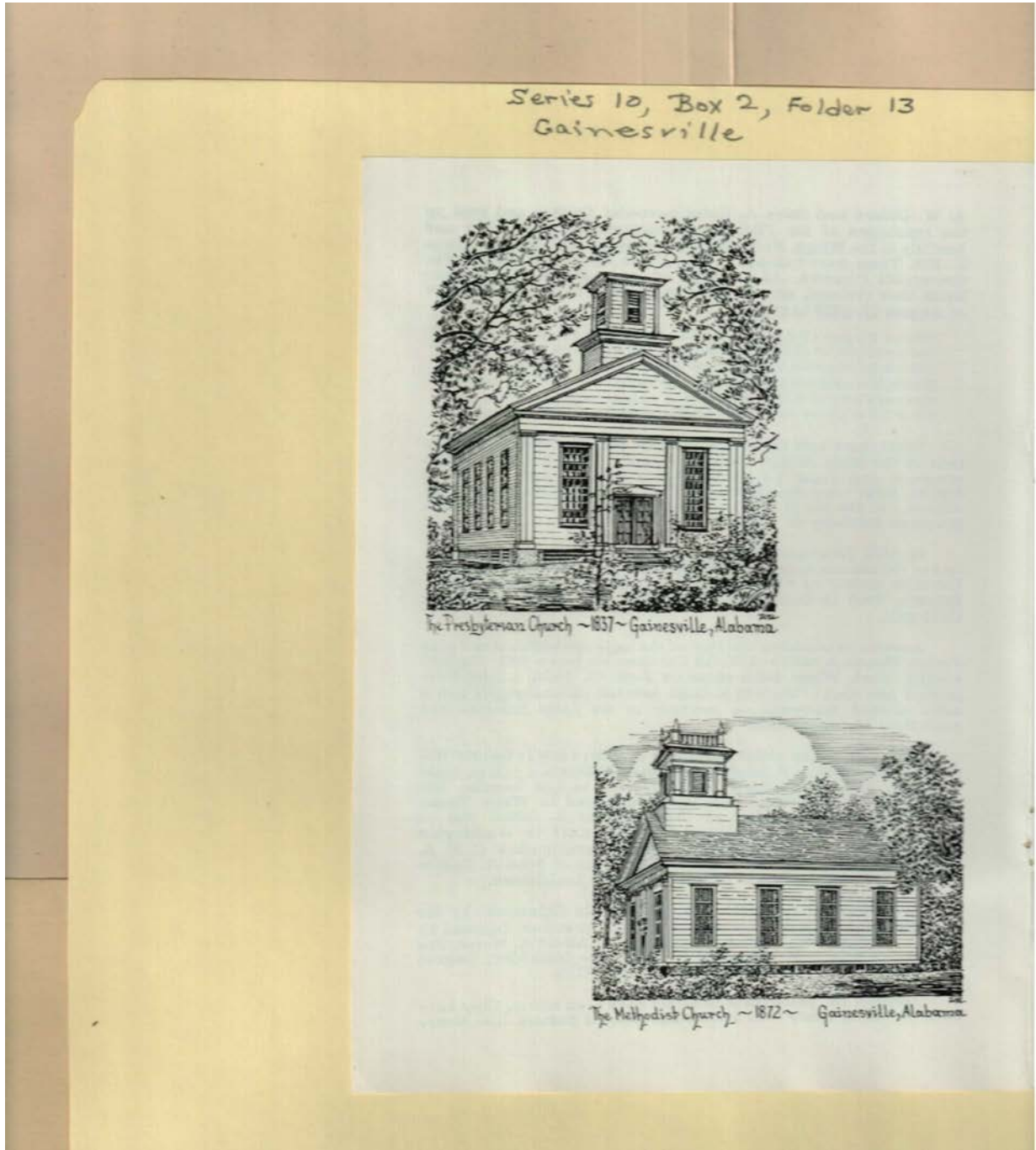
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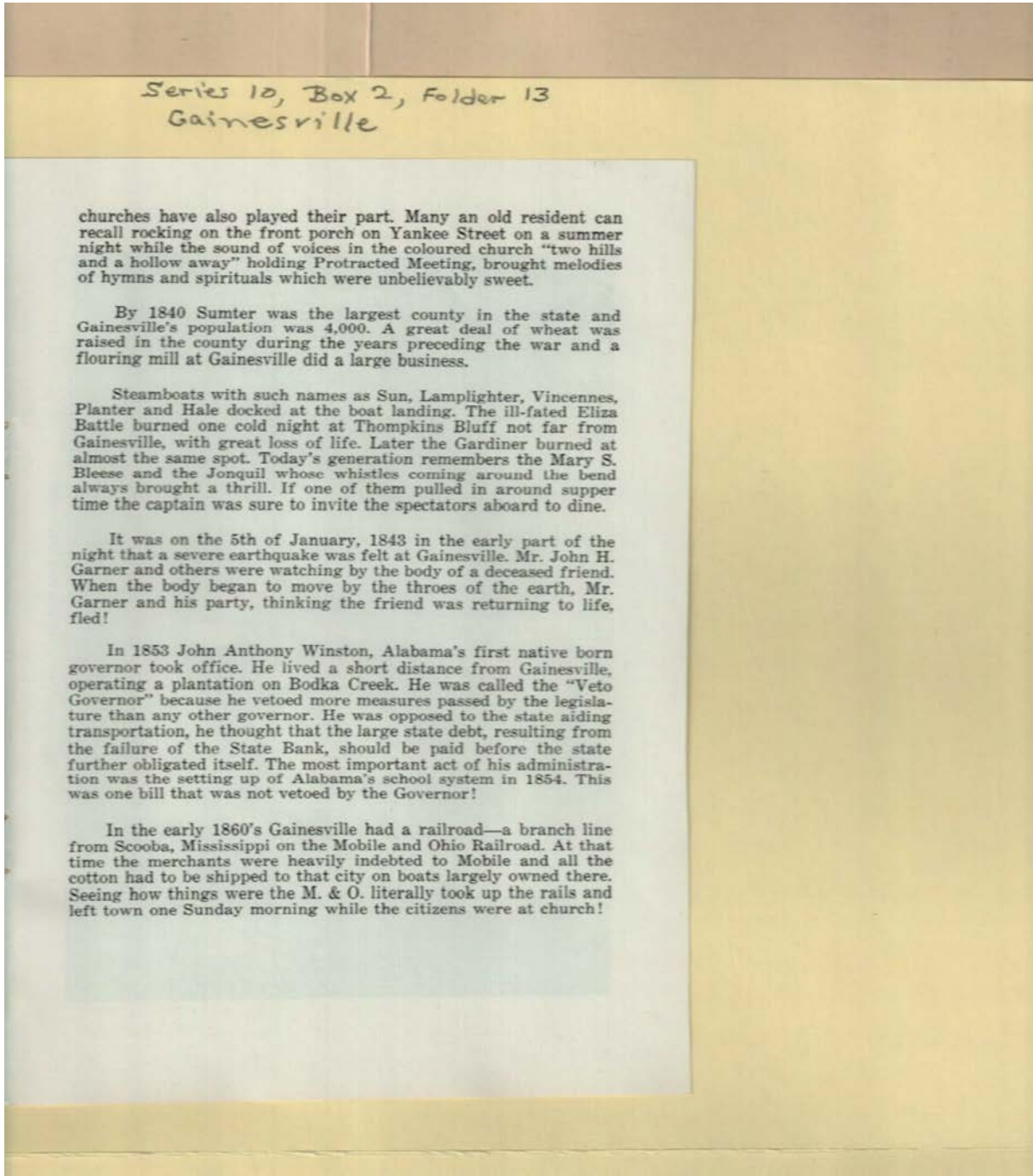
Presbyterian Church,  
1837

**Places:**

Gainesville, AL

**Types:**

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**Names:**

Eliza Battle (Steamer)  
Gardiner (Steamer)  
Garner, John H.  
Hale (Steamer)

Jonquil (Steamer)  
Lamplighter  
(Steamer)

Mary S. Blease  
(Steamer)  
Planter (Steamer)  
Sun (Steamer)

Vincennes (Steamer)  
Winston, John  
Anthony

**Types:**

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Decoration Day at the cemetery about 1908

**Names:**

Decoration Day

**Types:**

photograph

**Dates:**

1908

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## Then Came The War

It was June of 1861 when the North Sumter Rifles composed mostly of young men principally from the Gainesville and Warsaw areas of Sumter County, left Gainesville and marched to Scooba where they boarded the train for the first lap of their journey to Virginia. This group became part of Company A of the 5th Alabama Battalion. They carried a silk banner bearing the Sumter Gamecock, the handwork and gift of Miss Lucy Reavis, daughter of Judge Turner Reavis. Private Hitt at the head of the column blew "The Girl I Left Behind Me" on his fife.

The roster of the North Sumter Rifles (which were really old-fashioned squirrel guns) included many names still familiar in that area such as: Winston, Payne, Fulton, Roberts, Long, Ormond, White, Wrenn, Bradshaw, Branch, Barnes, Boyd, Dillard, Dunning, Geiger, Gilbert, Kring, Little, Moore, Nance, Patton, Ramsey, Steele, Whittaker, Dandridge and many others. It is interesting to note that Thomas Long, who in later years was known affectionately as "Marse Tommie," brought the banner home with him concealed in the lining of his overcoat!

On that bright day in June no one knew that this gallant band was going to face four years of fighting and hardship and final defeat. Many of the boys did not return. The ones who did found a country where the fences were down, fields unkempt, houses falling into disrepair. Almost no livestock was left and food was very scarce.

On May 9, 1865 General Nathan Bedford Forrest, whose nickname was "The Wizard of the Saddle" and who most of the time really did get there *fastest with the mostest*, in accordance with an agreement with General Richard Taylor and General E. S. Canby (May 8, 1865) paroled his troops in Gainesville. General Forrest concluded his farewell address to his men with these words:

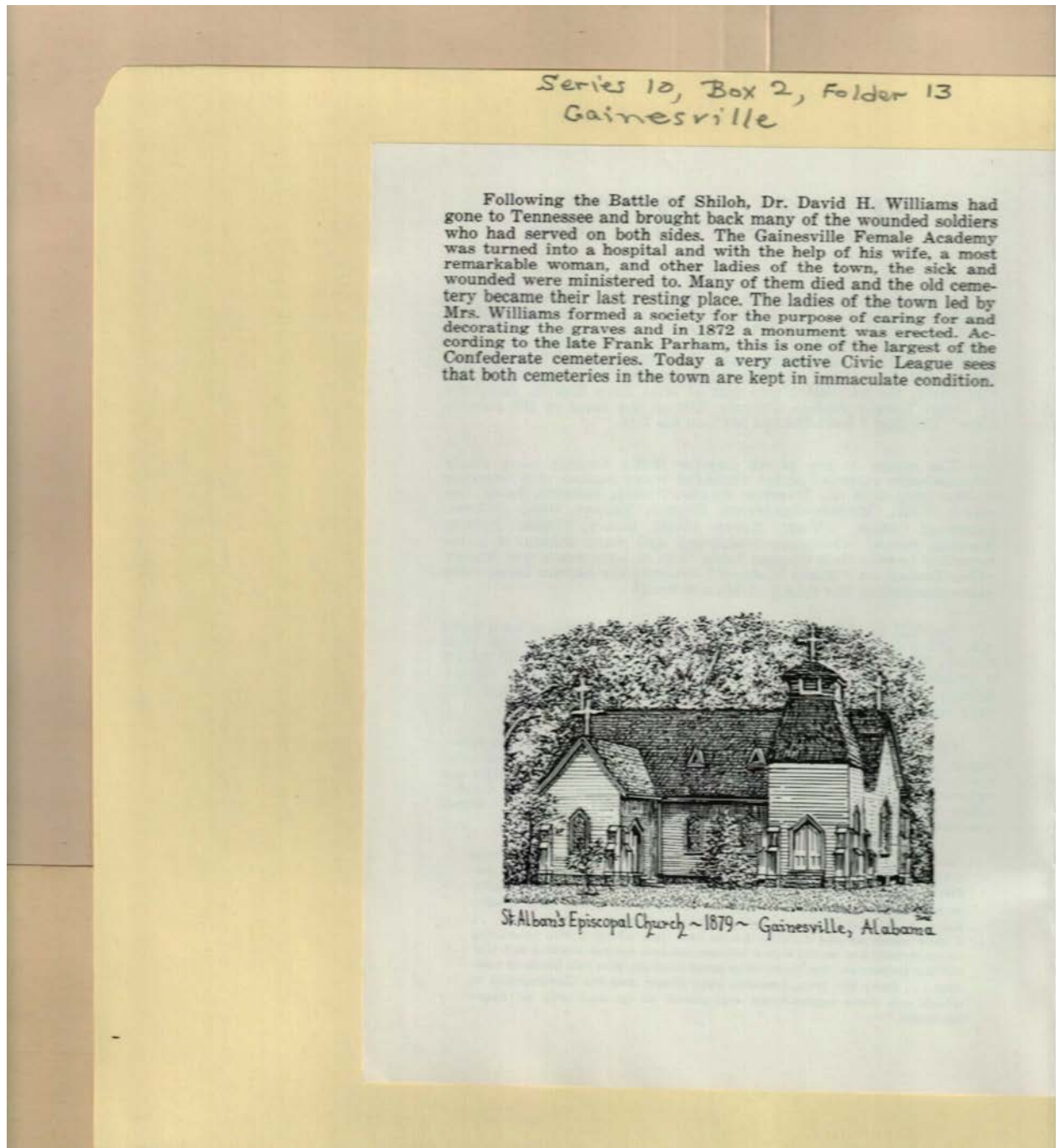
"In bidding you farewell, rest assured that you carry with you my best wishes for your future welfare and happiness. Without in any way referring to the merits of the cause in which we have been engaged, your courage and determination, as exhibited on many hard fought fields, have elicited the respect and admiration of friend and foe . . . I have never on the field of battle sent you where I was unwilling to go myself; nor would I now advise you to a course which I felt unwilling to pursue. You have been good soldiers, you can be good citizens . . . Obey the laws, preserve your honor, and the Government to which you have surrendered can afford to be and will be magnanimous."

### Names:

Barnes,	Forrest, Nathan	Long, Thomas	Roberts,
Boyd,	Bedford, General	Moore,	Steele,
Bradshaw,	Fulton,	Nance,	Taylor, Richard,
Branch,	Geiger,	Ormond,	General
Canby, E. S., General	Gilbert,	Patton,	White,
Dandridge,	Hitt, Private	Payne,	Whittaker,
Dillard,	Kring,	Ramsey,	Winston,
Dunning,	Little,	Reavis, Lucy, Miss	Wrenn,
	Long,	Reavis, Turner, Judge	

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**Names:**

Parham, Frank

St. Alban's Episcopal  
Church

Williams, David H.,  
Dr.

Williams, Mrs.

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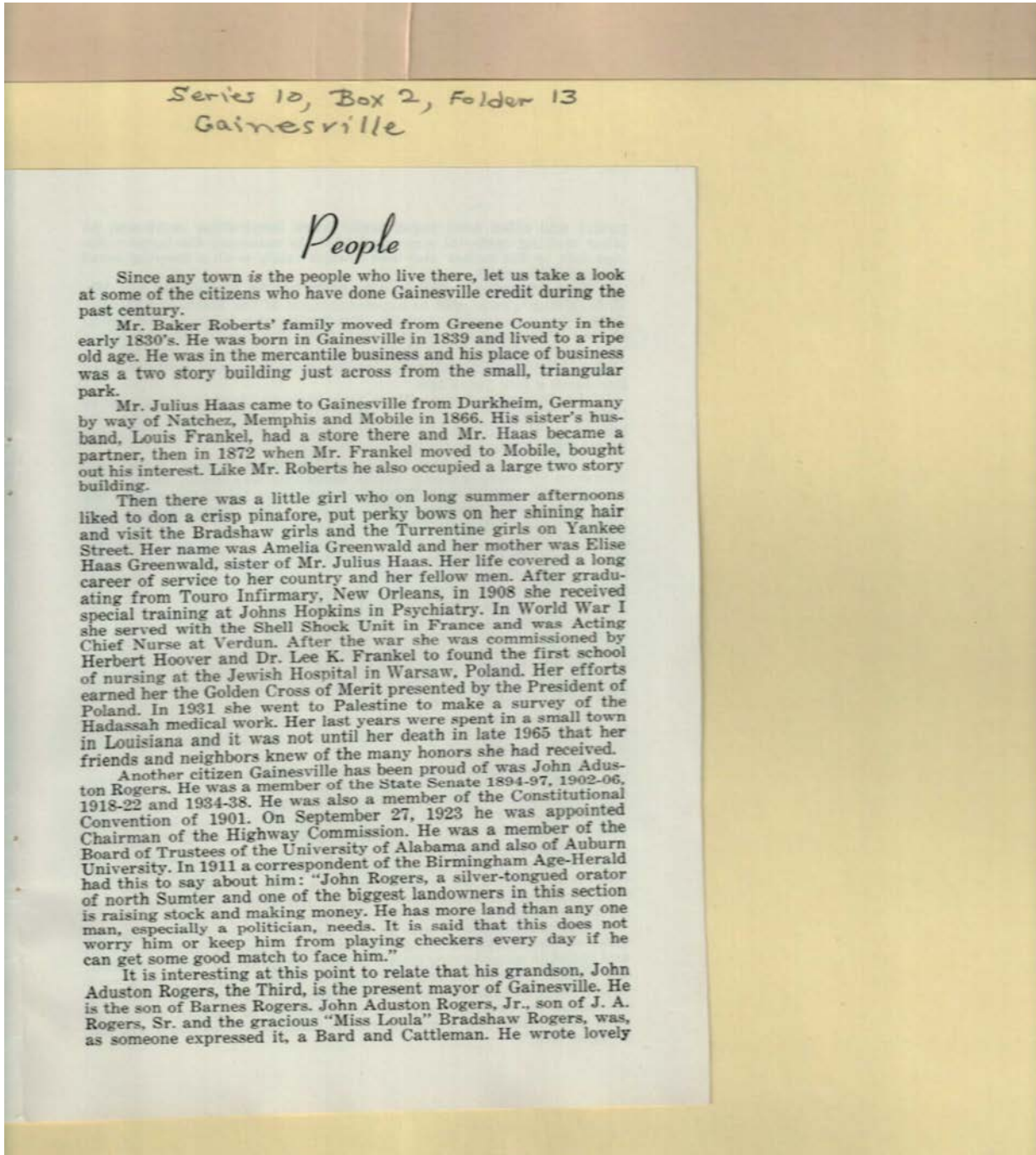
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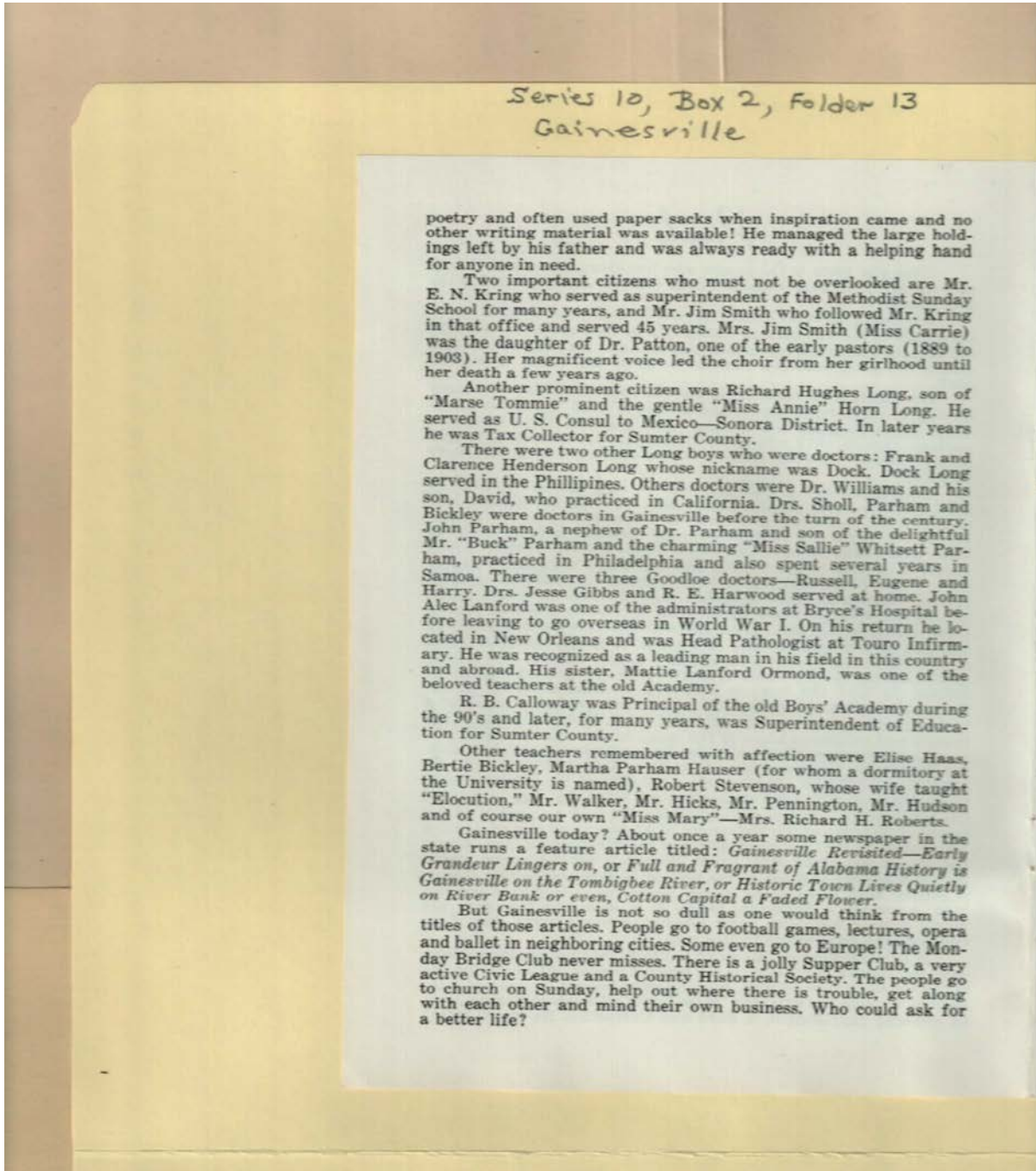


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Frankel, Louis	Haas, Julius	Rogers, John Aduston	Rogers, Loula
Greenwald, Amelia	Hoover, Herbert	Rogers, John	Bradshaw, Miss
	Roberts, Baker	Aduston, III	Turrentine,

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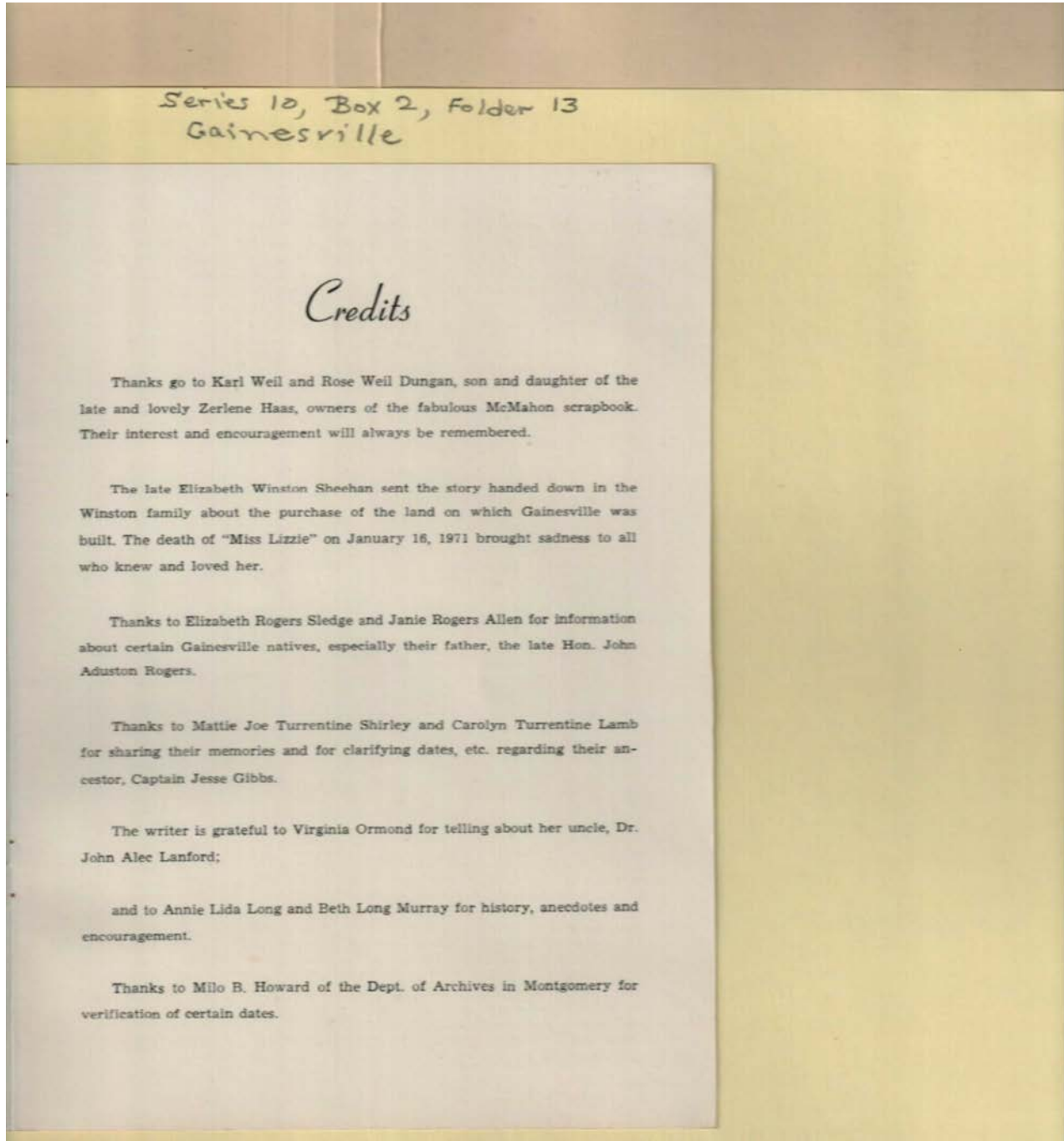
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Goodloe, Eugene, Dr.	Long, Annie Horn,	Parham, Buck	Smith, Jim
Goodloe, Harry, Dr.	Miss	Parham, John, Dr.	Smith, Jim, Mrs.
Goodloe, Russell, Dr.	Long, Clarence	Parham, Sallie	Carrie
Harwood, R. E., Dr.	Henderson	Whitsett, Miss	Stevenson, Robert
Hass, Elise	Long, Frank	Patton, Dr.	Walker,
Hauser, Martha	Long, Richard	Pennington,	Williams, David
Parham	Hughes		Williams, Dr.

**Types:**

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**Names:**

, Lizzie, Miss  
Allen, Janie Rogers  
Dungan, Rose Weil  
Gibbs, Jesse, Captain  
Haas, Zerlene  
Howard, Milo B.

Lamb, Carolyn  
Turrentine  
Lamb, Shirley  
Lanford, John Alec,  
Dr.  
Long, Annie Lida

McMahon,  
Murray, Beth Long  
Rogers, John Aduston  
Sheehan, Elizabeth  
Winston

Sledge, Elizabeth  
Rogers  
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Weil, Karl  
Winston,

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