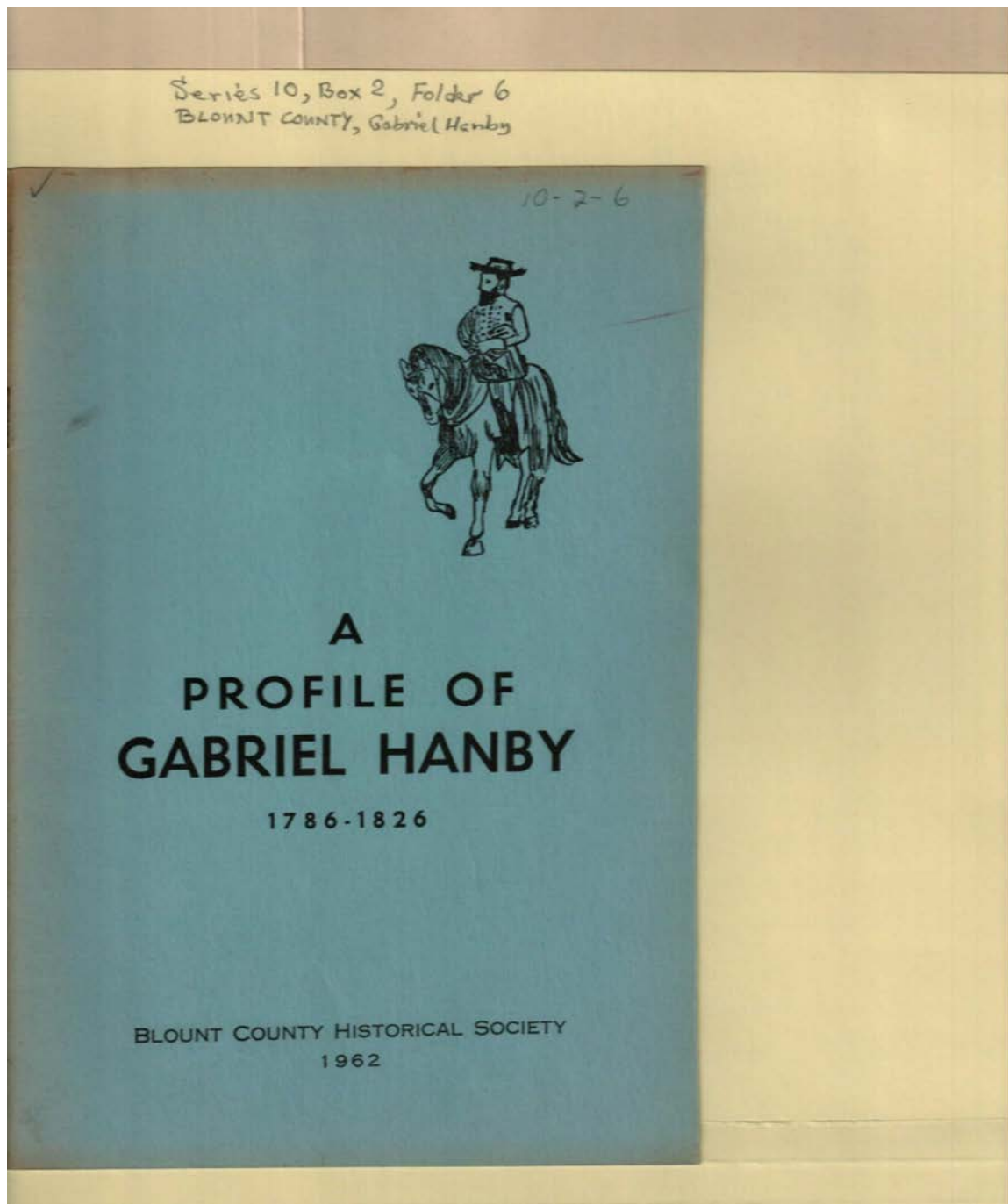


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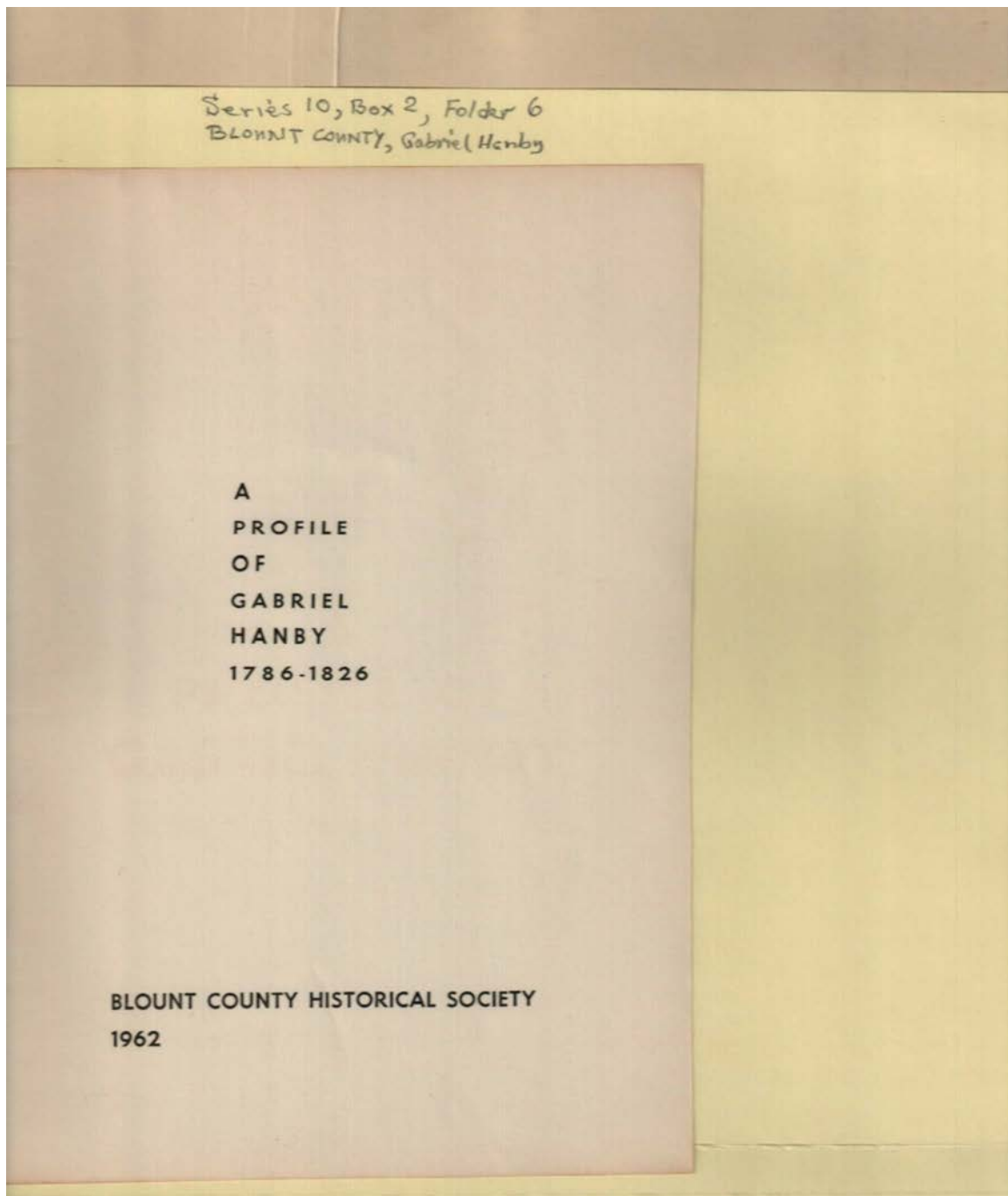
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Blount County  
Historical Society

Hanby, Gabriel

Profile of Gabriel  
Hanby

**Places:**

Blount County, AL

**Types:**

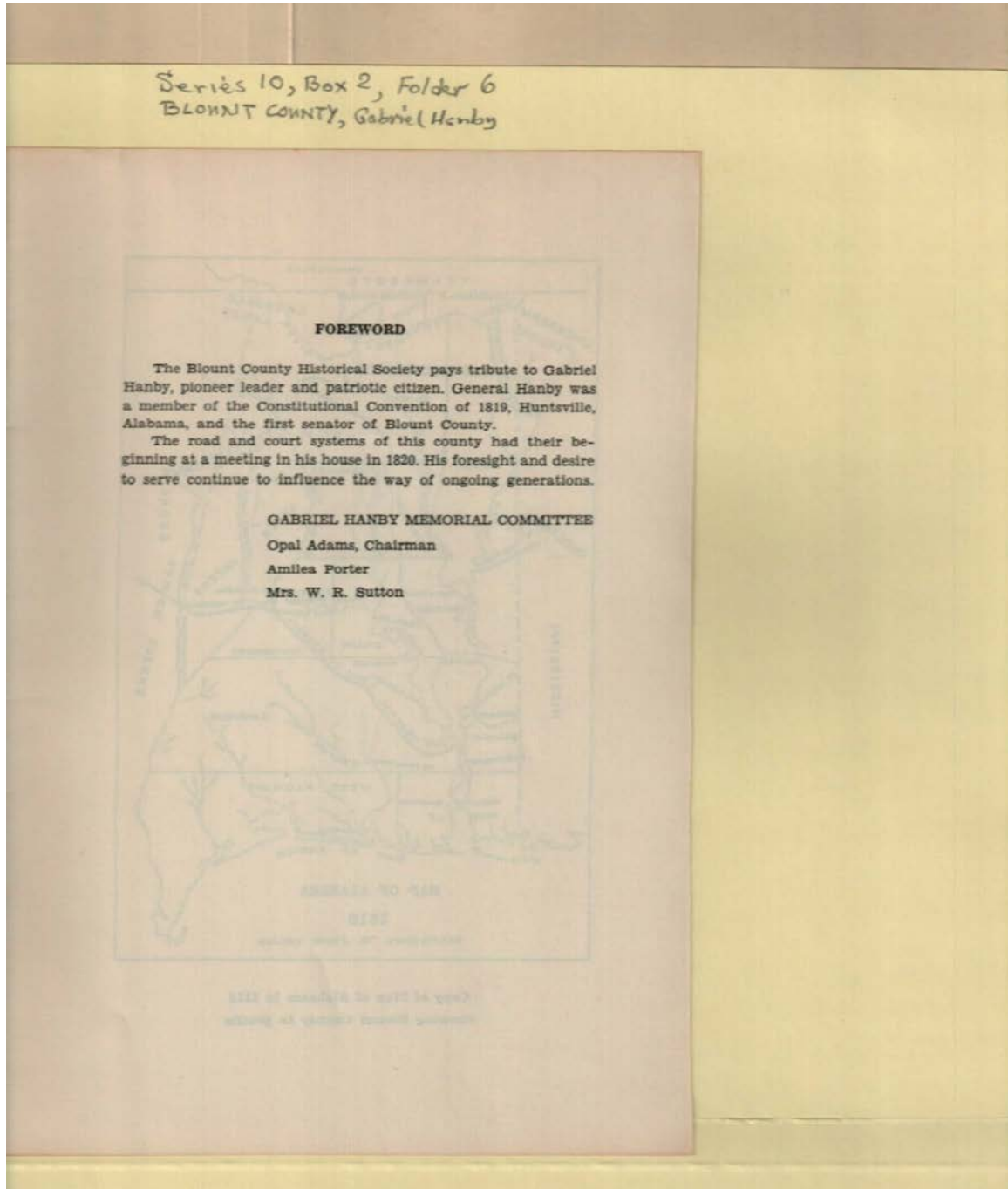
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General

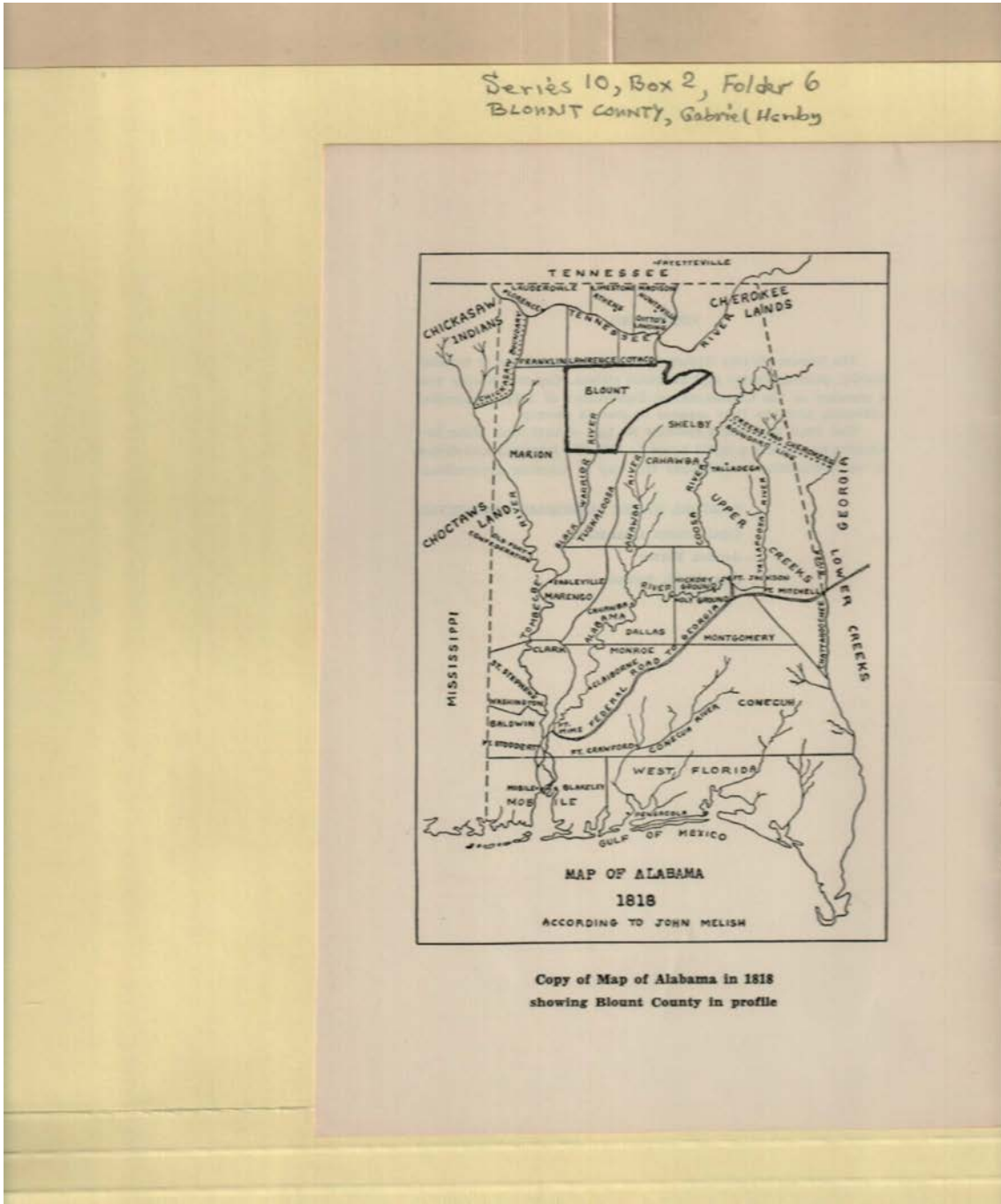
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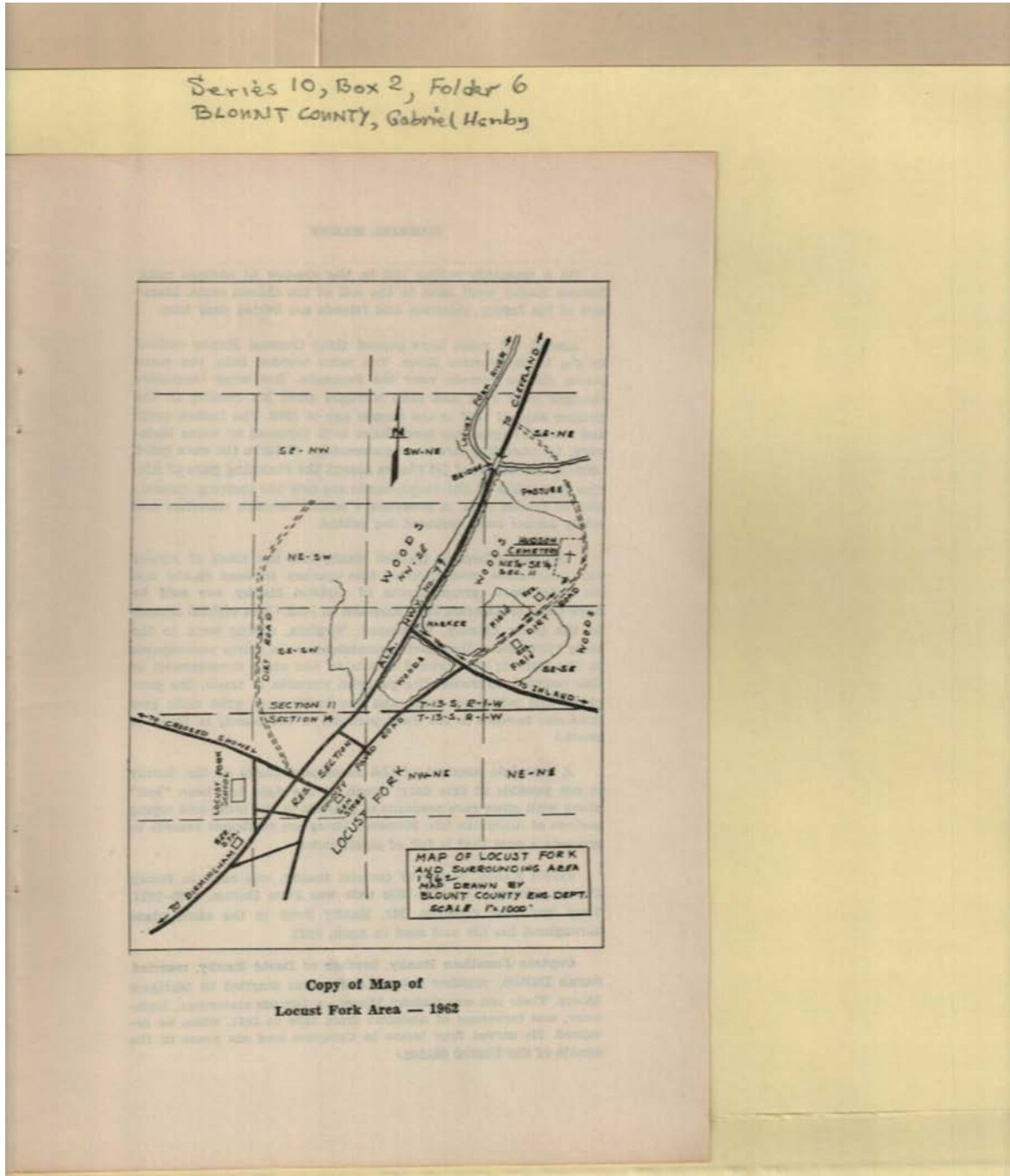
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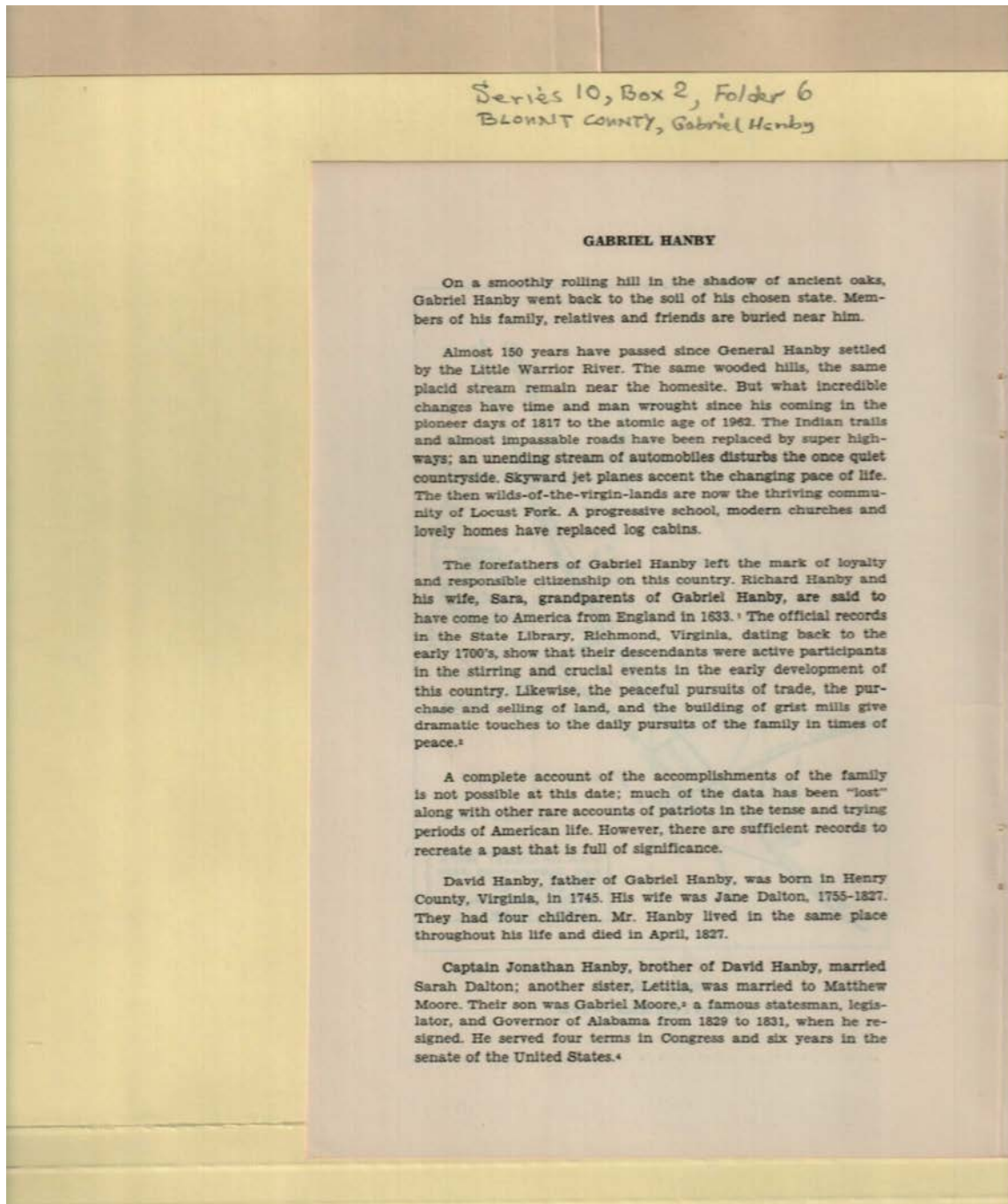
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Dalton, Letitia  
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Hanby, David  
Hanby, Gabriel,  
General

Hanby, Jonathan,  
Captain  
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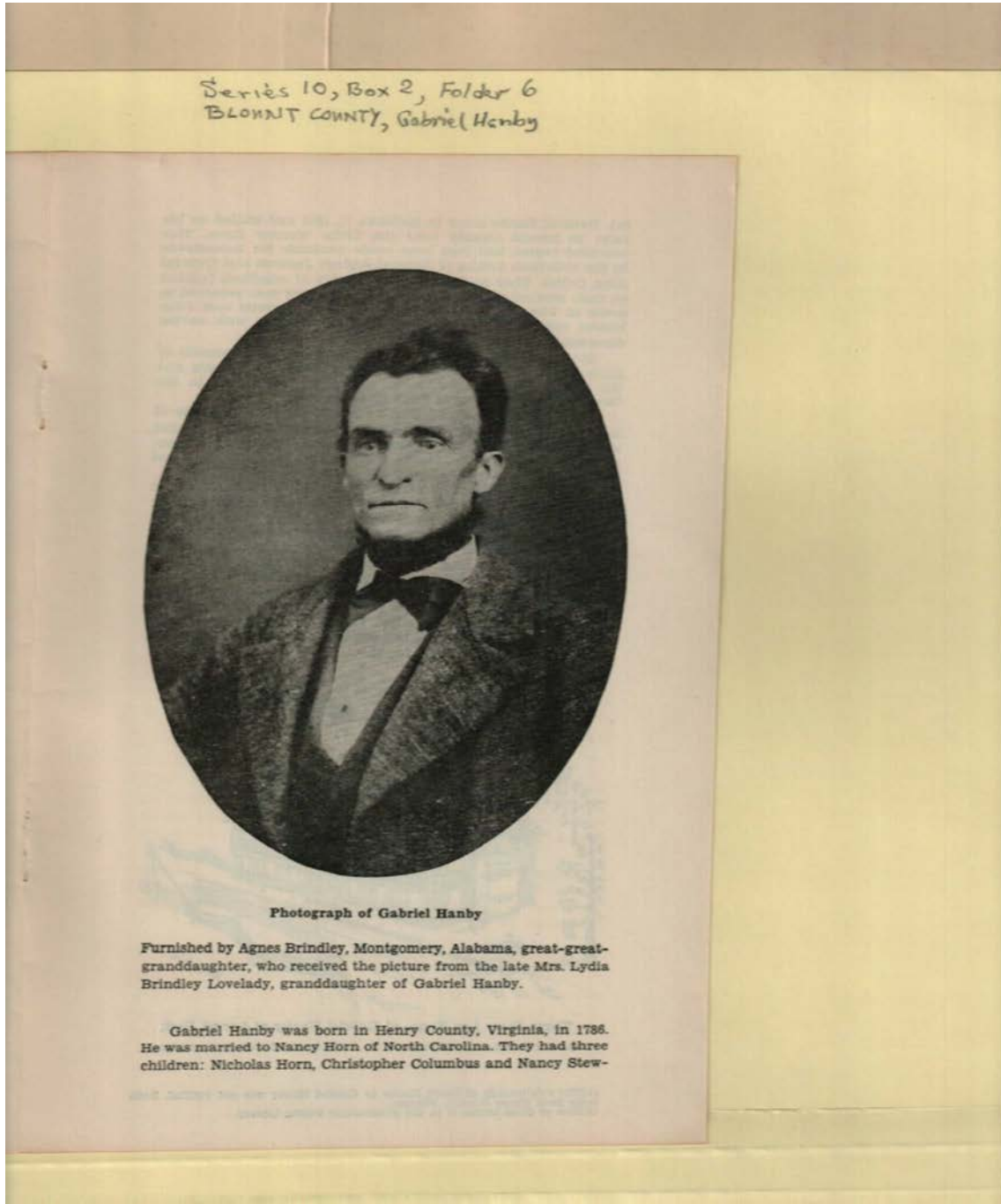
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Hanby, Christopher  
Columbus

Hanby, Gabriel  
Hanby, Nancy  
Stewart

Hanby, Nicholas  
Horn  
Horn, Nancy

Lovelady, Lydia  
Brindley, Mrs.

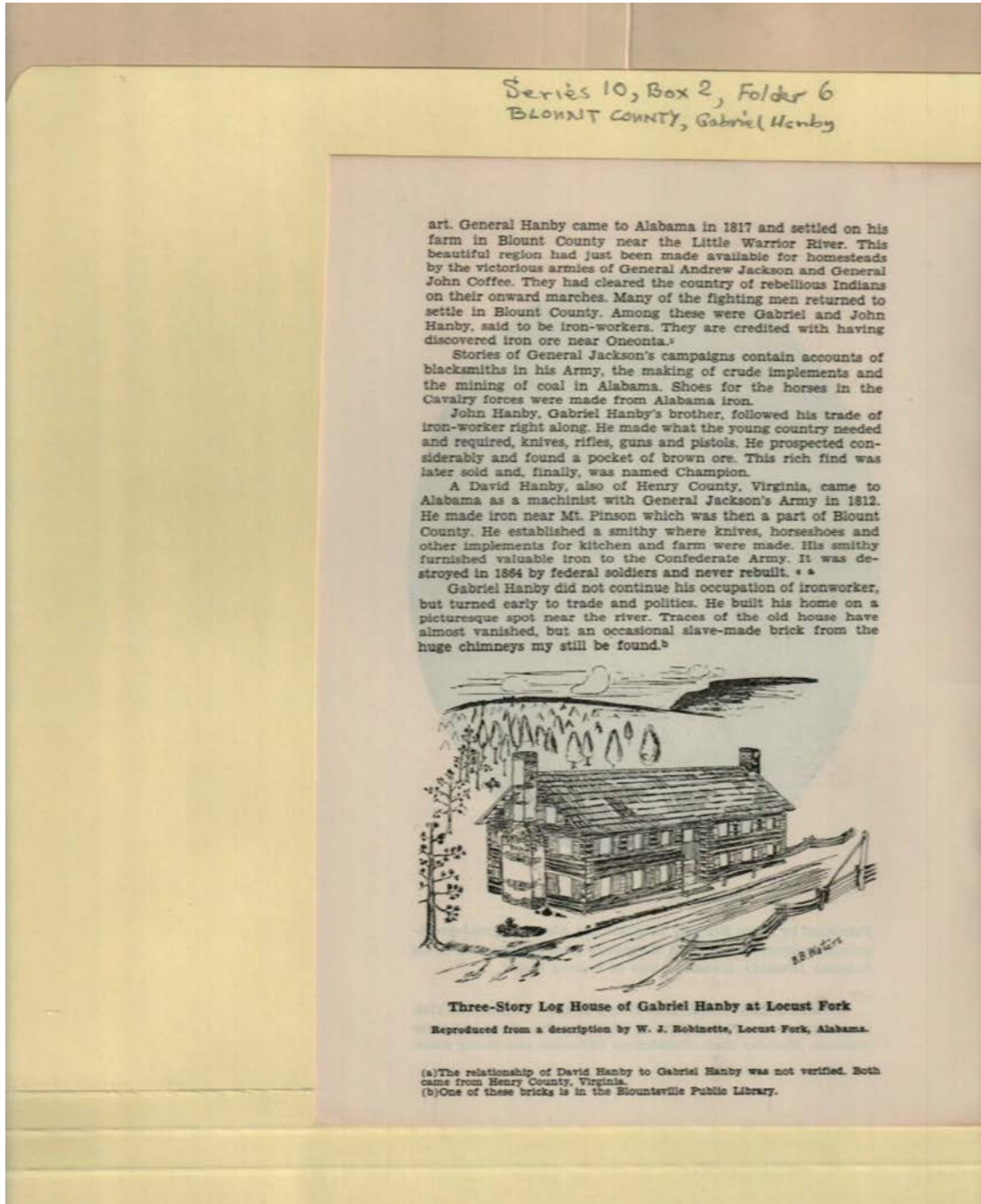
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Gabriel Hanby Home  
Hanby, David

Hanby, Gabriel,  
General  
Hanby, John

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General  
Robinette, W. J.

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BLOUNT COUNTY, Gabriel Hanby

An elderly resident of Locust Fork, Mr. W. J. Robinette, has described the home and surroundings in his paper, A Brief History of Locust Fork, as follows:

"A ford where the Tennessee road crossed the Little Warrior was known as the Polly Martin ford. About one-fourth mile south of this ford Gabriel D. Hanby built a three-story log house. The lower floor was a saloon. The upper rooms were an inn where Tennesseans and North Alabamians driving livestock to the Montevallo market would put up for a night's lodging. He also had pens and shelters built for keeping the livestock."

Apparently this was a strategic location for an inn. Indian trails were used for travel and this was the only place for fording the river enroute to market.

An extract from records of Blount County of February, 1820, of a meeting held "at the house of Col. Hanby" shows early organization of the court and road systems of the county. Also an effort was made to stabilize prices for food, lodging and drinks.

FEBRUARY TERM CALL COURT

The Justices of the County Court assembled at the house of Col. Gabriel Hanby agreeably to a call for the purpose of organizing Said Court and taking the oaths of office agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama passed at its first session.

Ordered that George Nash Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Chief Justice of Said Court.

Ordered that the Tax and rates for the County of Blount for the year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty be and they are hereby as follows:

Whiskey  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint twelve and a half cents  
for peach brandy  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint twelve and a half cents  
for Cognac brandy half pint thirty-seven and a half cents  
for N E Rum half pint twelve and a half cents  
for Jamaica Rum half pint thirty-seven and a half cents  
for Malaga Wine half pint twelve and a half cents  
for Teneriffe wine half pint twelve and a half cents  
for Madeira Wine One Dollar per bottle  
for Oil half pint Eighteen and three-fourths cents  
for Cider quart twelve and a half cents  
for Beer quart twelve and a half cents  
for Breakfast thirty-seven and a half cents  
for Dinner thirty-seven and a half cents  
for Supper thirty-seven and a half cents  
for Lodging Six and a fourth cents  
for horse feed twenty-five cents

Ordered that for the present year 1820 that all Grist Mills in the County of Blount be entitled to receive as a compensation for their services one-eighth part of the grain they may grind.

Ordered that the Old Road leading from Ditto's landing on the Tennessee River through this county to Jones Valley (as far as the bounds of this County) be and that same is hereby the public road until further order from this Court and that the said road be kept in good repair and that there be six overseers bounds on said road—

That bounds No. 1 be from the line of the County joining the Indian land to the branch at Meads Store and that John Yeilding be the overseer in said bounds.

The bounds No. 2 be from the said branch at Meads Store to the top of the Hill north of Scarum and that William Hays be the overseer of said bounds.

That bounds No. 3 be from said Hill North of Scarum to the half-way branch between the Warriors and that William Walker be the overseer of Said bounds.

That bounds No. 4 be from said branch to the Little Warrior and that John Martin be the overseer of said bounds.

That bounds No. 5 be from said Little Warrior to the top of the Sand Mountain and that Gabriel Hanby be the Overseer of said bounds.

That bounds No. 6 be from said top of the Sand Mountain to the county line joining Jefferson County and that Hezekiah Posey serve as the Overseer of said bounds.

Ordered that the road that has been lately cut out from Marston Meads running thence through the Little Warrior Valley be and the same is hereby declared to be a public road and that there be Six Overseer bounds on said road.

That bounds No. 1 be from Marston Meads to the ford of the Big Warrior and that John Graves be the overseer of said bounds.

That bounds No. 2 be from the said ford of the Big Warrior to the Little Warrior and that Israel Morris be the overseer of said bounds . . .

Names:

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Graves, John  
Hanby, Gabriel D.,  
Colonel

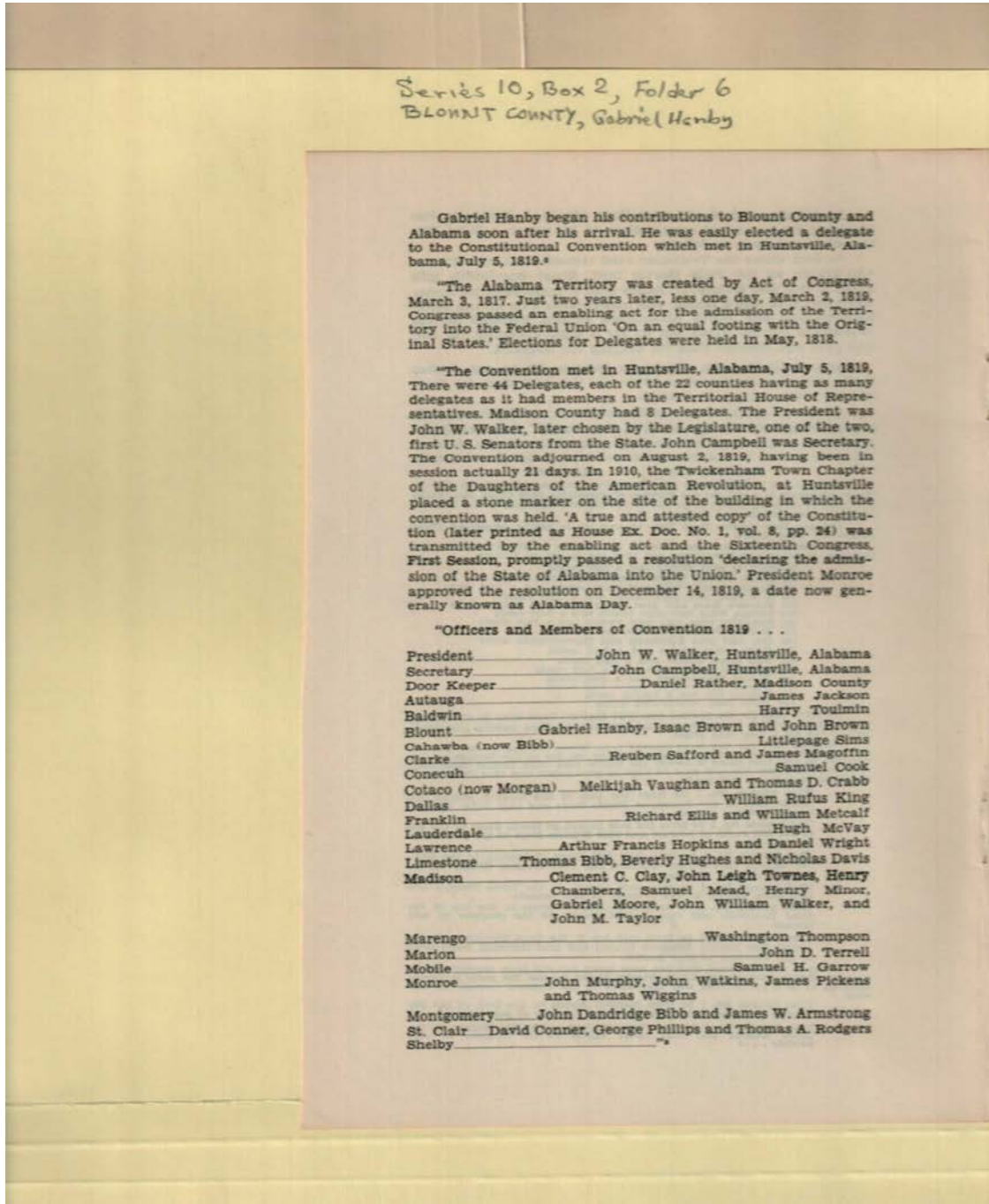
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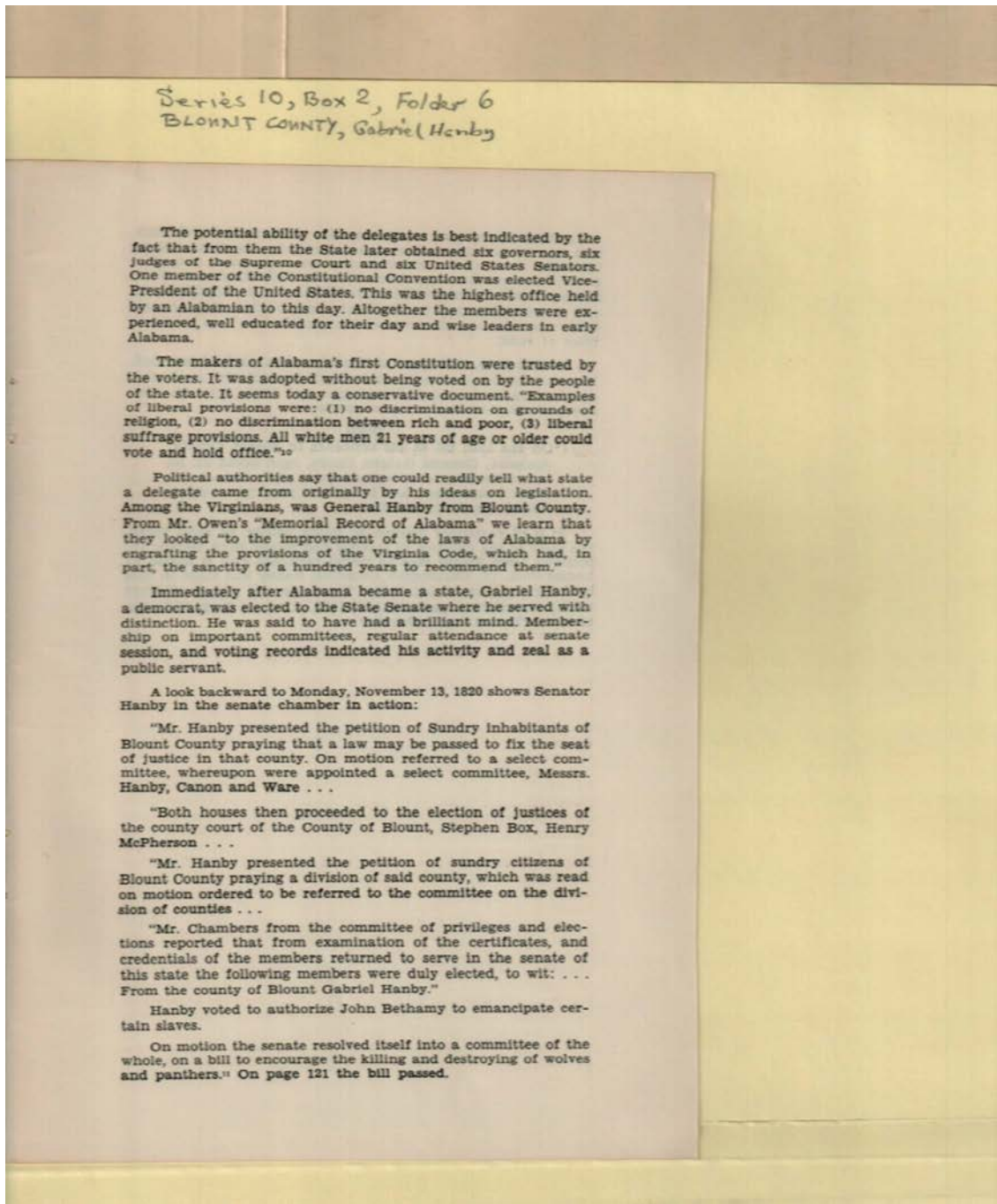
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| Campbell, John       | Hughes, Beverly     | Pickens, James     | Watkins, John        |
| Chambers, Henry      | Jackson, James      | Rather, Daniel     | Wiggins, Thomas      |
| Clay, Clement C.     | King, William Rufus | Rodgers, Thomas A. | Wright, Daniel       |
| Conner, David        | Magoffin, James     | Safford, Reuben    |                      |
| Cook, Samuel         | McVay, Hugh         | Sims, Littlepage   |                      |
| Crabb, Thomas D.     | Mead, Samuel        | Taylor, Thomas     |                      |
| Davis, Nicholas      | Metcalf, William    | Terrell, John D.   |                      |

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Box, Stephen

Canon,  
Chambers,

Hanby, General  
McPherson, Henry

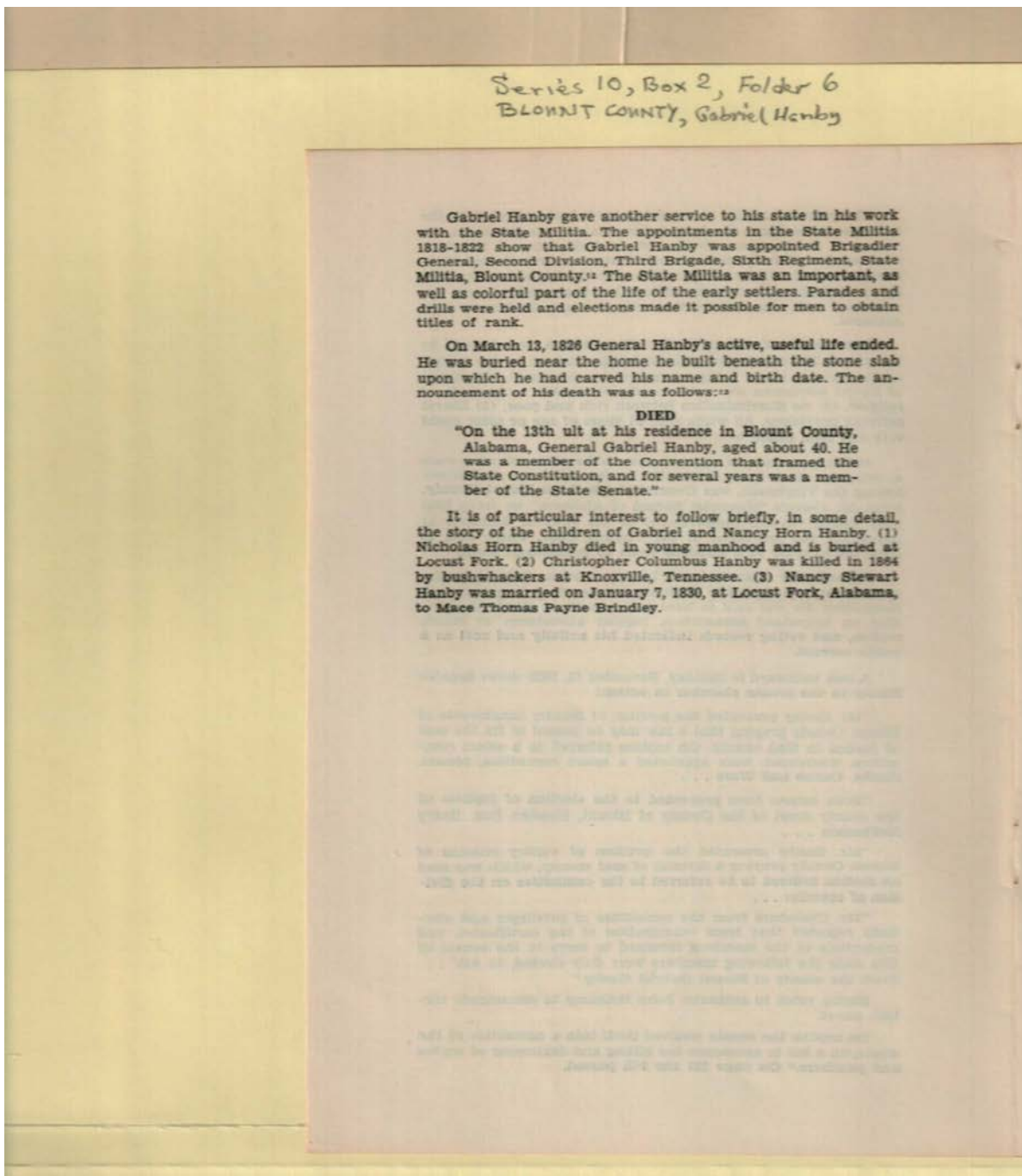
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Ware,

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Brindley, Mace  
Thomas Payne  
Hanby, Christopher  
Columbus

Hanby, Gabriel,  
General  
Hanby, Nancy Horn

Hanby, Nancy  
Stewart  
Hanby, Nicholas  
Horn

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Dress Worn By Nancy Stewart Hanby

Martha Brindley Gunter, great-great-granddaughter of Gabriel Hanby, models the dress worn by Nancy Stewart Hanby for her wedding to Mace Thomas Payne Brindley. The dress is in the possession of Van Brindley of Blountsville, Alabama.

M. T. P. Brindley came from a distinguished historic family that came to Alabama in 1815. "Brindlee Mountain" got its name from this family. He served Blount County as clerk for twelve (12) years and was Probate Judge.

In 1839 M. T. P. Brindley was elected to the legislature and took a prominent place. He was a man of wide reading habits and kept up carefully with public affairs. His course in the legislature pleased his constituents and he was promoted to the Senate. He had a reputation among his colleagues in the Senate for being a philosopher as well as a good businessman. He was a pleasing speaker who spoke intelligently and with such fairness that he always commanded attention. He served in the Senate three terms of three years each. His senate service ended in 1857.

He was director of the State National Bank located at Decatur. At that time there were only five banks in Alabama. He served the state also as Tax Collector. As a safety measure, it is said that in remitting the money for the taxes he would send a man on horseback to the State Capitol. The currency would be cut half in two. One time he would send one end of the bills. On

**Names:**

Brindley, M. T. P.  
Brindley, Mace  
Thomas Payne

Brindley, Van  
Gunter, Martha  
Brindley

Hanby, Gabriel  
Nancy Stewart Hanby  
Dress

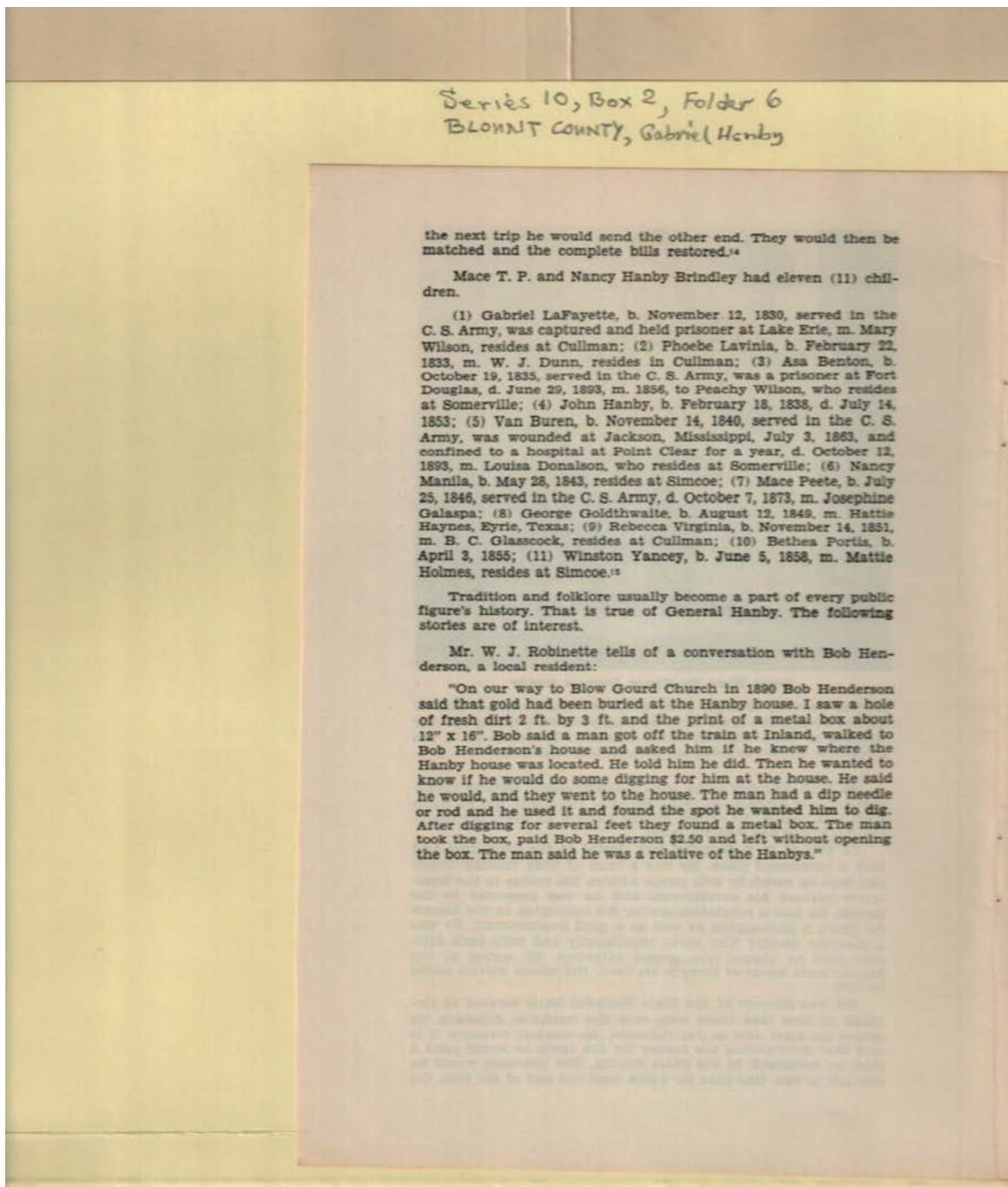
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Brindley, Bethea  
Portis  
Brindley, Gabriel  
LaFayette  
Brindley, George  
Goldthwaite  
Brindley, John Hanby

Brindley, Mace Peete  
Brindley, Mace T. P.  
Brindley, Nancy  
Hanby  
Brindley, Nancy  
Manila  
Brindley, Phoebe  
Lavinia

Brindley, Rebecca  
Virginia  
Brindley, Van Buren  
Brindley, Winston  
Yancey  
Donaldson, Louisa  
Dunn, W. J.  
Galaspa, Josephine

Glasscock, B. C.  
Hanby, General  
Haynes, Hattie  
Henderson, Bob  
Holmes, Mattie  
Robinette, W. J.  
Wilson, Mary  
Wilson, Peachy

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BLOWNT COUNTY, Gabriel Hanby



The Soldier Comes Home

The artist's concept of the returning soldier as remembered by Clement Massey.

Clement Massey, a leading businessman of Locust Fork, used to work in the fields near the Hanby homesite. His father told him many stories of General Hanby. His reminiscences of the soldierly figure in uniform with gleaming spurs, riding a spirited horse bedecked with silver-trimmed bridle and saddle continue to be vivid. The achievements and tales of valor of this brave soldier assumed heroic proportions to the young lad, Clement. Now a grandfather, Mr. Massey passes on the glowing pictures of the returning soldier to his grandchildren.

A genealogical study of the Hanby family has not been attempted in this document. Suffice it to say, that the contributions of many members of the family have been outstanding in the fields of medicine, law, politics, education, agriculture, science and other endeavors. Their military services have been noteworthy on the American front and throughout the world. Many of their roots grow deeply still in Alabama.

This paper has attempted by a look backward to give recognition to Gen. Gabriel Hanby, a citizen, a statesman, an American, who gave freely of his talents and his brilliant mind in public service. May this tribute inspire others to add their creative visions to Alabama's present and future.

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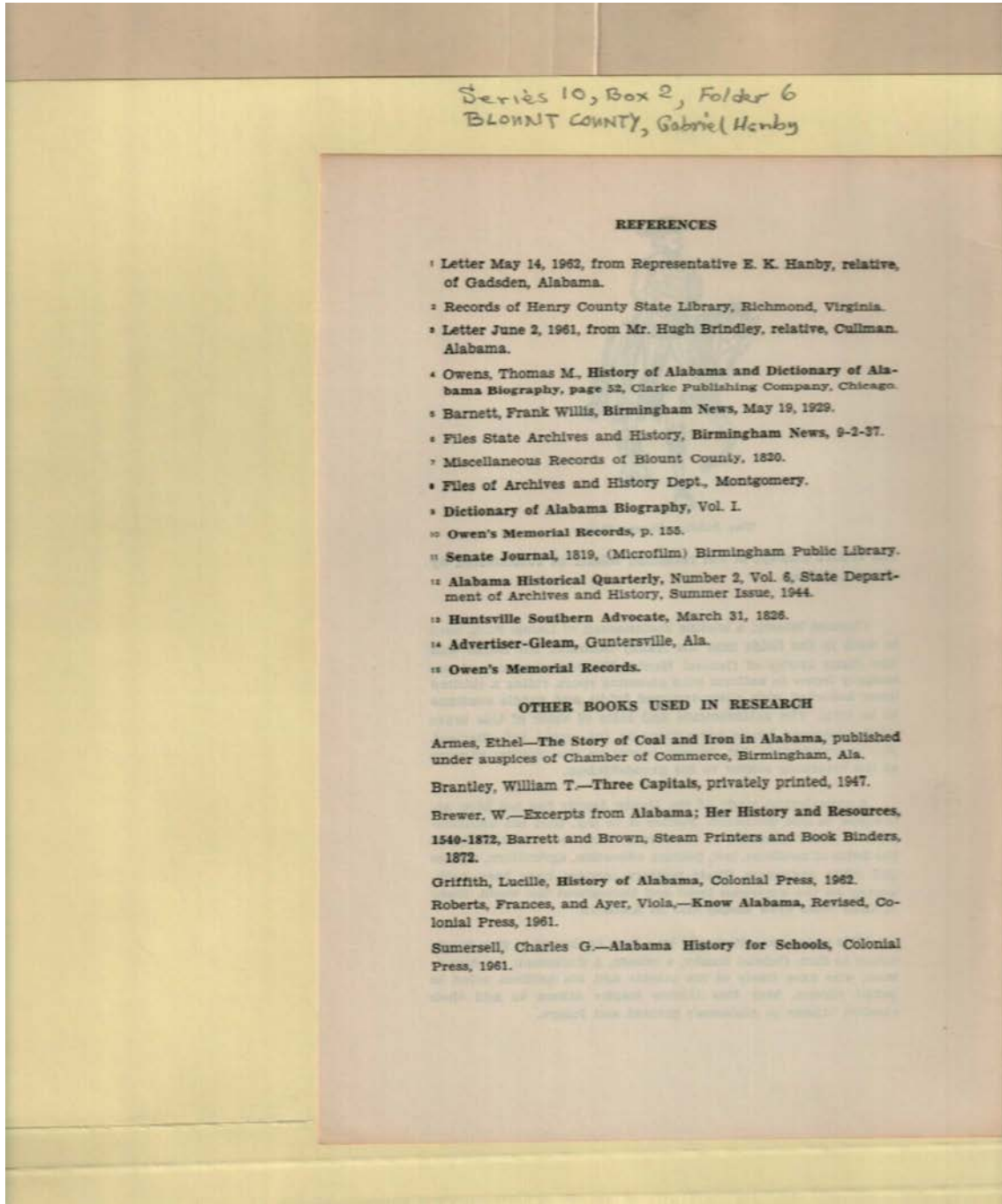
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General

Massey, Clement

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G.

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