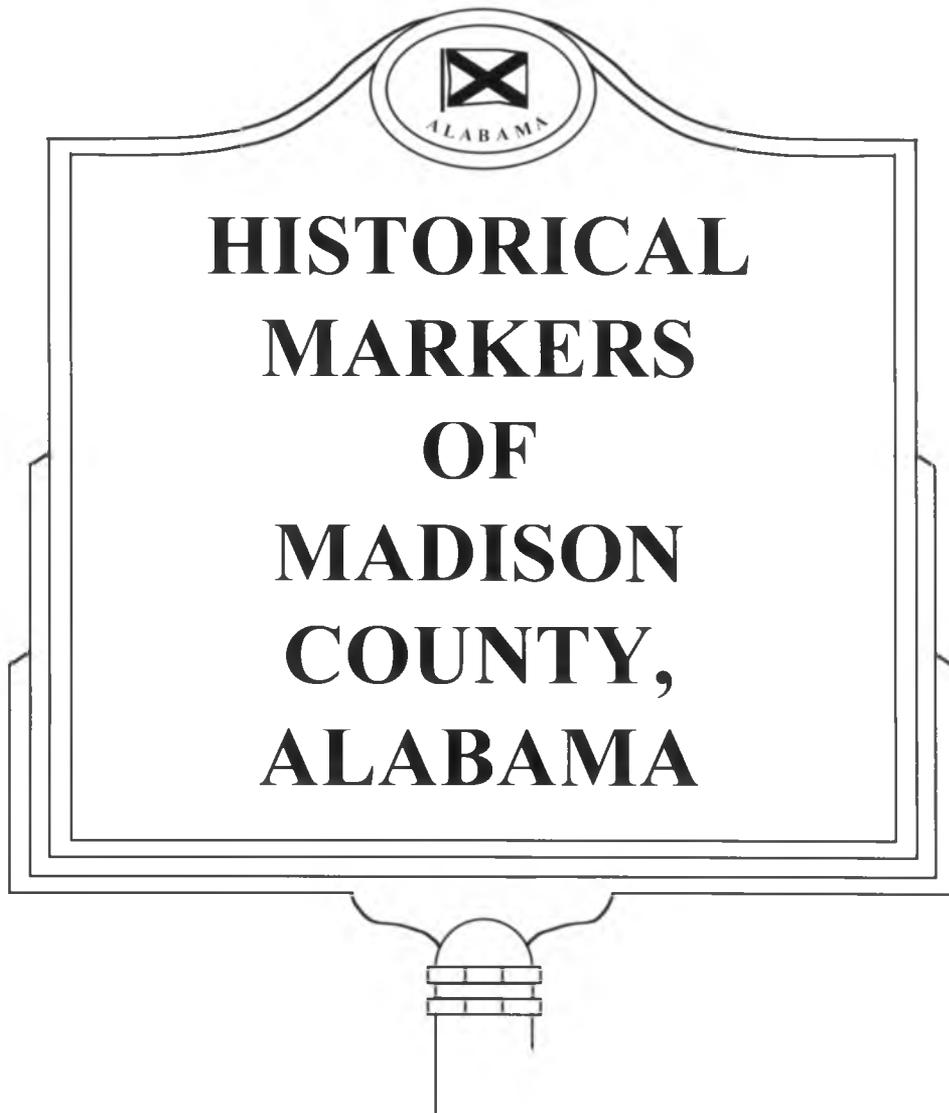


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INTRODUCTION

Almost from the beginning of time, civilizations have recorded their history - first in stone, then on tablets, and in later years on metal markers. During the formative years of our country and state, many patriotic societies and organizations commemorated sites of historical significance by erecting plaques, stones, and monuments. Although these efforts were certainly worthwhile, many travelers passed the sites without any knowledge of their existence. In 1947, the Alabama Historical Association began formulating a program to better publicize historical sites and make them more accessible to the general public. Under the leadership of Hill Ferguson, first chairman of the Highway Marker Committee, the Alabama Historical Association began erecting metal markers to guide motorists to interesting and significant historical sites throughout the state.

This program was expanded in 1952 with the appointment of Rucker Agee as chairman of the Highway Marker Committee. A distinctive marker design was adopted, standards and policies were formalized, and appeals were made for funds. At this time, a number of criteria were adopted by the committee: 1) a subcommittee of historians must approve the worthiness of the subject and the authenticity of facts stated on the marker, 2) a subcommittee must draft the marker text in easy-to-read phrases or sentences, 3) the markers must be erected on highways, courthouse squares, or public streets, where they can easily be seen by a large number of motorists and pedestrians, and 4) if not erected at the actual site, the marker must point the way and state the distance to the actual site. The approved marker is a handsome, 3.5' x 4' metal plaque mounted on a 4' alucrete post. The marker style and design is consistent throughout the state, with the marker face painted navy blue with silver trim and gold lettering. The Alabama State flag is located at the top of the marker.

In 1951, the newly formed Huntsville Historical Society (later renamed Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society) assisted the Acme Club in erecting a historical marker to commemorate Andrew Jackson's encampment in Huntsville on the way to the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. The local society erected its first Alabama Historical Association marker in 1953, and since that time, has been the driving force in ensuring that Madison County residents and visitors alike are made aware of the many interesting and historically significant sites in the area. Previous Marker Committee Chairmen included Henry B. Chase, Mrs. Joe Cooper, Sr., Sarah Huff Fisk, Margaret F. Sparkman, W.F. Sparkman, Catherine K. Gilliam, Dr. Frances Cabaniss Roberts, James R. Record, and Winston E. Walker, III. They, assisted by the many committee volunteers over the past fifty years, have been responsible for the erection of sixty-one metal historical markers within the boundaries of Madison County, forty-six of which are located in the city limits of Huntsville and fifteen are distributed throughout the other municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county. Markers have been erected to commemorate early settlements; historic churches, schools, and cemeteries; and other notable structures, sites, and events.

This program would not have been possible if it were not for the financial assistance received from the Madison County Commission, local municipalities, civic organizations, and private citizens. Two individuals prominent in securing funding for this project are the late James R. Record, former Madison County Commission Chairman, and Dr. Jimmy Wall, former Huntsville City Councilman. Recent funding from the current administrations of the City of Huntsville (Mayor Loretta Spencer) and Madison County (Commission Chairman Mike Gillespie) has enabled the society to continue this valuable program in the future. The city and county also provide the manpower to prepare sites and erect the markers. Mr. Mike Mahone and his crew with the Huntsville Department of Transportation have been very responsive in installing each city marker. The talented and dedicated members of the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society Marker Committee also work closely with the current chairman of the Alabama Historical Association Marker Committee, Dr. Norwood A. Kerr, and the diverse and interesting people throughout the community who share an interest in preserving local history.

The Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society Marker Committee currently has approximately thirty proposed marker sites on its list awaiting funding and research. This list is constantly reviewed and revised. Each proposed site is categorized (church, school, cemetery, notable structure, notable site, notable event, early settlement), and then prioritized within each category based on national, statewide, or local historical significance; age; location; accessibility to the public; and availability of funding. Research then begins on the higher priority markers. Committee members research land transaction records, probate court orders, newspapers, and church and school documents to glean historical facts and to ensure the marker text is historically accurate. Once the text has been approved by the marker committee of the Huntsville - Madison County Historical Society, it is forwarded to the Alabama Historical Association Marker Committee. Upon final approval, a copy of the text is sent to the manufacturer, Sewah Studios, for inscribing on both sides of the marker face. After the marker arrives and is erected, an unveiling and dedication ceremony is usually held.

In 1995 in preparation for the publication of this book, the local marker committee began the task of locating, surveying, and photographing existing markers and historical sites. At the same time, committee members also began collecting old photographs of the sites. Raneé Pruitt of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library assisted the committee in searching the photographic archives of the library's Heritage Room. Committee members also collected additional information on each marker and located references for further study. We chose to include in this book all of the historical highway markers erected in Madison County since the program's inception. Several of these markers have been destroyed over the years, and have not yet been replaced. Selected additional markers, plaques, and monuments, erected by other organizations, are also included in this publication because they were deemed significant, and there are no highway markers designating those sites. Following a brief history of Huntsville and Madison County, the reader will find a list of all markers and maps revealing their locations. Next, the complete text of each marker is presented, along with additional information and photographs of the site. This publication concludes with a bibliography of additional sources related to the markers and a complete index.

BRIEF HISTORY OF HUNTSVILLE AND MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

The early history of Huntsville and Madison County is really the early history of Alabama. The leadership in the formation of the Alabama Territory and later the creation of the state came from among the county's leading citizens. This area has furnished many of the state's thinkers and much of the area's wealth and culture. Among the first to settle in what is now Madison County was James Ditto who possibly arrived as early as 1802, and established a trading post and ferry on the north bank of the Tennessee River in what was then called Chickasaw Old Fields (later Whitesburg or Ditto's Landing). Joseph and Isaac Criner came in 1804 and settled just south of the Tennessee line on the Mountain Fork of Flint River near present-day New Market. John Hunt, for whom the City of Huntsville was named, came to the area and built his home near the "Big Spring" in 1805. There were probably other settlers in those early years, but the area largely remained hunting grounds for both the Chickasaw and Cherokee Indians. On July 23, 1805, the Chickasaws gave up their claim to what is now Madison County. The Cherokees followed suit by relinquishing their claim on January 7, 1806. Once the Indians ceded their land to the U.S. Government, many other settlers from Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee entered the area in search of cheap, fertile land. These new frontiersmen concentrated in seven population centers: Hickory Flat and Mountain Fork of Flint River; Three Forks of Flint; Ryland-Brownsboro-Maysville area; Hunt's Spring south to Ditto's Landing and along Aldridge's Creek; Hazel Green; Meridianville; and along Limestone Creek and the headwaters of Indian Creek.

There were soon enough people living within the "great bend" area of the Tennessee River that an organized government was needed. In answer to the petitions of the settlers, Governor Robert Williams, by executive order on December 13, 1808, created Madison County as part of the Mississippi Territory. It was named in honor of James Madison, then Secretary of State. At the time Madison County was created there were approximately 2500 settlers/squatters living within its bounds. The first sale of public lands in what is now Madison County was made on August 7, 1809, at the Public Land Office in Nashville. By October, 24,000 acres had been purchased by squatters and land speculators, and over \$60,000 had been paid down for them. Later sales of 1810, 1812, 1814, and 1815 completed the transfer of the best lands in old Madison County from the Government to the settlers. The sales of 1818, 1819, 1820, and 1830 distributed the lands added to the county's original boundaries in 1818, 1819, and 1826. LeRoy Pope, a Georgia planter, bought much of the land surrounding the Big Spring or Hunt's Spring as it was also called for \$23.50 an acre with the view of developing a site to be designated as the county seat. During June of 1810 he had sixty acres around the spring platted as a town to be named Twickenham in honor of the English home of the poet, Alexander Pope.

Upon recommendation of a special commission composed of William Dickson, Edward Ward, Louis Winston, Alexander Gilbreath, and Peter Perkins, Pope's Twickenham was designated as the county seat of Madison on July 5, 1810. The new town's name was never popular, and on November 25, 1811, Twickenham's name was

changed to Huntsville, in honor of John Hunt who had been an early settler at the Big Spring. On December 9, 1811, the town of Huntsville was incorporated.

When first laid out by John Coffee, the town contained sixty acres in blocks of two acres each subdivided into four lots. Half of the lots were sold to the commissioners at \$23.50 per acre and the remaining portion of the town was retained for sale by LeRoy Pope and his associates. The commissioners then sold their holdings at auction and the proceeds were used to construct a courthouse and jail on the Public Square.

Huntsville's growth was very rapid during the period from 1810 to 1819. The land office moved from Nashville to Huntsville in 1811, and people from all of the eastern states flocked here to purchase lands in the Tennessee Valley. The moderate climate, rich soil, and abundant water made this area an excellent location for growing cotton and other crops. The town had all the signs of becoming a thriving commercial center in the heart of a rich agricultural area. Madison County's population increase, the desire of its citizens to govern themselves, and its influence in Congress led to the creation of the new Alabama Territory. On March 3, 1817, an act of Congress designated the eastern section of the Mississippi Territory as the Alabama Territory and the western portion became the State of Mississippi. By the end of the decade, Huntsville's Public Square had become the hub of extensive activity. A two-story brick courthouse had been completed, and stores and craft shops were numerous. The community also had a weekly newspaper, a bank, a library, a Masonic Lodge, a school, numerous churches, and a number of cultural organizations.

Because of its political leadership and its attractive accommodations, Huntsville was chosen as the temporary capital of Alabama as it moved from territorial status to statehood during the summer and autumn of 1819. On July 5, 1819, Alabama's first Constitutional Convention met in Huntsville. The first session of the state legislature convened in Huntsville on November 9, 1819, and on this same day William Wyatt Bibb was inaugurated Alabama's first state governor. The Congress of the United States formally recognized Alabama as a state on December 14, 1819. Three days later, the legislature adjourned to meet next at Cahaba, then designated as the permanent capital of the state.

Throughout the antebellum period, Huntsville and Madison County continued to furnish political leadership to the state and nation. The president of the first Constitutional Convention, many governors, United States Senators and Representatives were all citizens of Huntsville and Madison County. Huntsville also remained a commercial, social, educational, and cultural center in the heart of a rich agricultural hinterland. The area also drew some of its wealth from the manufacture of cotton goods, flour, shoes, lumber, copper stills, pumps, and various other products of early times.

Transportation for Huntsville and Madison County kept pace with the early development of the area. The Indian Creek Canal connected the Big Spring Creek with the Tennessee River by way of Indian Creek. Flint and Paint Rock Rivers were developed for transportation of cotton barges to the Tennessee. Toll roads were constructed and many stage coach lines connected Huntsville with other parts of the South. In 1851, the city government of Huntsville aided in financing the construction of a division of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad which greatly improved transportation facilities in the county.

As war clouds gathered in the 1850's, anti-secession sentiment ran high. Madison County, however, contributed greatly to the Southern cause. It was the railroad, a prime objective of Union troops, that led to the capture and occupation of Huntsville on April 11, 1862. This first occupation lasted only until August 31, 1862. A year later on July 4, 1863, Union troops returned and continued their stay in Huntsville until the end of the war in April, 1865. Many homes were used for Union officers' quarters and schools and churches were used by the Union troops for their barracks. Surprisingly, only a few structures were destroyed and those were reported as accidents by fire.

The defeat of the Confederacy left many people in Huntsville economically destitute and recovery became a slow and painful process. Huntsville's merchants and farmers worked hard to revive the economy, encouraging the investment of Northern capital. As soon as Madison County's rich farm lands were put into cultivation again, Huntsville began to prosper.

During the 1880's and 1890's, some of Huntsville's leaders encouraged business men from other sections of the country to aid them in the industrial and real estate development of the area. Textile mills, hardwood factories, and nurseries were established, and Monte Sano became a thriving summer tourist resort. Further railroad expansion added to the city's accessibility to new markets. By 1900, Huntsville was considered to be one of the most thriving textile centers in the state.

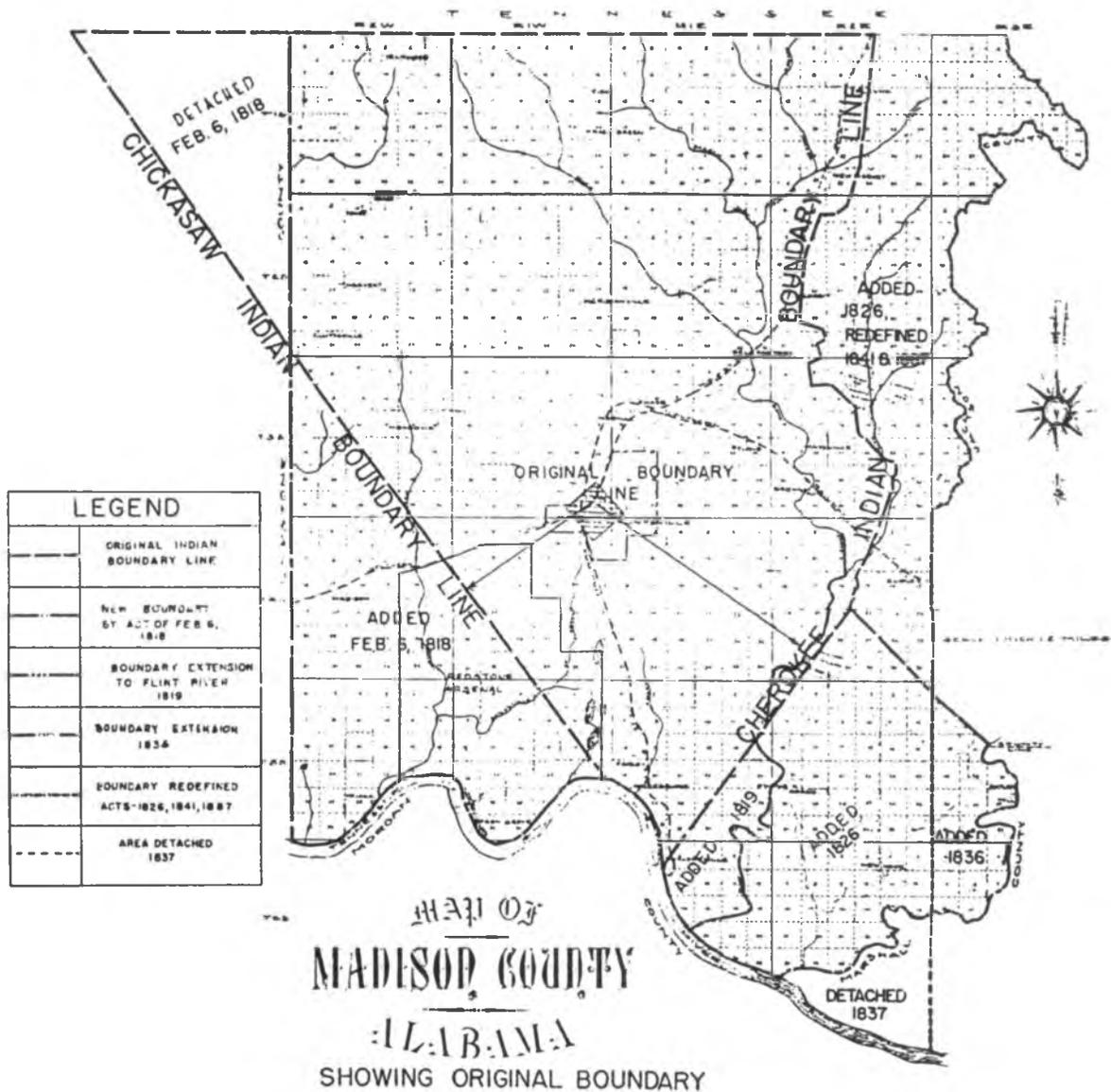
The World War I period and the decade which followed were prosperous years for the people of Huntsville and Madison County. But the years of the Great Depression caused a major decline in its industries and commercial enterprises. The creation of the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1933, however, did give Madison County residents a source of hope. The varied TVA programs resulting in more adequate flood control, improved water transportation, better land utilization, and the production of abundant hydroelectric power, did much to aid the valley's recovery from the depression years of the 1930's.

World War II brought new life to Huntsville when the federal government located two major installations just to the south of the city. The Huntsville Arsenal, a chemical manufacturing plant, and Redstone Arsenal, a shell-loading plant, were begun in 1941. After the war, these areas were combined to become Redstone Arsenal. In 1950, more than 100 German scientists, led by Dr. Wernher von Braun, arrived in Huntsville from Ft. Bliss, Texas to continue their rocket and guided missile research and development efforts for the U.S. Army. This group and their space-related activities were later transferred to the newly created National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the opening of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center at Redstone Arsenal on July 1, 1960. The various U.S. Army organizations at Redstone then focused their efforts on missile systems for military applications. The area's many scientists, engineers, and support personnel helped the nation move ahead in the 1960's race to the moon, and Huntsville soon became known as the Rocket City.

Within the last thirty years, diversification of industry and agriculture has resulted in a rapidly expanding economic base. The Huntsville/Madison County area has earned a reputation for having one of the strongest and most diverse high-tech communities in the nation. Redstone Arsenal continues to be the site of much activity in the areas of research and development of missiles, helicopters, and space vehicles that are vital to the

nation's defense and space exploration efforts. Huntsville's Cummings Research Park is home to over 200 research and development firms, with a healthy mixture of Fortune 500 companies and homegrown firms. This tremendous business growth has made possible increased medical, educational, religious, cultural, and recreational opportunities for the citizens of Huntsville and Madison County.

The Huntsville/Madison County area has all the right ingredients for a successful future as well. Within its bounds is a unique mixture of old and new, artistic and scientific, native-born and immigrant, historical and high-tech. Each contributes its best qualities to make this a special place in which to live. The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce sums it up best – "Known for a spirit of innovation that may be traced throughout the flourishing history of the area, Huntsville/Madison County continues to lead the way - - pioneering a new way of life for a new century."



HISTORICAL MARKER LOCATOR

	MARKER	LOCATION	CITY	
Downtown Huntsville (Northern Quadrant)	1	Madison County	NE corner of Courthouse Square	Huntsville
	2	First United Methodist Church	NW corner of Greene St. & Randolph Ave.	Huntsville
	3	Temple B'nai Sholom	SE corner of Clinton Ave. & Lincoln St.	Huntsville
	4	Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation	222 Jefferson St.	Huntsville
	5	Site of Huntsville Female College	419 Randolph Ave.	Huntsville
	6	Site of Green Academy	North side of Clinton Ave. between Calhoun St. & White St. (East Clinton School)	Huntsville
	7	Goldsmith-Schiffman Field	North side of 300 block of Ward Ave.	Huntsville
	8	Lincoln School and Village	1110 Meridian St. (In front of Lincoln School)	Huntsville
	9	Dallas Mills and Village / Rison School	NE corner of Oakwood Ave. & Lee High Dr. (At fire station)	Huntsville
	10	Dallas / Optimist Park	NE corner of Oakwood Ave. & Andrew Jackson Way	Huntsville
	11	Old Town Historic District	NE corner of Holmes Ave. & Lincoln St.	Huntsville
	12	Andrew Jackson Encampment	Triangular median at Holmes Ave. & Lincoln St.	Huntsville
Downtown Huntsville (Eastern Quadrant)	13	Maple Hill Cemetery	SE corner of Wells Ave. & Maple Hill Dr.	Huntsville
	14	Twickenham Historic District	SW corner of White St. & Randolph Ave. (In front of Annie Merts Center)	Huntsville
	15	Twickenham Historic District	NW corner of White St. & California St.	Huntsville
	16	LeRoy Pope Mansion	North side of Echols Ave. at intersection with Adams St.	Huntsville
	17	Helion Lodge No. 1	NE corner of Williams Ave. & Lincoln St.	Huntsville
	18	First Presbyterian Church	NW corner of Gates Ave. & Lincoln St.	Huntsville
	19	Howard Weeden Home	300 Gates Ave. (SE corner of Gates Ave. & Greene St.)	Huntsville
	20	Calhoun House	NE corner of Eustis Ave. & Greene St.	Huntsville
	21	Church of the Nativity, Episcopal	SW corner of Eustis Ave. & Greene St.	Huntsville
	22	Tallulah Bankhead / I. Schiffman Building	231 East Side Square	Huntsville
	23	Site of Huntsville Inn	223 East Side Square	Huntsville
Downtown Huntsville (Southern Quadrant)	24	Harrison Brothers Hardware	124 South Side Square	Huntsville
	25	Site of Alabama's First Constitutional Convention	NW corner of Franklin St. & Gates Ave.	Huntsville
	26	Alabama Statehood	NW corner of Franklin St. & Gates Ave.	Huntsville
	27	Site of Huntsville Slave Cemetery	SW corner of Madison St. & St. Clair Ave.	Huntsville
	28	Twickenham Historic District	SW corner of Williams Ave. & Franklin St.	Huntsville
	29	Birthplace of General John Hunt Morgan	558 Franklin St.	Huntsville

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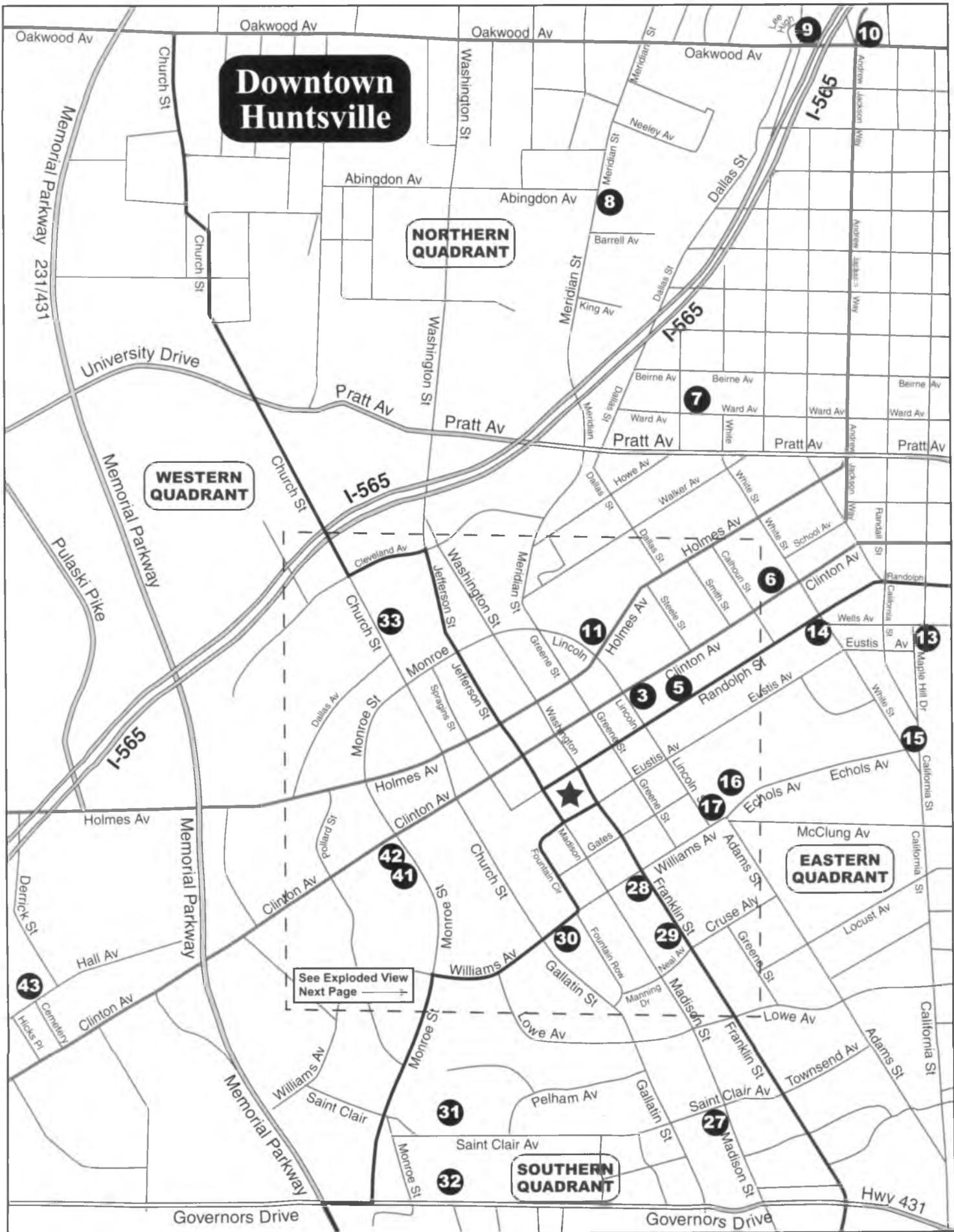
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	30	Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church	South side of Williams Avenue (Between Gallatin St. & Fountain Row)	Huntsville
	31	William Hooper Councill High School Site	620 St. Clair Ave.	Huntsville
	32	First Baptist Church	600 Governors Dr.	Huntsville
Downtown Huntsville (Western Quadrant)	33	Huntsville Passenger Depot	320 Church St.	Huntsville
	34	Original Site of Lakeside United Methodist Church	West side of 200 Block of Jefferson St.	Huntsville
	35	First Bank in Alabama - Planters and Merchants Bank of Huntsville	216 West Side Square	Huntsville
	36	First National Bank of Huntsville	216 West Side Square	Huntsville
	37	Major General H. N. Toftoy	West Side Square below Regions Bank	Huntsville
	38	John Hunt / Big Spring	West Side Square below Regions Bank	Huntsville
	39	Indian Creek Canal	Southern end of Spragins Ave.	Huntsville
	40	City of Huntsville	East side of Church St. at Big Spring Park	Huntsville
	41	Dr. Wernher Von Braun	700 Monroe St. (In Front of VBC Concert Hall)	Huntsville
	42	Original Site of Alabama A&M University	SW corner of Clinton Ave. & Monroe St. (VBC)	Huntsville
	43	Glenwood Cemetery	Intersection of Hall Ave. & Cemetery St.	Huntsville
Northeastern Madison County (Including North Huntsville)	44	Site of Bell Factory	West side of Winchester Rd. at intersection of Bell Factory Rd.	Riverton
	45	Buckhorn Tavern / Buckhorn Tavern Skirmish	Intersection of Winchester Rd. & Maysville Rd.	New Market
	46	Town of New Market	East side of Winchester Rd. just south of New Market Rd.	New Market
	47	New Market Presbyterian Church	North side of New Market Rd. (In front of sanctuary)	New Market
	48	Mount Paran Campground and Cemetery	West side of Winchester Rd. 1/2 mile north of New Market Rd.	New Market
	49	Madison County Poorhouse Farm Site and Cemetery	South side of Beth Rd., 1.7 miles west of New Market	New Market
	50	Old Limestone Road Skirmish	SW corner of Winchester Rd. & Buddy Williamson Rd.	Plevna
	51	Initial Survey Point	West side of Highway 431/231 just south of Alabama / Tennessee line	Fisk
	52	Site of Cabaniss Cotton Spinning Factory *	East side of Highway 231/431, 2 miles north of Hazel Green	Fisk
	53	Site of John Williams Walker Home *	2 miles north of Meridianville on east side of Highway 431/231	Meridianville
	54	Original Site of Enon Baptist Church	NE corner of Meridianville Bottom Rd. & Bolling Rd.	Meridianville
	55	Alabama A & M University	NE corner of Meridian St. & Chase Rd.	Huntsville

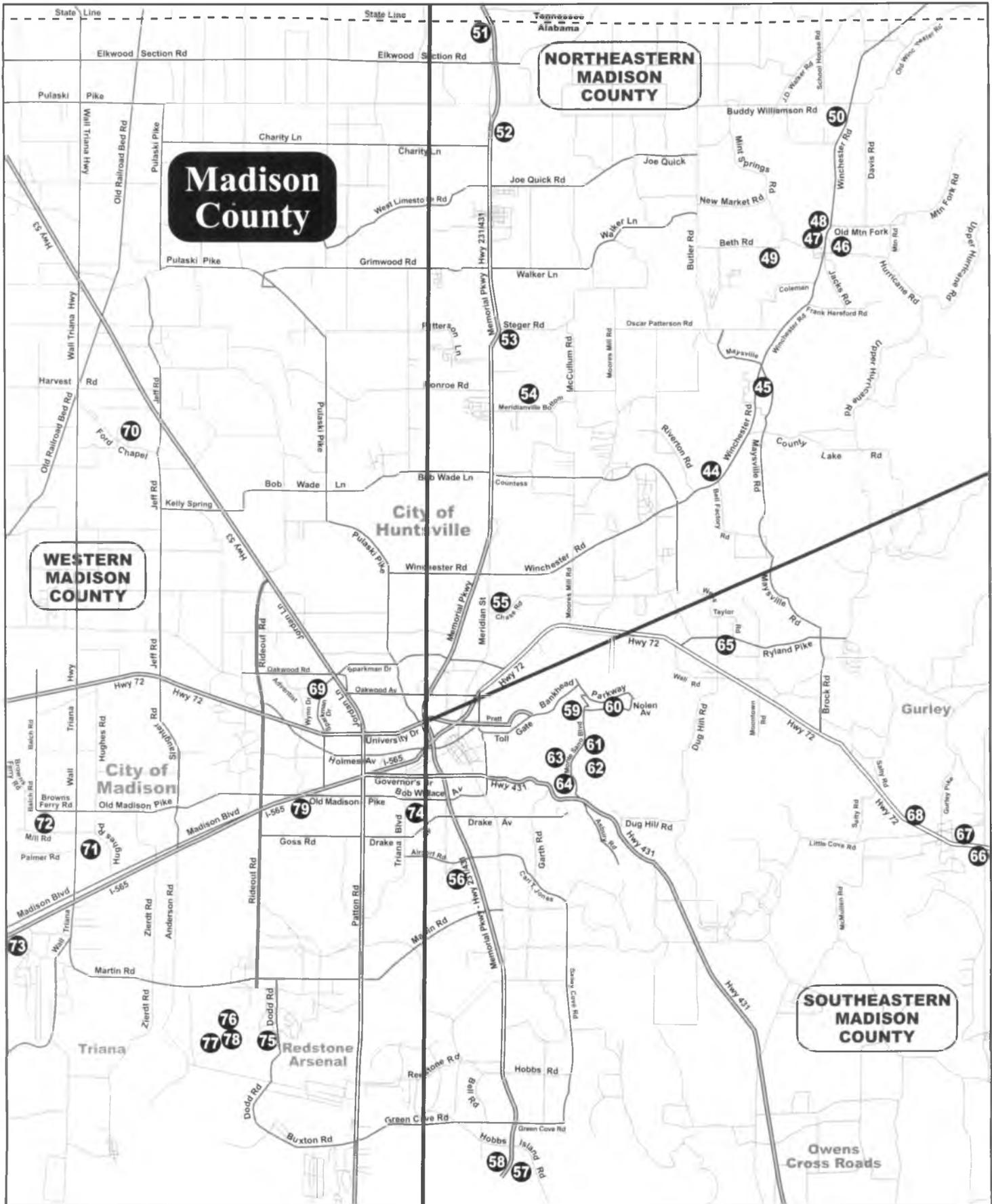
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	MARKER	LOCATION	CITY	
Southeastern Madison County (Including South & East Huntsville)	56	Hermes Guided Missile	SW corner of Memorial Pkwy. & Airport Rd.	Huntsville
	57	Site of Ditto's Landing and Town of Whitesburg	Corner of Boat Docks Rd. & W. Eugene Morgan Rd. (In front of Ditto Landing <u>Kingston Pavillion</u>)	Huntsville
	58	Chickasaw Old Fields *	West side of Highway 231 just north of Tennessee River	Huntsville
	59	Historic Viduta / Hotel Monte Sano	SW corner of Monte Sano Blvd. & Old Chimney Rd./Nolen Ave.	Huntsville
	60	Monte Sano Female Seminary	Originally on NE corner of Lookout Dr. & Fearn St.; Relocated west of Cooper St. <u>at intersection with Lookout Dr.</u>	Huntsville
	61	Monte Sano Elementary School	1107 Monte Sano Blvd.	Huntsville
	62	Schrimsher Farm / Sunrise Terrace Subdivision	Intersection of Panorama Drive & Skyview Drive	Huntsville
	63	Monte Sano	Intersection of Monte Sano Blvd. & Panorama Drive	Huntsville
	64	Burritt Museum	Corner of Monte Sano Blvd. & Burritt Dr.	Huntsville
	65	Shiloh United Methodist Church	South side of Ryland Pike & west of <u>Dug Hill Road</u>	Ryland
	66	Wildwood-Virginia Clay Clopton Home	South side of Highway 72 at Madison / Jackson County line	Gurley
	67	Town of Gurley	NE corner of Highway 72 & Gurley Pike (Third Street)	Gurley
68	First Baptist Church in Alabama	North side of Highway 72 2 1/2 miles <u>west of Gurley City Limits</u>	Gurley	
Western Madison County (Including West Huntsville & Redstone Arsenal)	69	Oakwood College	Intersection of Sparkman Dr. & Adventist Dr. (In median)	Huntsville
	70	Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church	208 Ford's Chapel Rd.	Harvest
	71	City of Madison	SW corner of Church St. & Front St.	Madison
	72	Bibb Cemetery	NW corner of Mill Rd. & Bibb Dr.	Madison
	73	Triana *	South side of Highway 20 near <u>Limestone County line</u>	Huntsville
	74	Merrimack Mfg. Co. & Village / Joseph J. Bradlev School	3405 Triana Blvd. (In front of Phase IV Systems)	Huntsville
	75	Redstone Test Stand	West side of Dodd Rd. 1.0 miles south of Martin Rd.	Redstone Arsenal
	76	Propulsion and Structural Test Facility	Not accessible	Redstone Arsenal
	77	Neutral Buoyancy Space Simulator	Not accessible	Redstone Arsenal
	78	Saturn V Dynamic Test Stand	Not accessible	Redstone Arsenal
	79	Saturn V Launch Vehicle	U.S. Space & Rocket Center <u>1 Tranquility Base</u>	Huntsville

* Marker No Longer In Existence

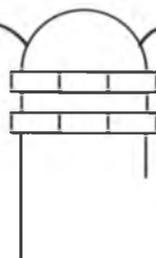




Downtown Huntsville (Northern Quadrant)

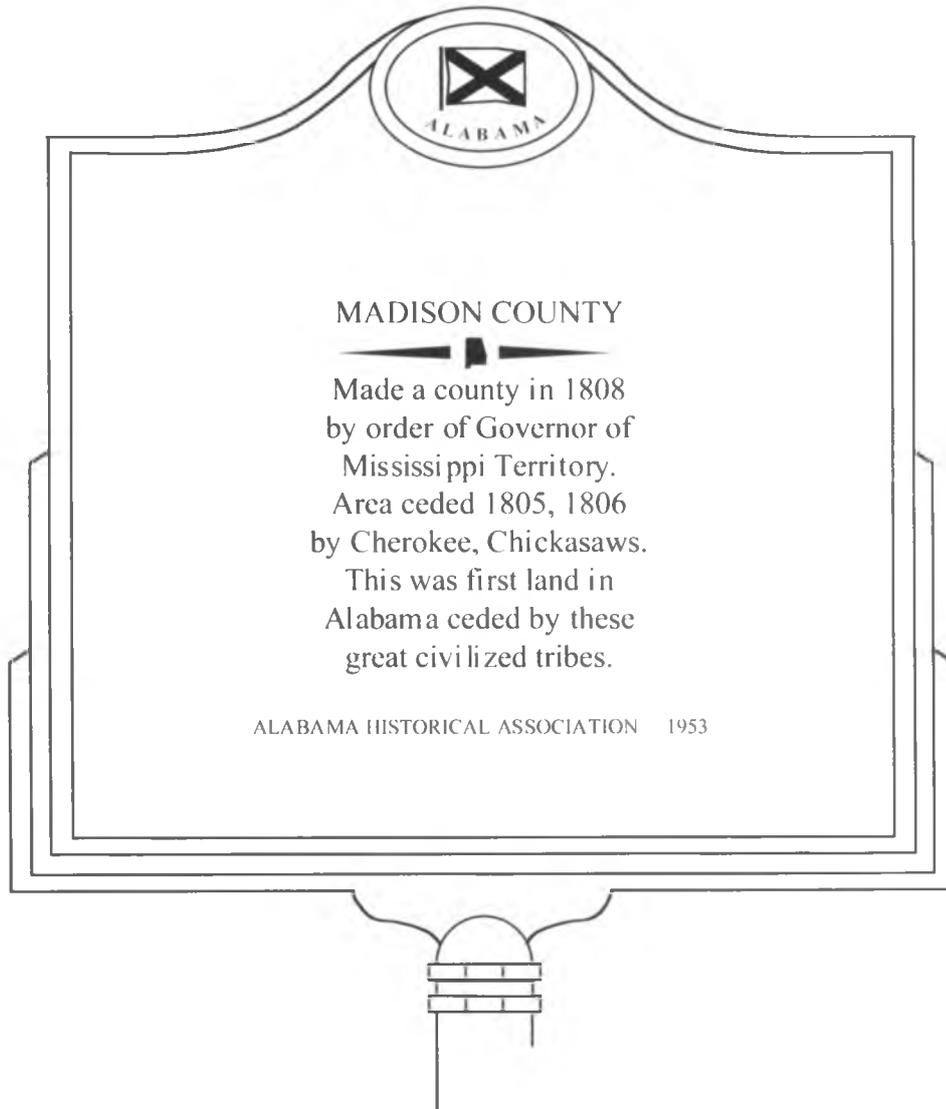


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Madison County



Sponsored by the Huntsville Historical Society (later renamed Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society), this Alabama Historical Association marker was dedicated on August 16, 1953. It is located on the northeast corner of the Courthouse Square in Huntsville, Alabama. The marker was refurbished in 1976. For additional information regarding the establishment of Madison County, see References 1, 10, 16, 17, 20, 26, 27, 46, 68, 69, 73, 84, 86, 90, and 95.



Sketch of First Courthouse



Second Courthouse (before 1900)



Third Courthouse (ca. 1963)



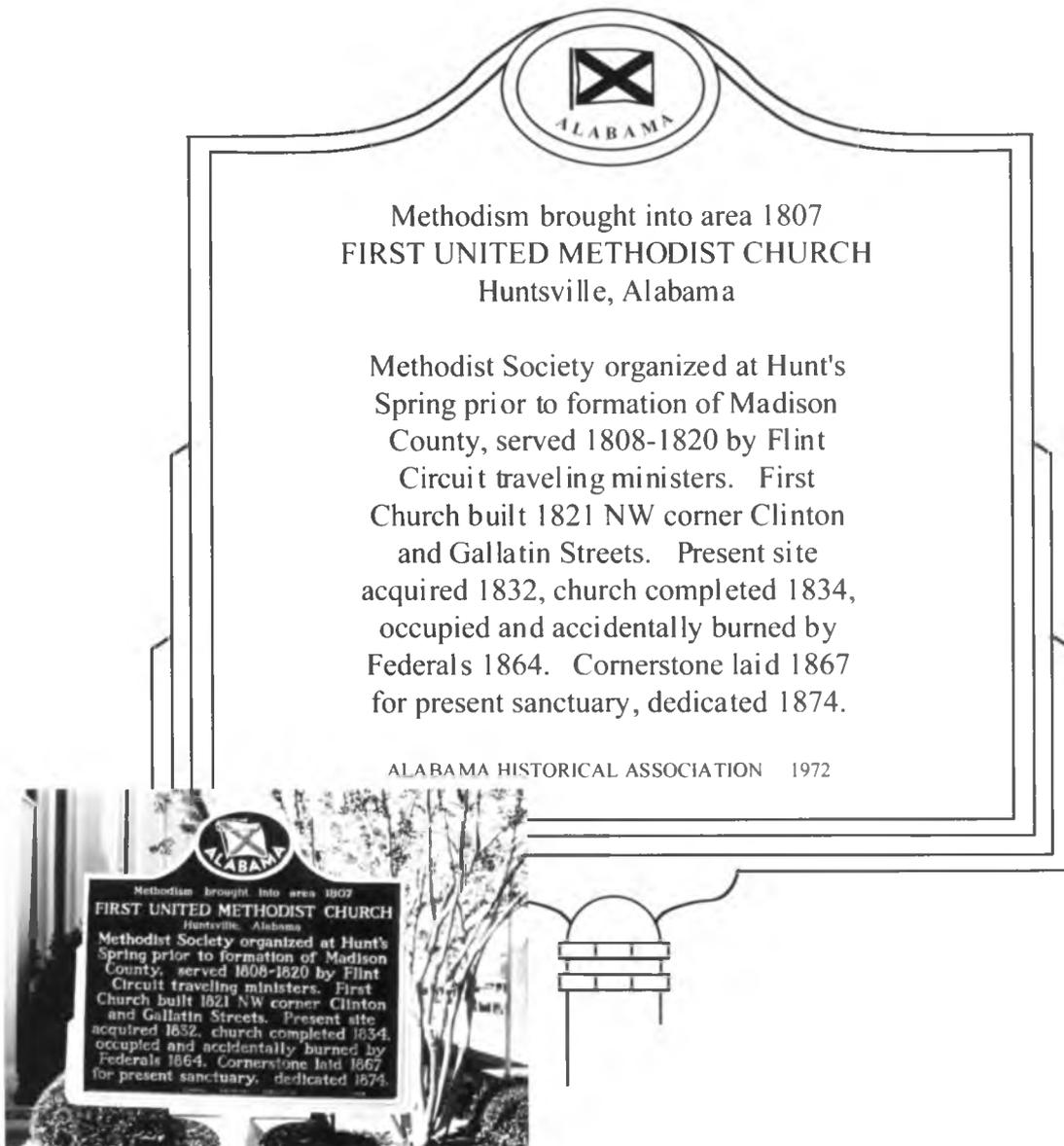
Fourth & Current Courthouse (1996)



Madison County
Historical Marker

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First United Methodist Church



First United Methodist Church
Historical Marker

This Alabama Historical Association marker commemorating the establishment of the First United Methodist Church is located at the *entrance* of the sanctuary on the northwest corner of Greene Street and Randolph Avenue in Huntsville, Alabama. Sponsored by the local congregation, this marker was dedicated on March 5, 1972. It was completely refurbished in 2000, and rededicated on June 25, 2000. For additional information regarding the church, see References 10, 30, 47, 58, 73, 87, 94, and 95.



First United Methodist Church
(ca. 1870's)



First United Methodist Church
(ca. 1890's)

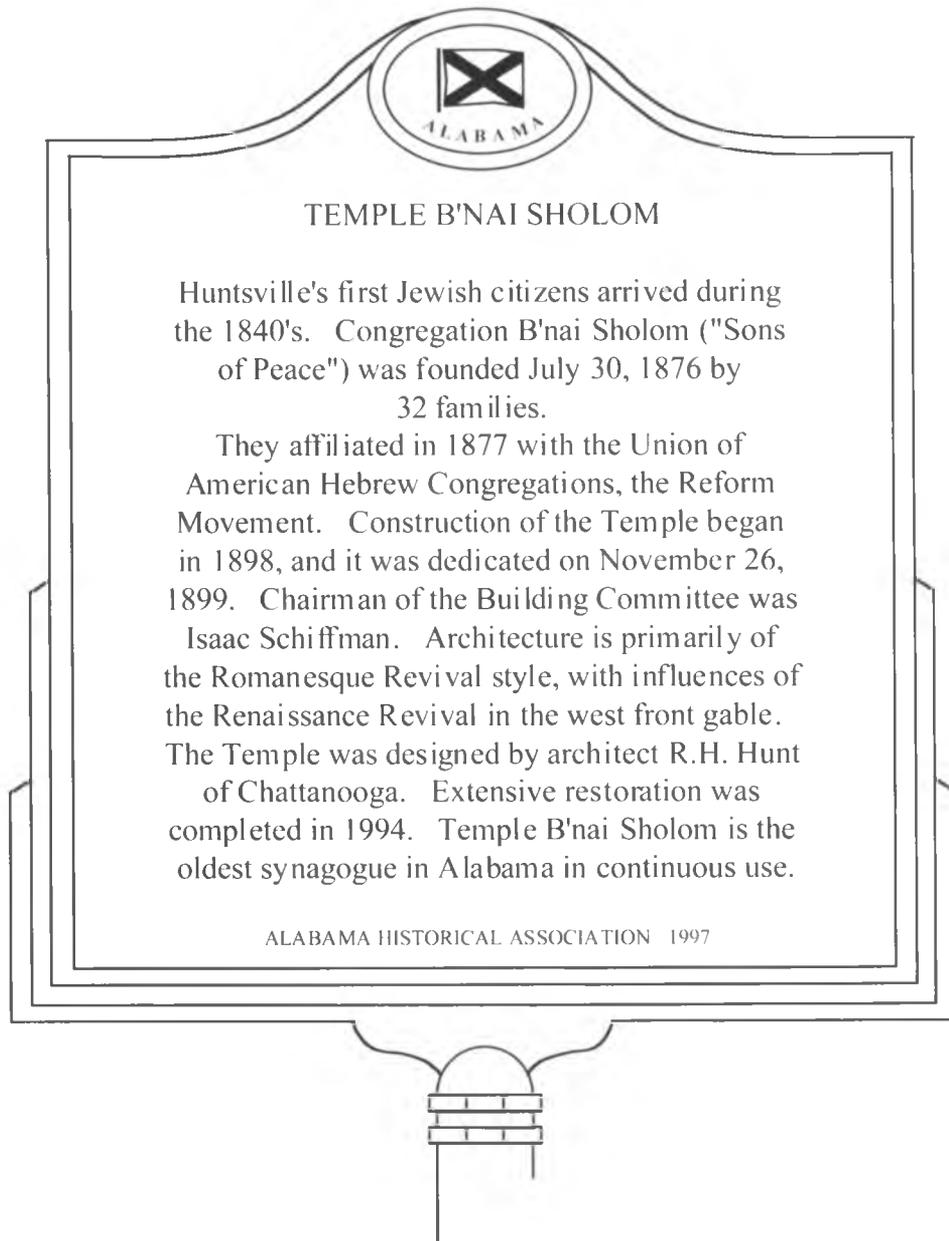


First United Methodist Church (1994)



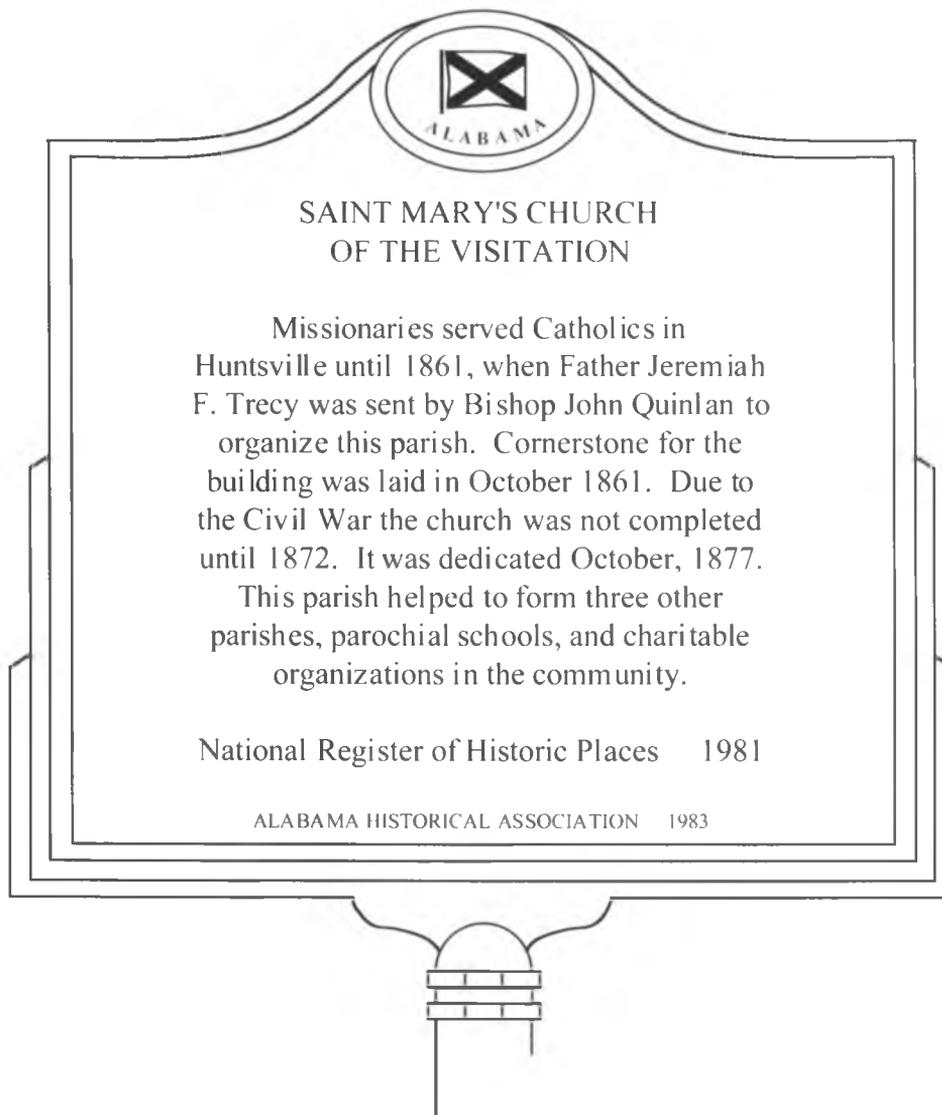
First United Methodist Church (1994)

Temple B'nai Sholom



The City of Huntsville sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker which was erected in front of the Synagogue at the southeast corner of Clinton Avenue and Lincoln Street in Huntsville, Alabama. The marker was dedicated on November 12, 1999. Additional information regarding Congregation B'nai Sholom and the Temple can be found in References 2 (No. 36), 87, and 95.

Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation



Located in front of the entrance to the sanctuary at 222 Jefferson Street, Huntsville, Alabama, this Alabama Historical Association marker was dedicated on Nov. 9, 1983. References 20, 58, 87, and 95 contain additional information regarding Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation.



Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation
Historical Marker

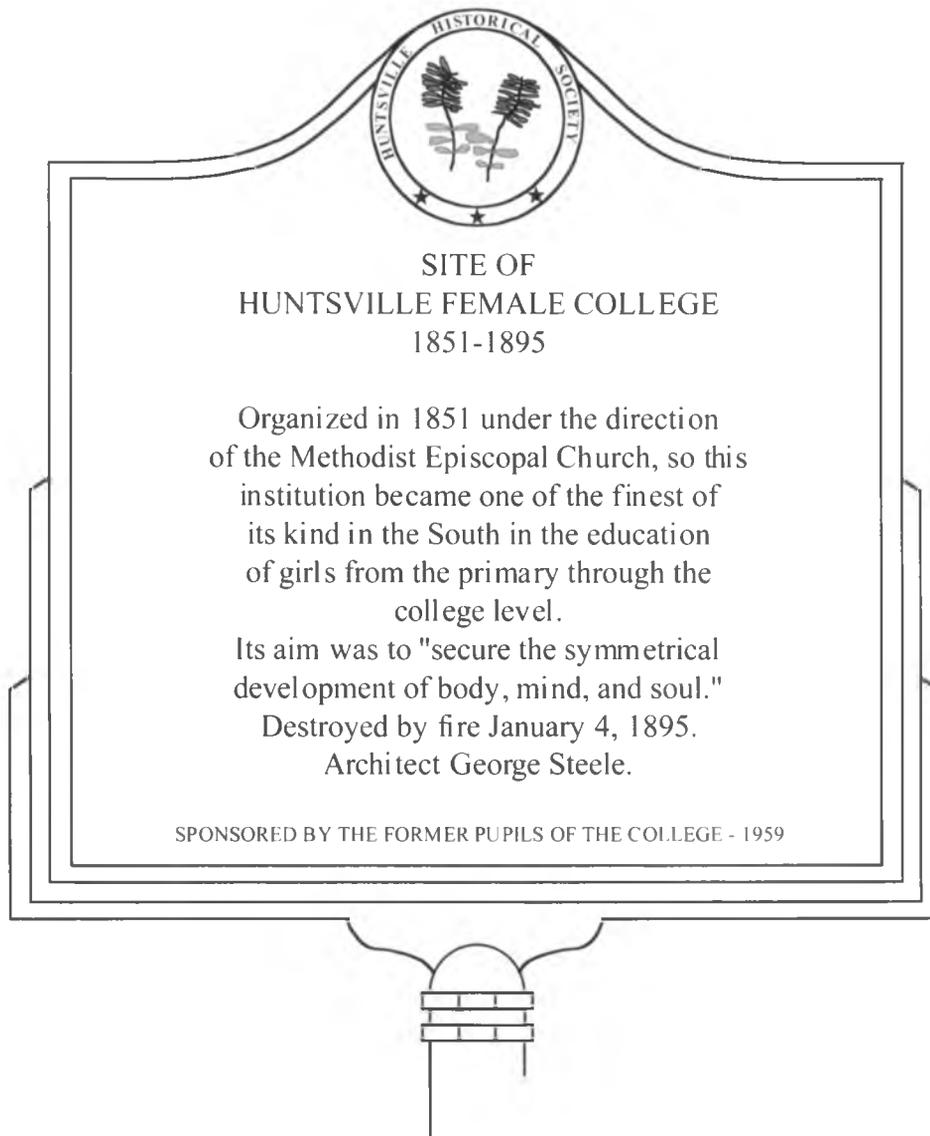


Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation (1900)



Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation (1996)

5 Site of Huntsville Female College



Former pupils of the Huntsville Female College sponsored this Huntsville Historical Society (later renamed Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society) marker which was dedicated on May 31, 1959. It is located at 419 Randolph Avenue in Huntsville, Alabama. Additional details of the college's history can be found in References 10, 20, 25, 35, 36, 53, 73, and 87.



Sketch of Huntsville Female College



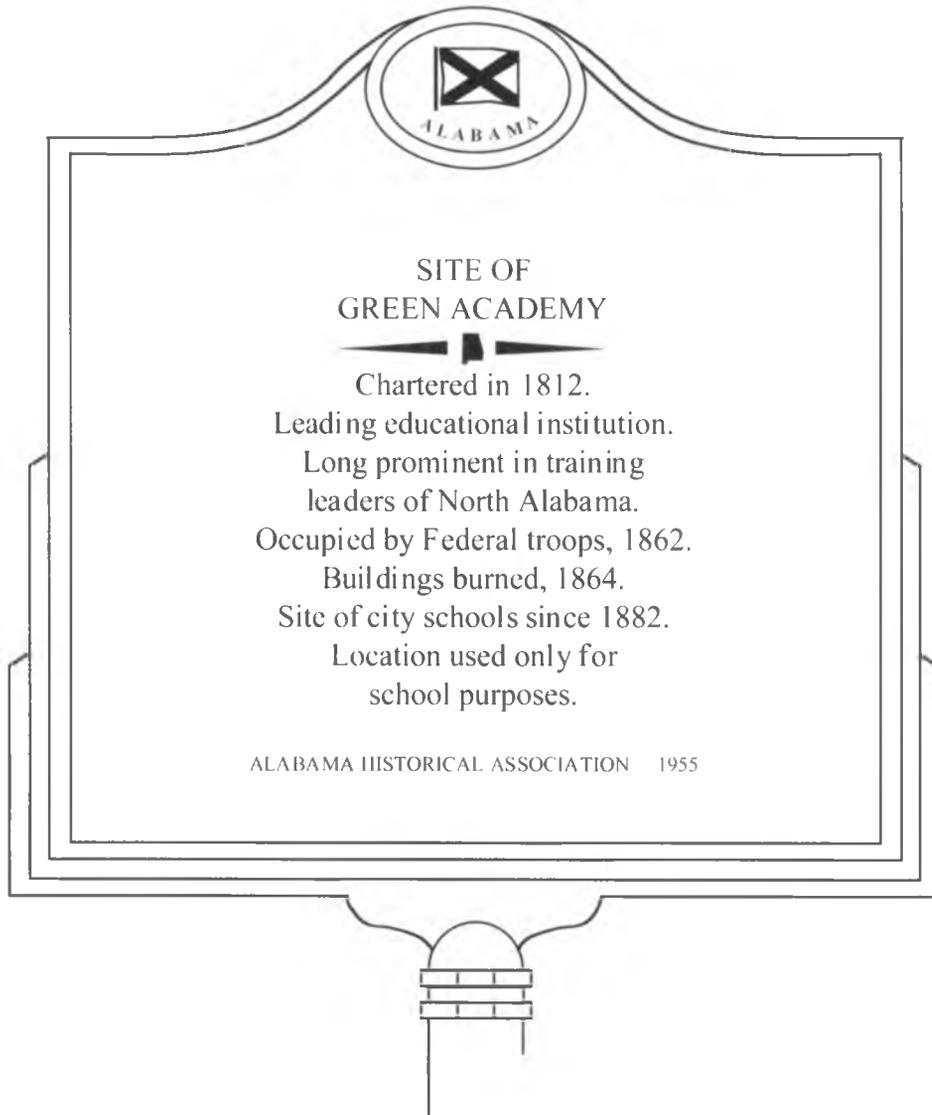
Huntsville Female College (before 1895)



Huntsville Female College
Historical Marker

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Site of Green Academy



Located on the north side of Clinton Avenue between Calhoun Street and White Street (in front of East Clinton School) in Huntsville, Alabama, this Alabama Historical Association marker was sponsored by the East Clinton PTA and dedicated on April 27, 1956. The marker was refurbished in 1976. For additional information regarding the school, see References 1, 10, 20, 26, 27, 35, 41, 53, 63, 73, 87, and 90.

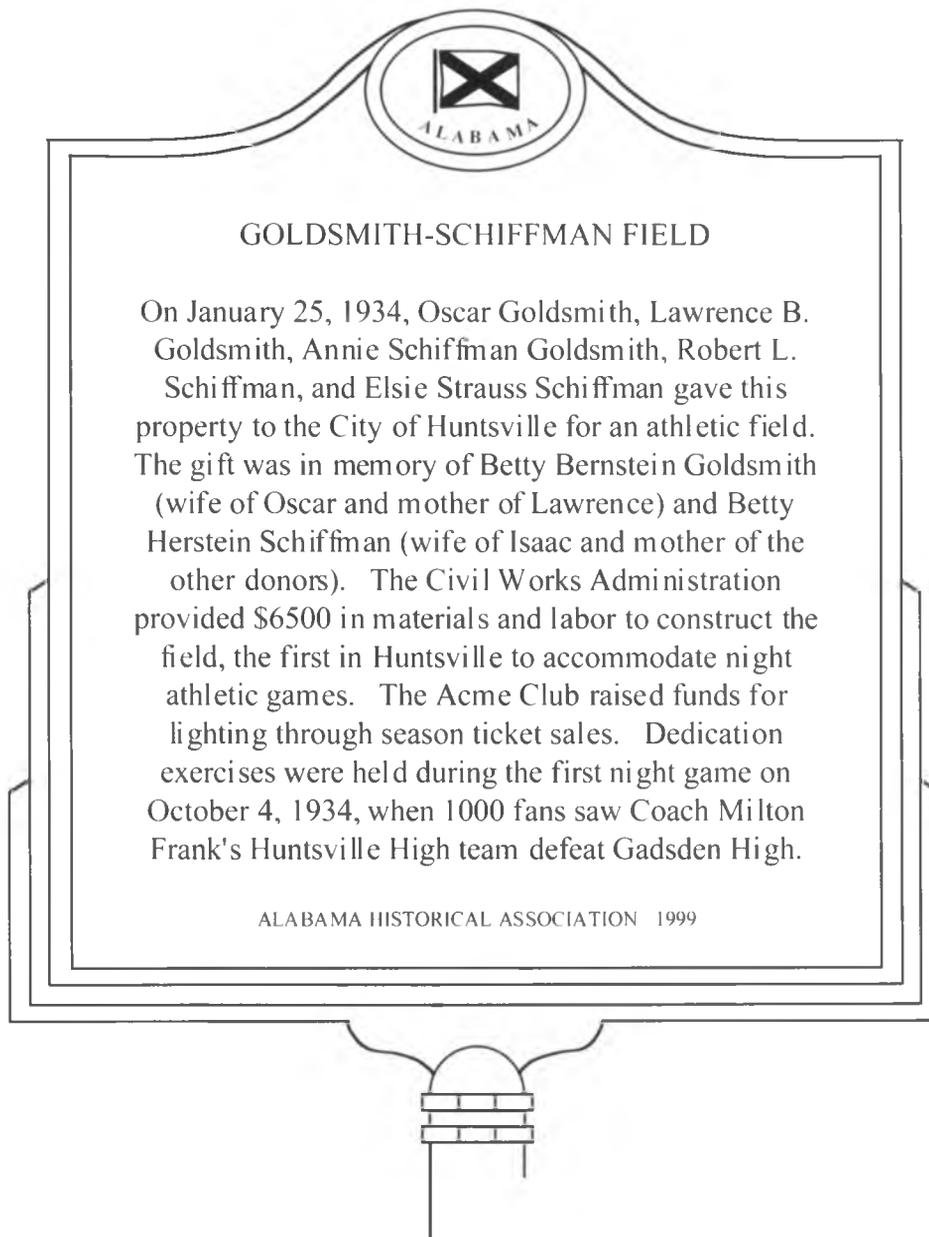


Green Academy
 Historical Marker Dedication (1955)
 Mrs. J.S. Gowan, PTA President; Miss Ella Ware, teacher;
 Martha Powell Askins, descendant of one of the original Green
 Academy Trustees; and Judge Jones, Representative of the
 Alabama Historical Association



East Clinton Street School (1994)
 Now Located on Site of
 Green Academy

Goldsmith-Schiffman Field



This Alabama Historical Association marker commemorating the construction of an athletic field is located on the stone wall at the entrance of the field on Ward Avenue in Huntsville, Alabama. Sponsored by the Huntsville City School System, this marker was dedicated on October 27, 2000, prior to Huntsville High's game against Sparkman High.



1946 Huntsville High Crimson Panthers Team at Goldsmith-Schiffman Field



Goldsmith-Schiffman Field
Marker Dedication (2000)
Ernest Bailey; Margaret Anne Goldsmith;
Jimmie Taylor; Ed Mitchell; Hershel
Bingham; & Alex Luttrell.
Bailey, Mitchell, & Bingham played for
Huntsville High in the first game at the
stadium in 1934; Taylor played for
Huntsville High from 1936-38; Goldsmith
is the great-granddaughter of the
stadium's namesakes; & Luttrell is the
Marker Chairman for the Huntsville-
Madison County Historical Society



Goldsmith-Schiffman Field (2001)



Lincoln School and Village



Lincoln School and Village Historical Marker

This Alabama Historical Association marker was erected in 1985 at 1110 Meridian Street (in front of Lincoln Elementary School), Huntsville, Alabama. For more information regarding Lincoln Mill Village, see References 17, 24, 53, 83, and 95.



Lincoln Mills

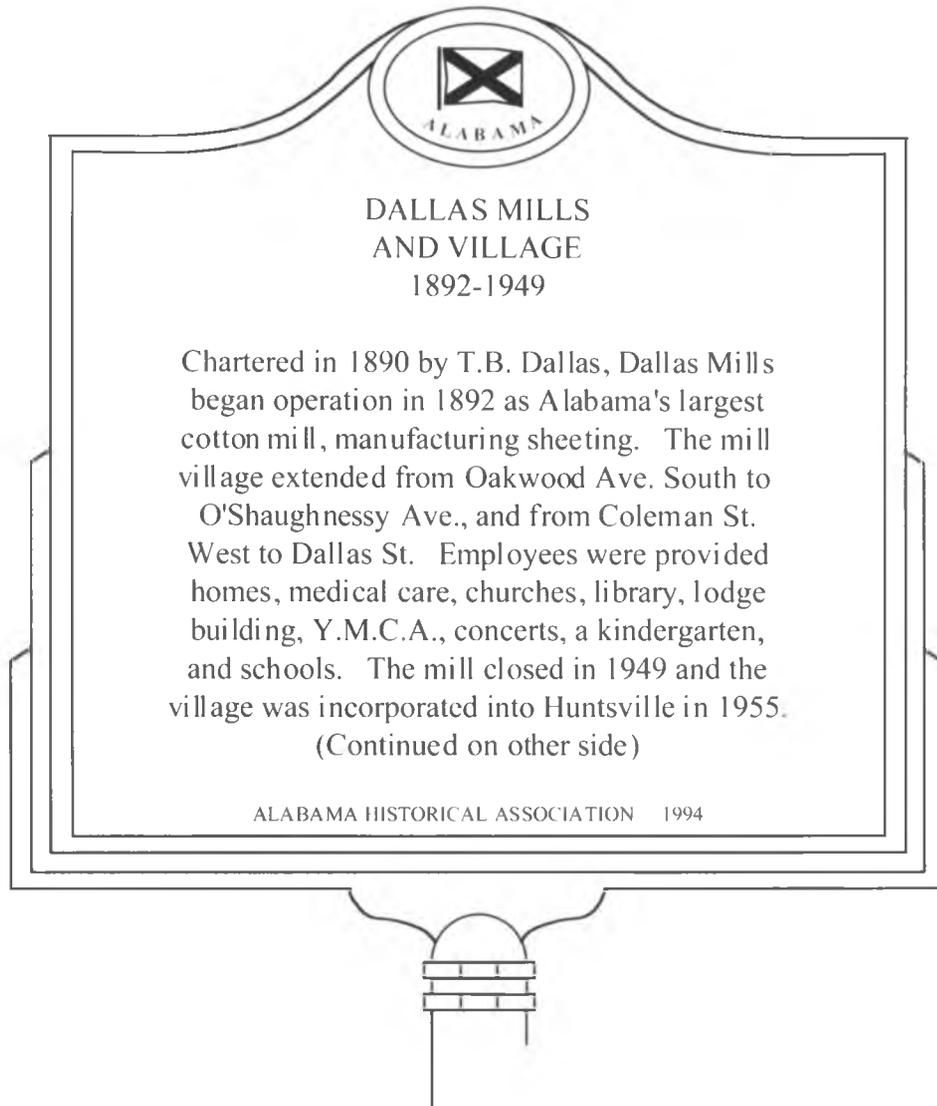


Lincoln School (before 1929)



Lincoln School (1995)

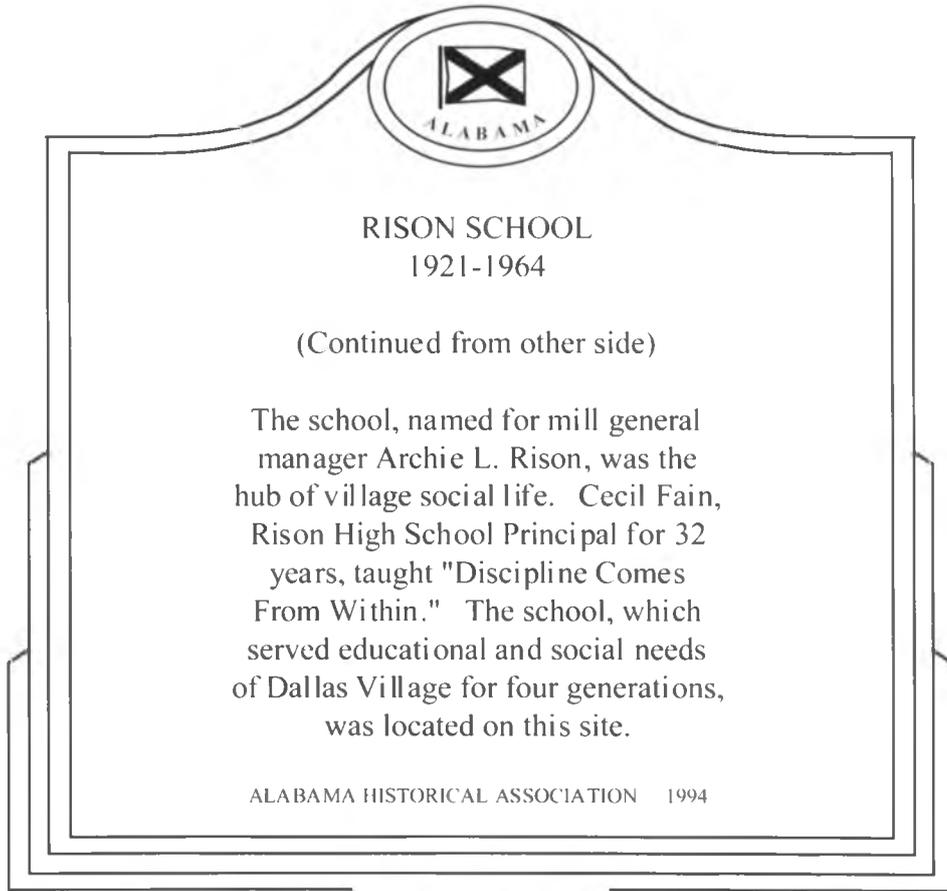
Dallas Mills and Village / Rison School



This Alabama Historical Association marker was co-sponsored by the City of Huntsville and the NE Huntsville Civic Association. It was placed in front of the Fire Station at the northeast corner of Oakwood Avenue and Lee High Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. The marker was officially dedicated on July 30, 1995. References 17, 20, 24, 25, 41, 51, 53, 71, 83, 87, and 95 contain additional documentation of the Dallas Mills and Village and Rison School.

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Dallas Mills and Village / Rison School



Dallas Mills & Village /
Rison School
Historical Marker
(Front Side)



Dallas Mills & Village /
Rison School
Historical Marker
(Back Side)



Dallas Mills



Rison School (1972)

Dallas / Optimist Park



The City of Huntsville and the NE Huntsville Civic Association co-sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker. Located at the northeast corner of Oakwood Avenue and Andrew Jackson Way in Huntsville, Alabama, it was dedicated on July 30, 1995. See Reference 41 for more information regarding Dallas/Optimist Park and the many teams that played ball there.

Dallas / Optimist Park



(DALLAS) OPTIMIST PARK
1949-

(Continued from other side)

In 1949, the Optimist Club purchased Dallas Park from Dallas Mills, erected lights, and renamed it Optimist Park. The close of the cotton mills ended the mill-team era, though semi-pro baseball returned with Leroy McCollum's Huntsville Boosters (1950-53). The park, one of the few early ball parks open to all races, was used during the 1950's and 1960's for exhibition games by the Birmingham Black Barons and other Negro League teams. With the Park renovated and reopened (1994) by the City of Huntsville, baseball returned to Optimist Park, the self proclaimed "Friend of Youth."

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1994



Ballgame at Dallas/Optimist Park (before 1955)



Dallas /Optimist Park
Historical Marker (Front)



Dallas /Optimist Park
Historical Marker (Back)

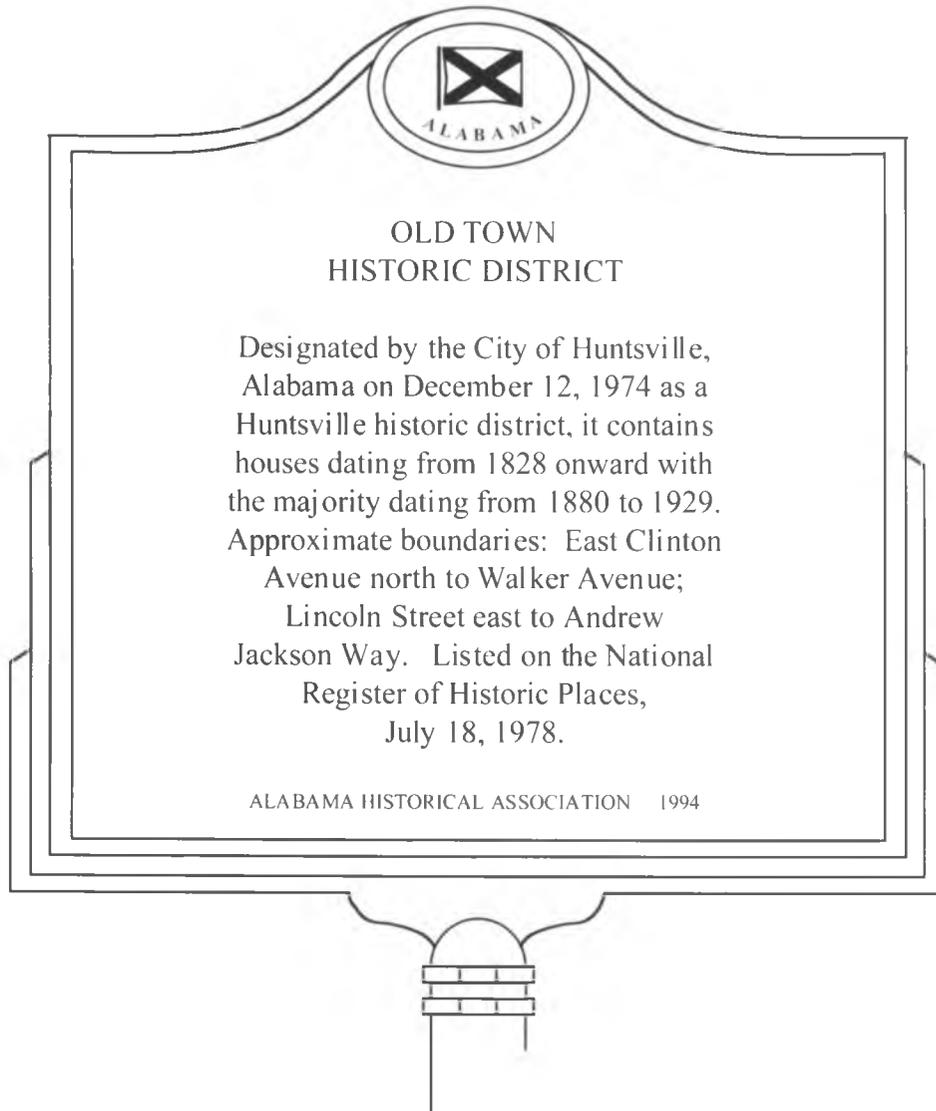


Dallas Mill Team (1930)



Dallas /Optimist Park After Renovation (1995)

Old Town Historic District



The City of Huntsville sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker which was erected in 1994. It is located at the northeast corner of Holmes Avenue and Lincoln Street in Huntsville, Alabama. References 5, 38, and 87 contain additional information regarding this historic district.



Old Town Historic District
Historical Marker

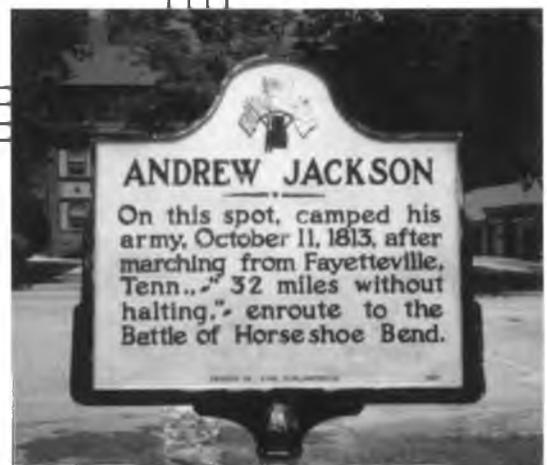
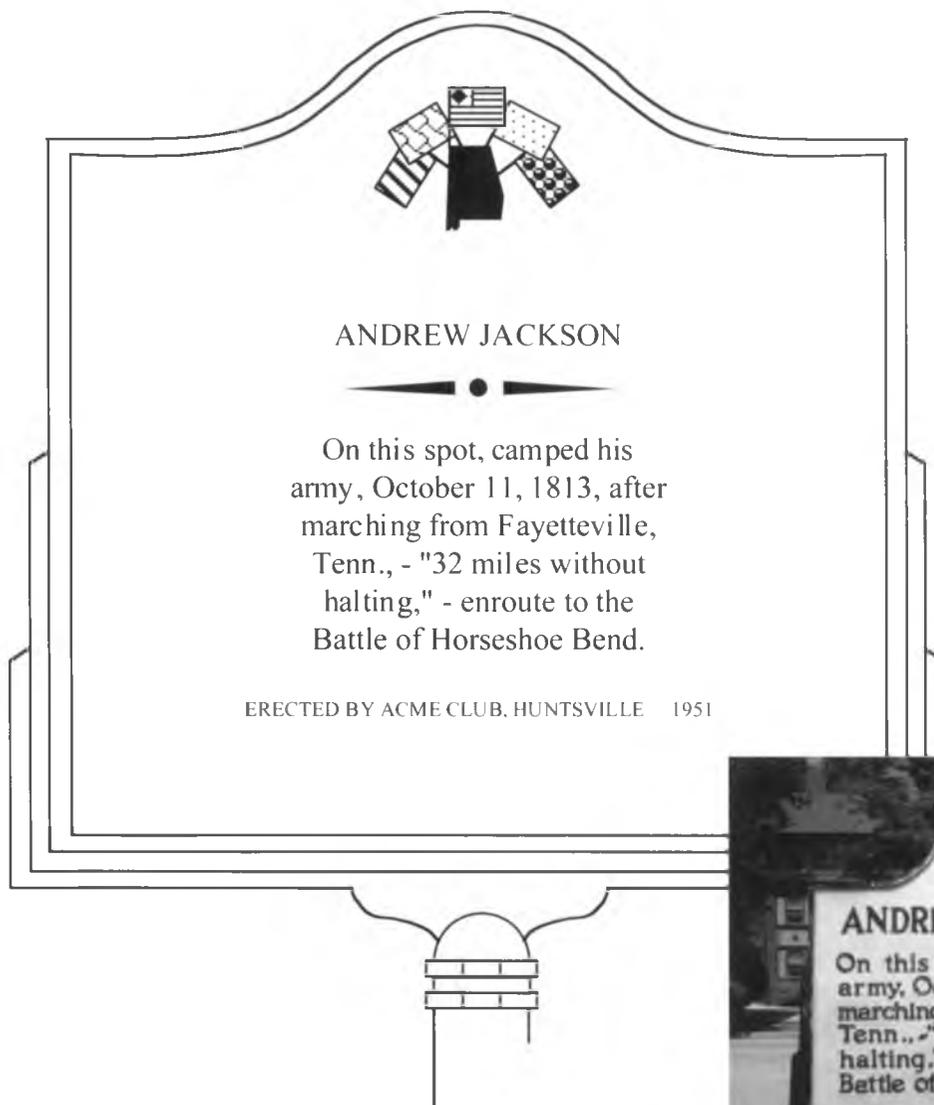


ca. 1900 Bone-Gentle Home (1995)



1889 Swinehart Home (1995)

12 Andrew Jackson Encampment



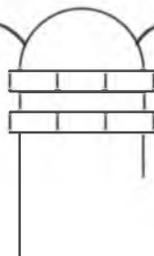
Andrew Jackson Historical Marker

The Acme Club sponsored this historical marker and dedicated it on May 4, 1952. It stands in the triangular median at Holmes Avenue and Lincoln Street, Huntsville, Alabama. For additional information regarding Andrew Jackson's march, see References 10, 17, 18, 26, 41, 68, 81, and 82.

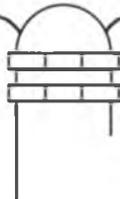
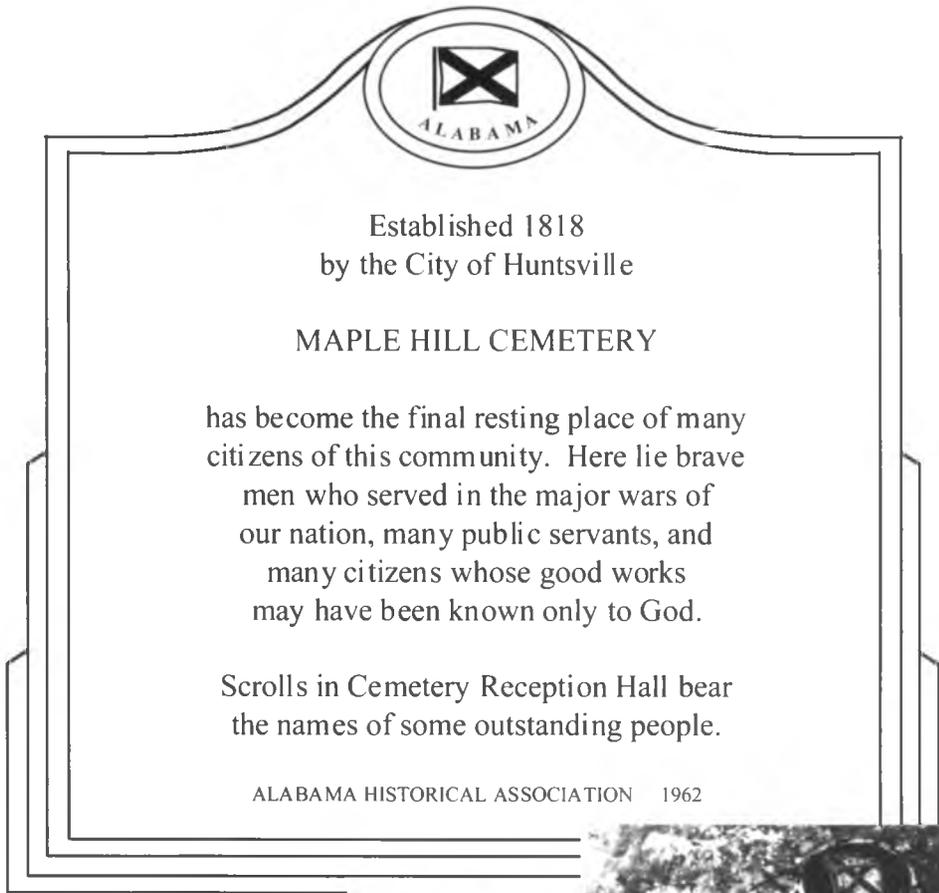
Downtown Huntsville (Eastern Quadrant)



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Maple Hill Cemetery



Maple Hill Cemetery Marker (Front)

The United Daughters of the Confederacy sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker and dedicated it on May 6, 1962. It is located at the southeast corner of Wells Avenue and Maple Hill Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. Information regarding the Maple Hill Cemetery and those buried therein can be found in References 2 (No. 54), 17, 20, 25, 68, 72, 73, 80, and 87.

Maple Hill Cemetery



Governors of Alabama
who lie buried in this cemetery:

- Thomas Bibb, 1784-1839
Governor 1820-21
- Clement Comer Clay, 1789-1866
Governor 1835-37
- Reuben Chapman, 1799-1882
Governor 1847-49
- Robert Miller Patton, 1809-1885
Governor 1865-68
- David Peter Lewis, 1820-1884
Governor 1872-74

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1962



Maple Hill Cemetery (CSA Soldiers' Graves)

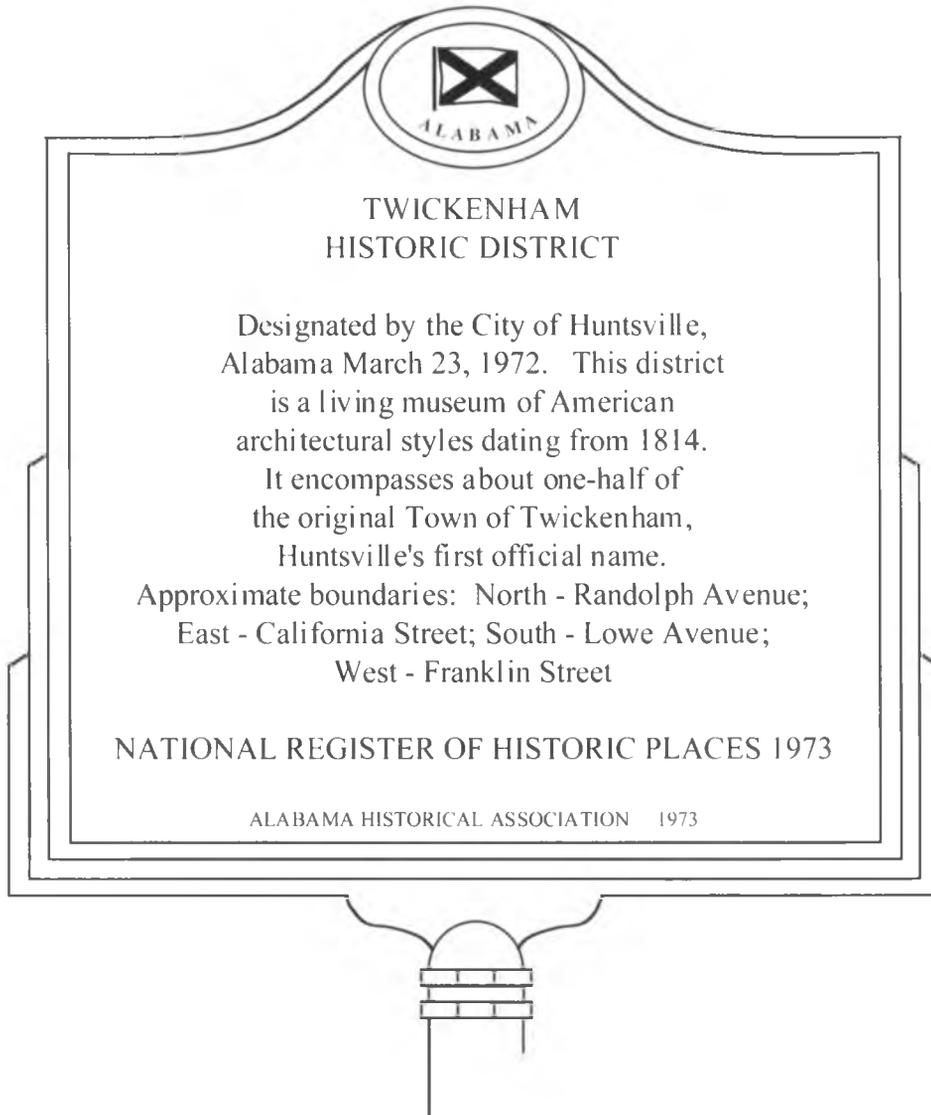


Maple Hill Cemetery (2000)

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Twickenham Historic District

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These two Alabama Historical Association markers (along with a third marker) were sponsored by the Twickenham Historic Preservation District Association and dedicated on October 14, 1973. One marker is located at the southwest corner of White Street and Randolph Avenue in front of the Annie Merts Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Another marker was erected at the northwest corner of White Street and California Street. For additional information regarding the Twickenham Historic District see References 3, 5, 25, 27, 36, 38, and 87.



ca. 1836 Bibb-Hutchens Home



Twickenham Historic District
Historical Marker



ca. 1875 Watkins Home (1994)



ca. 1902 Van Valkenburgh Home

LeRoy Pope Mansion



THE LEROY POPE MANSION 1814

During the original Madison County Land Sales of 1809, LeRoy Pope of Petersburg, GA, secured among other purchases a majority of Section 36, Township 3, Range 1 West, the site of the future town of Twickenham, as Huntsville was originally known. Pope created Poplar Grove Plantation on this site and erected his home in 1814 in time to entertain Gen. Andrew Jackson on his return from the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

The residence was among the earliest brick structures in Alabama. Inherited by his son, William H. Pope, the mansion was sold in 1848 to Dr. Charles Hays Patton, who commissioned George Steele to add the handsome Classical Revival portico. Nearby during the Civil War, Federal forces built an earthen breastwork to defend the eastern approaches to the city.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



LeRoy Pope Mansion Historical Marker

This Alabama Historical Association marker was sponsored by the City of Huntsville. It was erected in March, 1998 in front of the LeRoy Pope Mansion on the north side of Echols Avenue at the intersection with Adams Street in Huntsville, Alabama. References 5, 10, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 36, 73, 87, and 95 contain addition information regarding the home and its first owner.



LeRoy Pope
(1764 - 1844)



LeRoy Pope Mansion (1934)



LeRoy Pope Mansion (1996)

Helion Lodge No. 1



This marker was sponsored by the Huntsville Historical Society (HHS) and dedicated on April 24, 1955. This HHS marker is located in front of the lodge at the northeast corner of Williams Avenue and Lincoln Street in Huntsville, Alabama. References 10, 25, 41, 57, and 68 contain additional information regarding Helion Lodge.



Helion Lodge Historical Marker

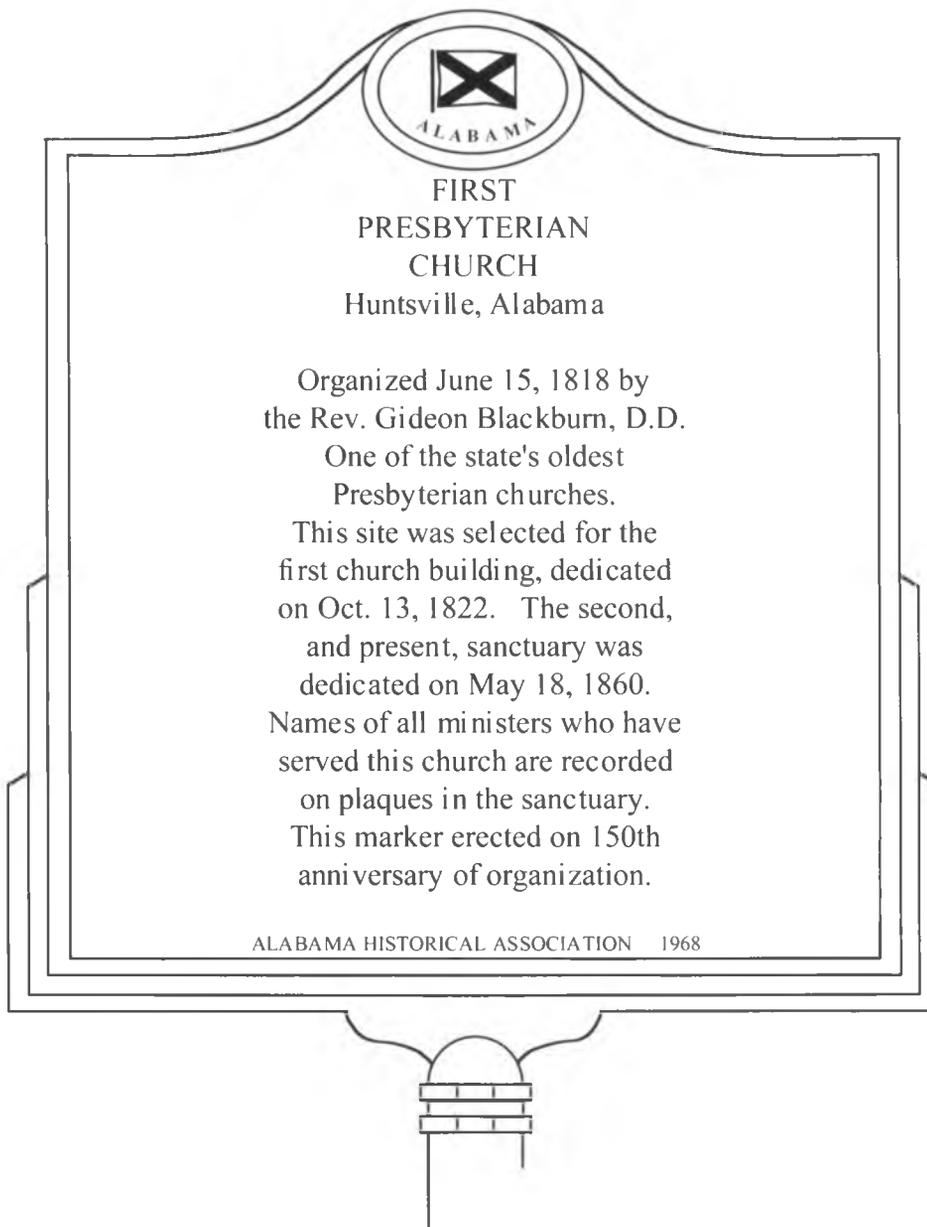


Original Masonic Lodge on this Site
(before 1920)



Helion Lodge (2001)

First Presbyterian Church



Sponsored by the church, this Alabama Historical Association marker (small version) stands on the northwest corner of Gates Avenue and Lincoln Street in Huntsville, Alabama. The marker was dedicated on June 16, 1968. Additional information regarding the First Presbyterian Church can be found in References 3, 5, 10, 25, 35, 36, 50, 73, 81, 85, 87, and 95.



First Presbyterian Church (1880)



First Presbyterian Church (2001)



First Presbyterian Church
Historical Marker

Howard Weeden Home



This 1978 Alabama Historical Association marker, sponsored by the Madison County Commission, is located at 300 Gates Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama. Two errors were discovered prior to this marker being erected. The marker was stored in a warehouse until 1996, when the errors were corrected and the marker was finally erected. A dedication ceremony was held on June 27, 1999. The Weeden House is open to the public. More details regarding this structure and its former residents can be found in References 2 (No. 40), 5, 10, 18, 20, 25, 27, 31, 36, 73, 77, and 87.



Howard Weeden Home (1934)



Howard Weeden Home (1996)

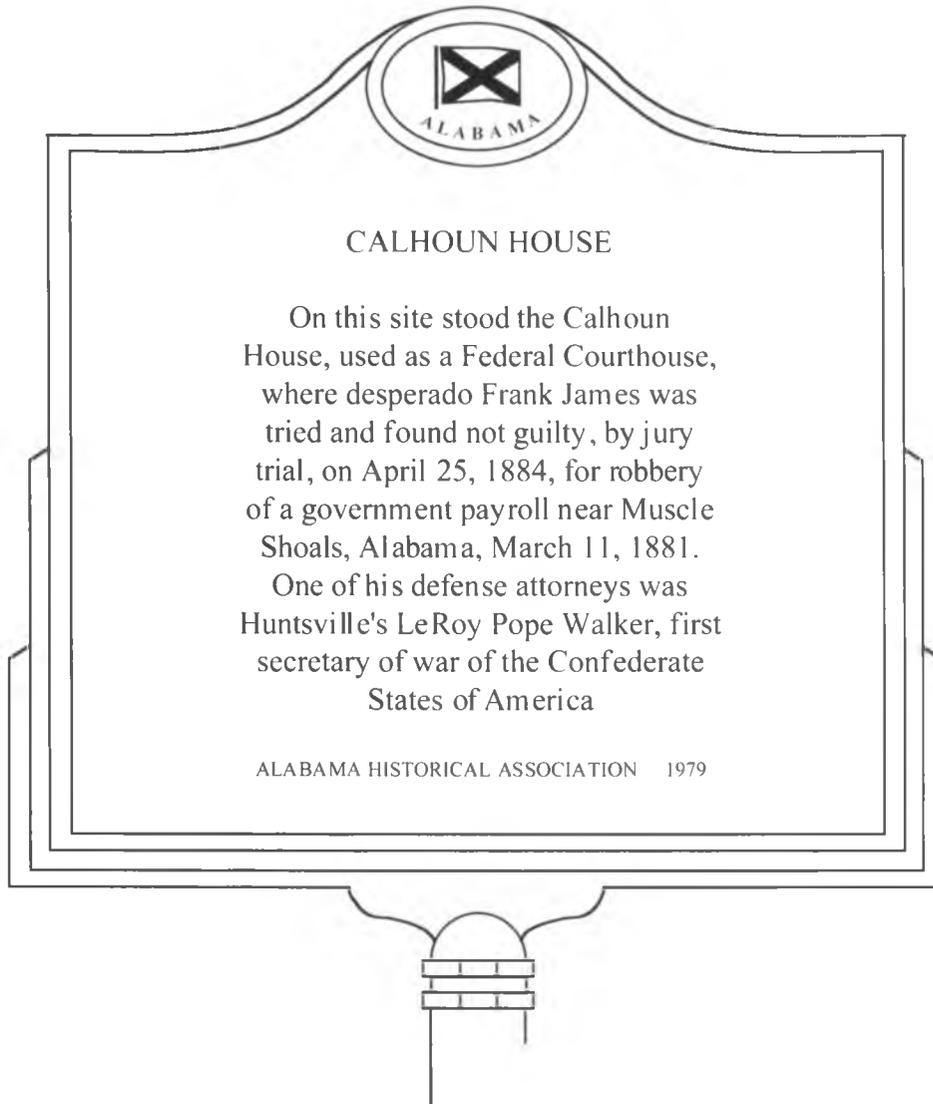


Maria Howard Weeden
(1846-1905)



Howard Weeden Home
Historical Marker Dedication (1999)
Nan Hall, Weeden House Committee;
Martha Simms Rambo, Weeden House Committee;
& Missy Ming Smith, Community Relations Director
for the Madison County Commission

Calhoun House



The Madison County Commission sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker which was dedicated on October 21, 1979. It is located on the northeast corner of Eustis Avenue and Greene Street in Huntsville, Alabama. References 17, 20, 41, and 73 contain additional information on the Calhoun House.



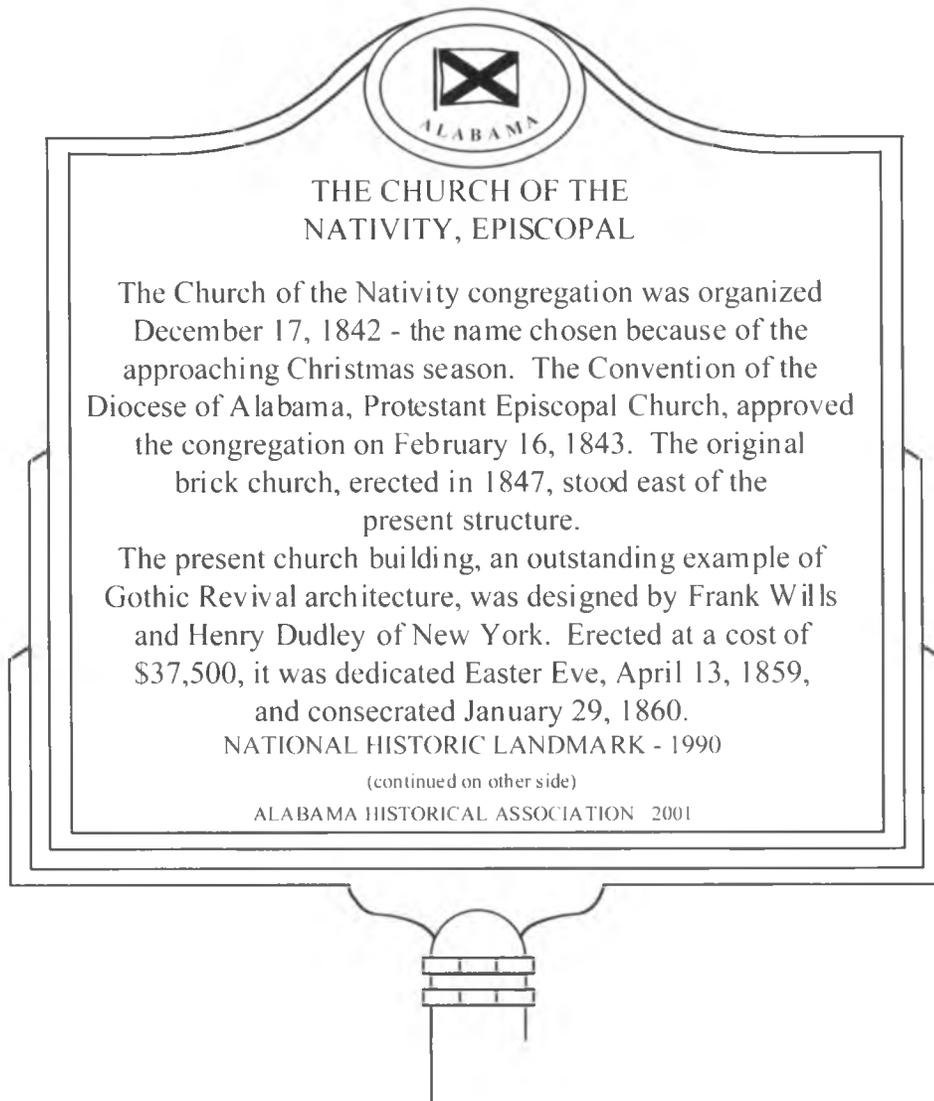
Calhoun House when Occupied by Huntsville Academy (1888)



Calhoun House Historical Marker

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Church of the Nativity, Episcopal



The City of Huntsville sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker at the Church of the Nativity located on the southwest corner of Eustis Avenue and Greene Street, Huntsville, Alabama. The marker was dedicated on April 22, 2001. Additional information regarding this congregation and building can be found in References 5, 10, 20, 31, 32, 36, 41, 73, 78, 81, and 95.

21 Church of the Nativity, Episcopal



THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

(continued from other side)

Bibb Chapel was consecrated in 1886 as a memorial to Wilson Carey Bibb. Ridley Hall, for parish functions, was completed in 1953 as a memorial to Dr. James L.

Ridley. Joffrion Hall, dedicated in 1983 as an educational building, was named for the Rev. A. Emile Joffrion, ninth rector.

For 150 years, Nativity was served by only ten rectors, two of whom became bishops. The Rev. Henry C. Lay, second rector, was consecrated Missionary Bishop of the Southwest (1859). The Rev. Randolph R. Claiborne, Jr., seventh rector, was consecrated Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Alabama (1949) and became Bishop of Atlanta (1953).

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 2001



Church of the Nativity
National Historic Landmark Marker



Funeral at Church of the Nativity (1905)



Church of the Nativity (1955)



Church of the Nativity (1992)

Tallulah Bankhead / I. Schiffman Building



TALLULAH BANKHEAD

1902-1968

Alabama's Best-Known Actress

Tallulah Bankhead was the toast of the London theatre in the 1920's, and nationally renowned for her dramatic roles in "The Little Foxes" (1939), "The Skin of Our Teeth" (1942), the movie "Lifeboat" (1944), and as emcee of "The Big Show" (NBC Radio, 1950-52). She was born in Huntsville on January 31, 1902, in an apartment of the I. Schiffman Building (see other side). Her father, then Huntsville City Attorney, was later Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. A ravishing beauty in her youth, Tallulah was known for her uninhibited exuberance, deep sultry voice, and for calling everyone "Dahling." She appeared in 56 plays, 19 movies, and scores of radio and television productions during her 50-year career. She is buried in the churchyard of St. Paul's, Kent County, Maryland.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1999



The Tallulah Bankhead Society and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker noting the birthplace of Tallulah Bankhead. The marker, located in front of the Schiffman Building at 231 East Side Square, Huntsville, Alabama, was dedicated on April 18, 1999. Additional data pertaining to Tallulah Bankhead and the building in which she was born can be found in References 2 (No. 10), 17, 25, 31, 32, and 73.

Tallulah Bankhead / I. Schiffman Building



ALABAMA

I. SCHIFFMAN BUILDING Birthplace of Tallulah Bankhead

This was the original site for a building erected by John Brahan before 1817 and known as No. 1 & No. 2 Cheapside. Erected circa 1845, the present structure is the surviving south third of a Federal-style building. In 1895, the Southern Savings and Loan Association acquired the property, and commissioned Architect George W. Thompson of Nashville, Tennessee to transform the building into Huntsville's only surviving example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture. Isaac Schiffman purchased the property in 1905. His family's businesses have continued here since that date. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1999



Tallulah Bankhead / I Schiffman Building
Historical Marker Dedication (1999)
David Robb, Tallulah Bankhead Society Treasurer &
Margaret Anne Goldsmith, Great-Granddaughter of
Isaac Schiffman

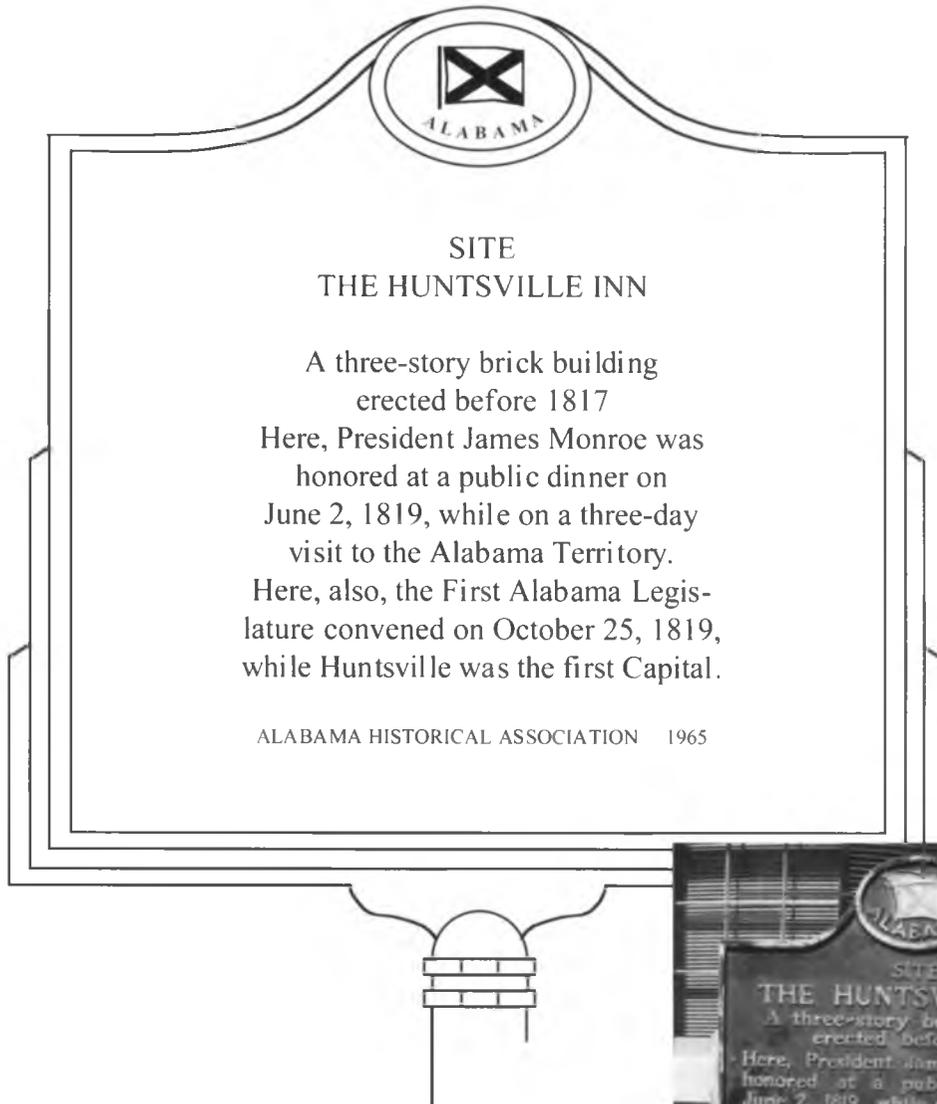


Tallulah Bankhead
(1902-1968)



I. Schiffman Building

Site of Huntsville Inn



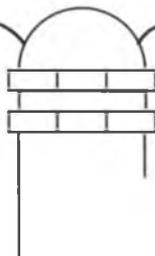
Huntsville Inn Historical Marker

This Alabama Historical Association marker was sponsored by the Madison County Commission and erected in 1969. The marker is located at the site of the Huntsville Inn (223 East Side Square), Huntsville, Alabama. Information pertaining to the Huntsville Inn can be found in References 10, 26, and 27.

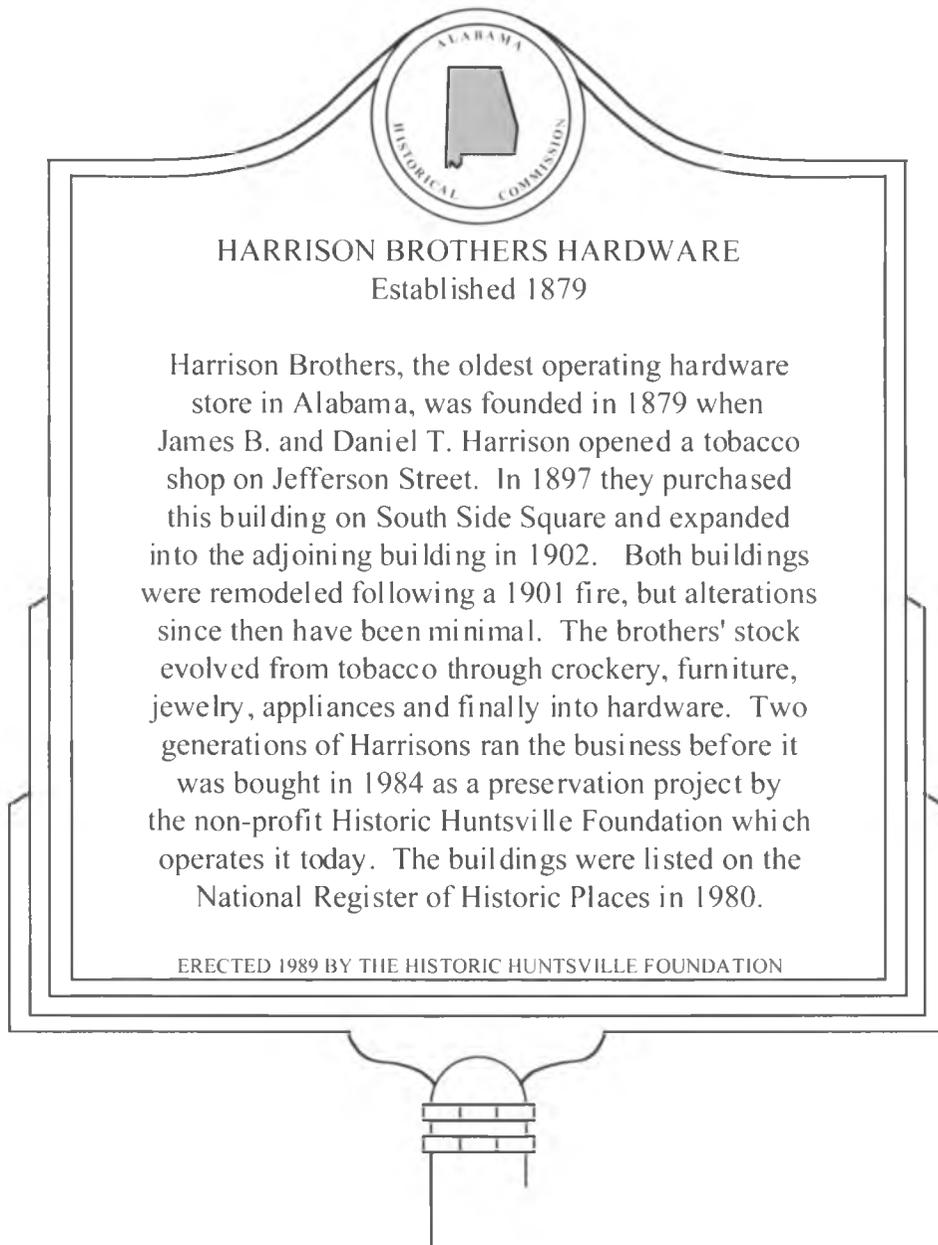
Downtown Huntsville (Southern Quadrant)



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Harrison Brothers Hardware



This Alabama Historical Commission marker was sponsored by the Historic Huntsville Foundation (HHF) and is located in front of the store at 124 South Side Square, Huntsville, Alabama. It was dedicated on February 16, 1990. References 38 and 87 give additional information regarding the hardware store.



Harrison Brothers Hardware
Historical Marker

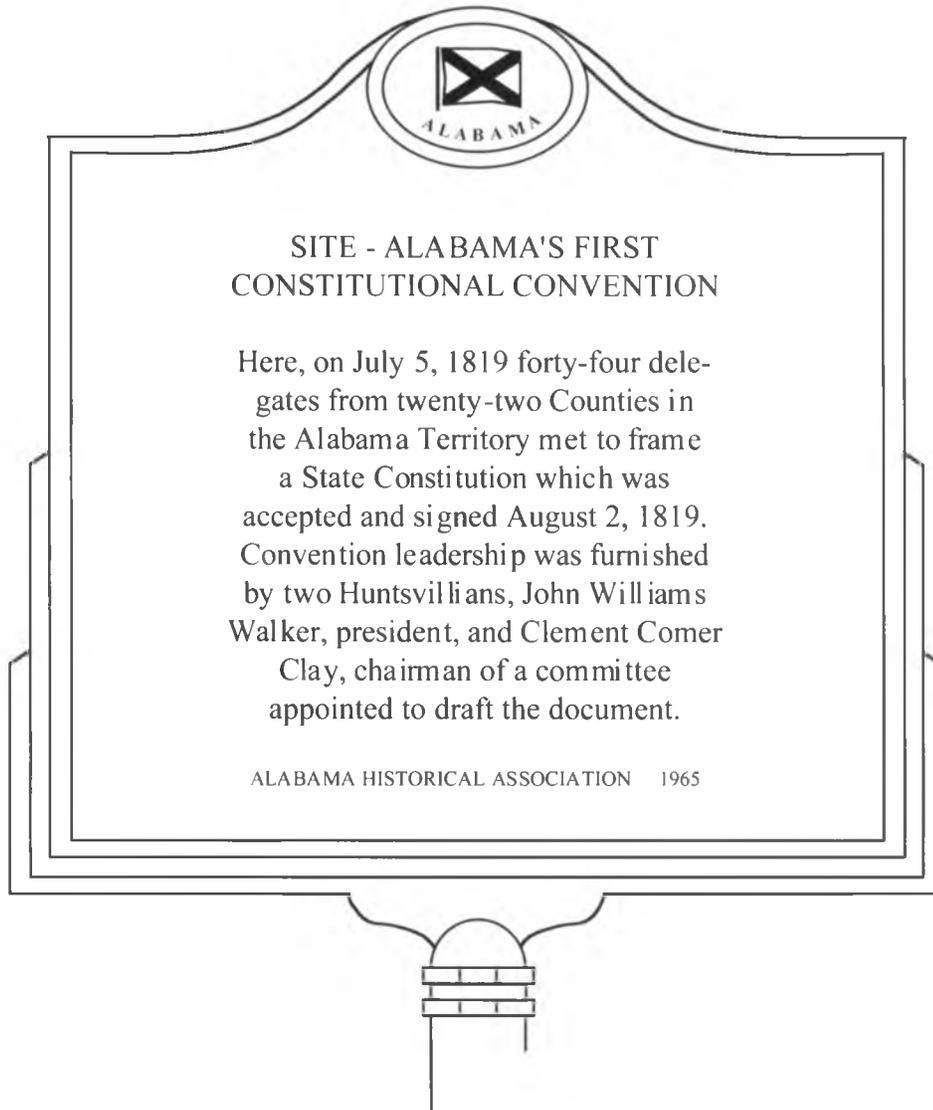


Harrison Brothers Hardware Interior (1908)



Harrison Brothers Hardware (1994)

Site of Alabama's First Constitutional Convention



This Alabama Historical Association marker was sponsored by the Madison County Commission and erected in 1969. It is located on the northwest corner of Franklin Street and Gates Avenue in front of Constitution Village in Huntsville, Alabama. Constitution Village is open to the public and an admission fee is charged. References 1, 6, 10, 14, 26, 27, 33, 35, 41, 44, 55, 56, 59, 64, 68, 81, 87, and 95 contain additional details regarding Alabama's first Constitutional Convention.



Alabama's First Constitutional Convention
Historical Marker



Constitution Village (1994)



Constitution Village (1994)

Alabama Statehood

1819 1910

THIS TABLET
MARKS THE SPOT WHERE
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ENTERED THE UNION

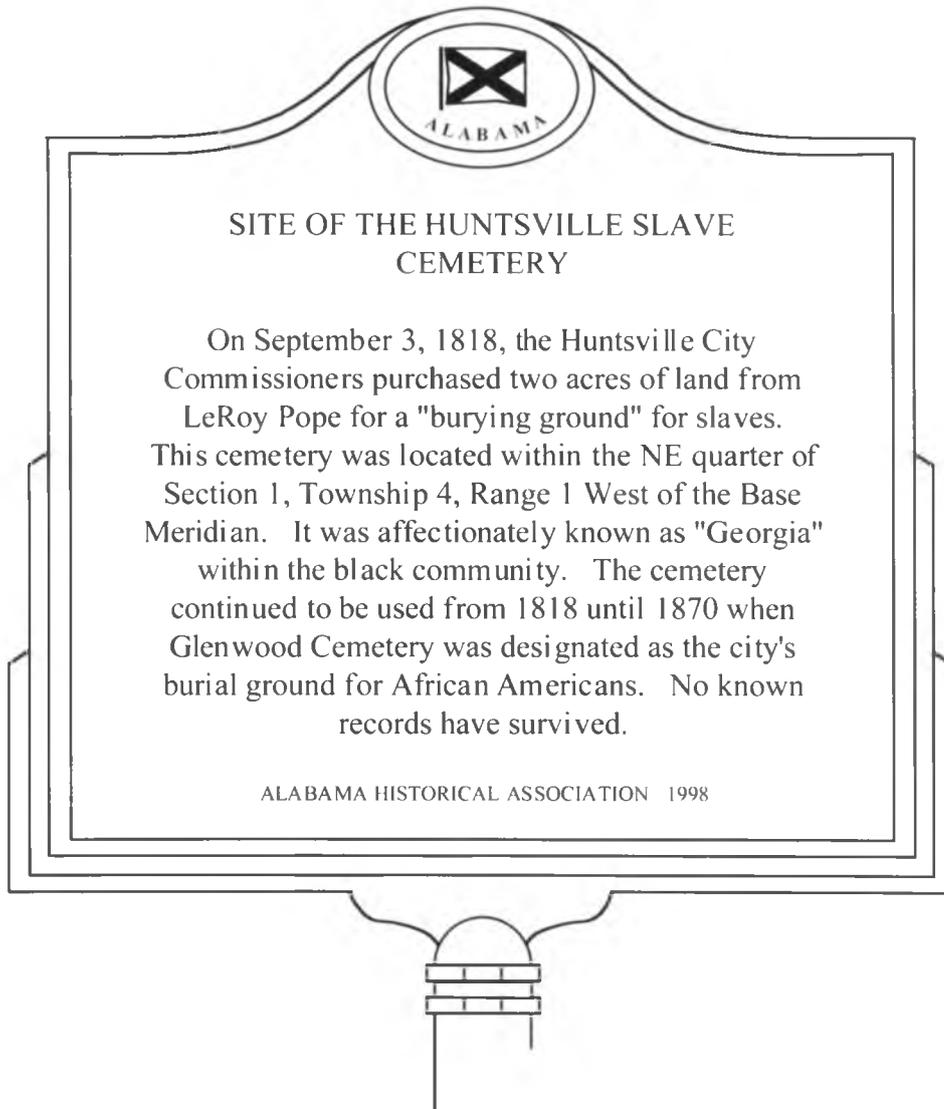
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Alabama Statehood Historical Marker

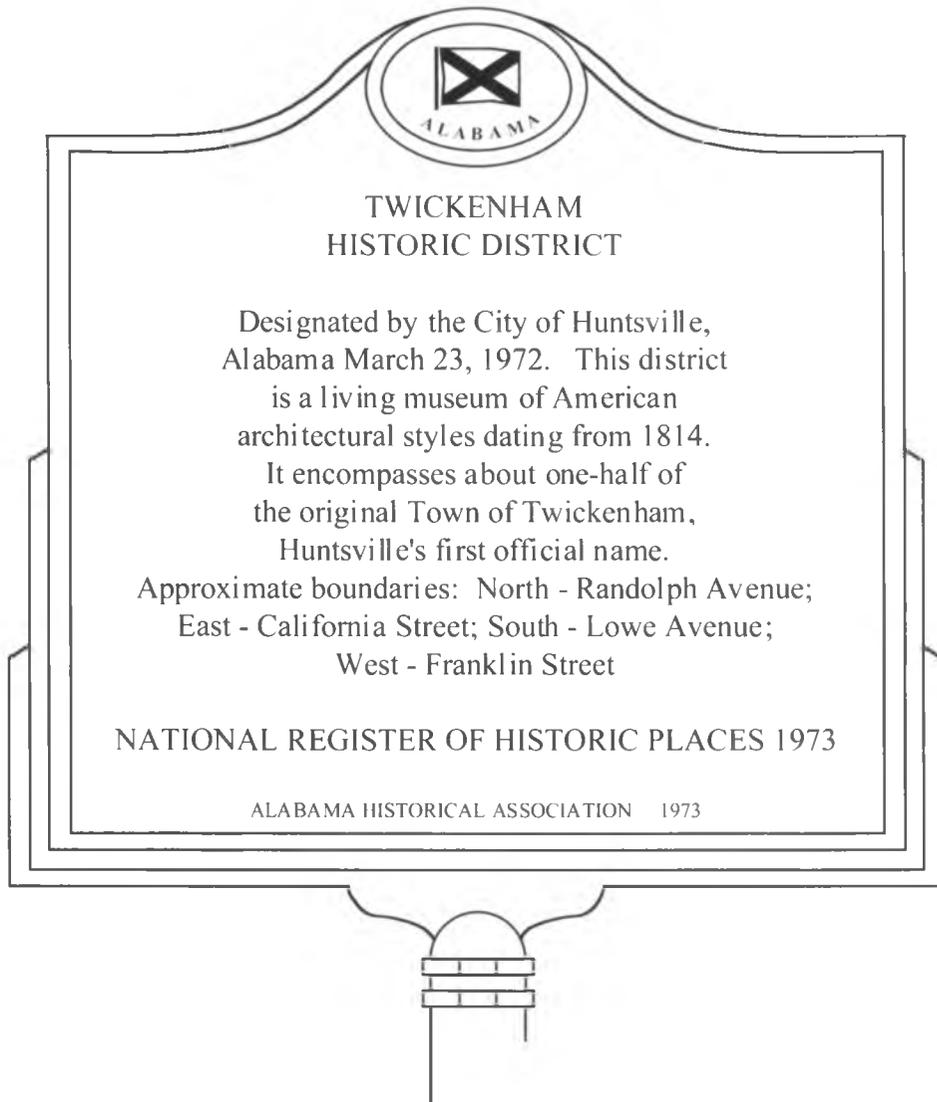
The Twickenham Town Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored this plaque inset in stone monument in 1910. It is located at the northwest corner of Franklin Street and Gates Avenue at the Constitution Village in Huntsville, Alabama. For more information regarding Alabama's entry into the Union, see References 10, 26, 27, 33, 35, 41, 55, 56, 59, 64, 68, and 81.

27 Site of Huntsville Slave Cemetery



The City of Huntsville sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker commemorating the site of Huntsville's Slave Cemetery. The marker will soon be erected near the site of the cemetery on Huntsville Hospital property. Reference 72 gives additional information regarding the cemetery.

Twickenham Historic District



Sponsored by the Twickenham Historic Preservation District Association and dedicated on Oct. 14, 1973, this Alabama Historical Association marker is one of three markers placed along the boundaries of the Twickenham Historic District. This marker is located at the southwest corner of Williams Avenue and Franklin Street, Huntsville, Alabama. References 3, 5, 25, 27, 36, 38, and 87 have additional details regarding the historic district and some of the structures located therein.



ca. 1818 Albert R. Erskine Home (2001)

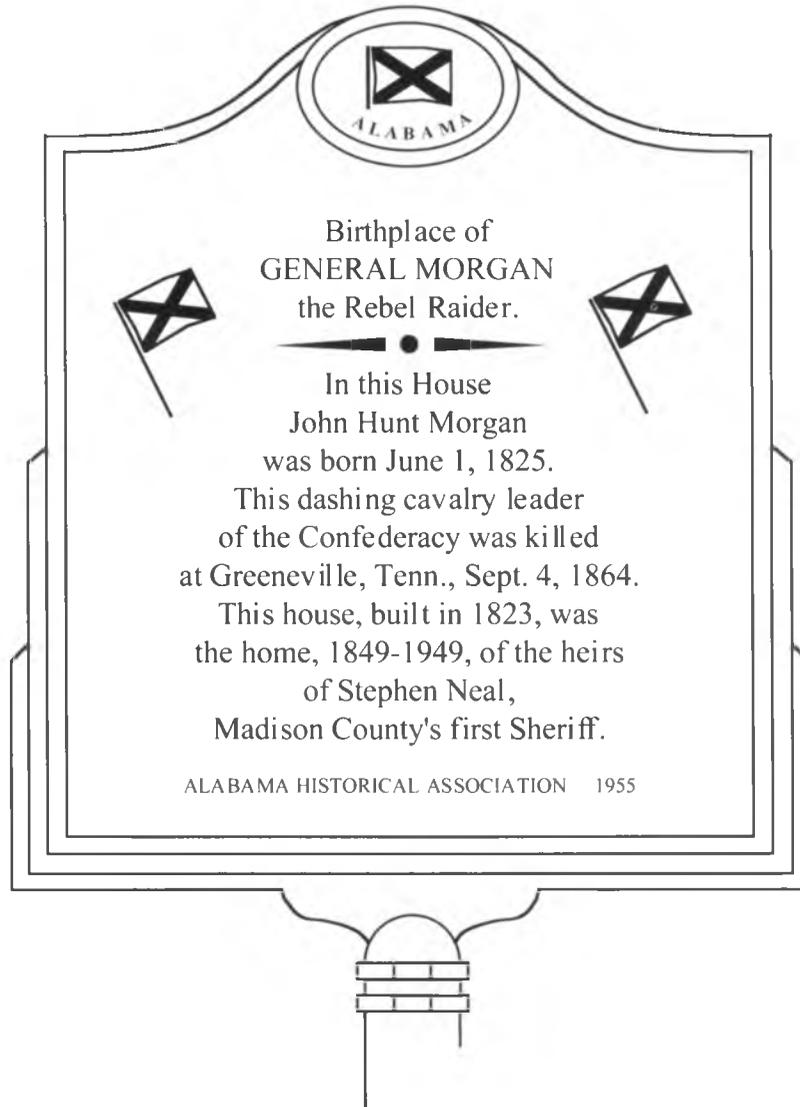


ca. 1835 Lane Home (2001)



ca. 1826-1860 Moore-Rhett Home (2001)

Birthplace of General John Hunt Morgan



This Alabama Historical Association marker (small version) was sponsored by the Huntsville Historical Society and dedicated on April 24, 1955. It is located at 558 Franklin Street, Huntsville, Alabama, in front of the private residence where General John Hunt Morgan was born. References 2 (No. 34), 25, 36, 39, 67, 73, and 91 contain information on this Confederate General.



Gen. John Hunt Morgan Birthplace (1963)

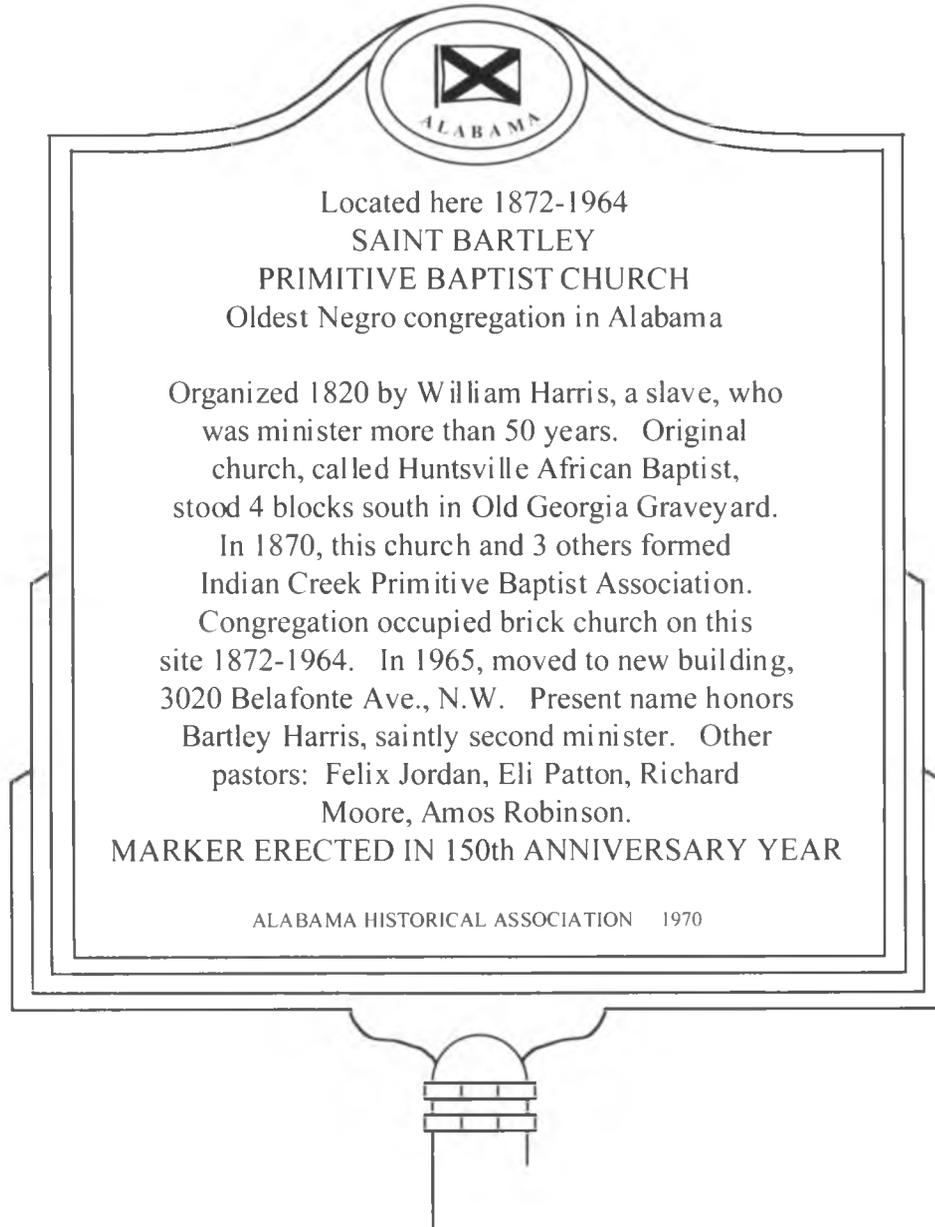


Birthplace of General Morgan
Historical Marker



Hunt-Stockton Home (1994)

Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church



This Alabama Historical Association marker was erected at a former site of the Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church. It is located on the south side of Williams Avenue (between Gallatin Street and Fountain Row) in Huntsville, Alabama. A dedication service was held on September 20, 1970, the 150th anniversary year of the church's establishment. This marker was refurbished in 2000. For more information on Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, see Reference 24.



Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church

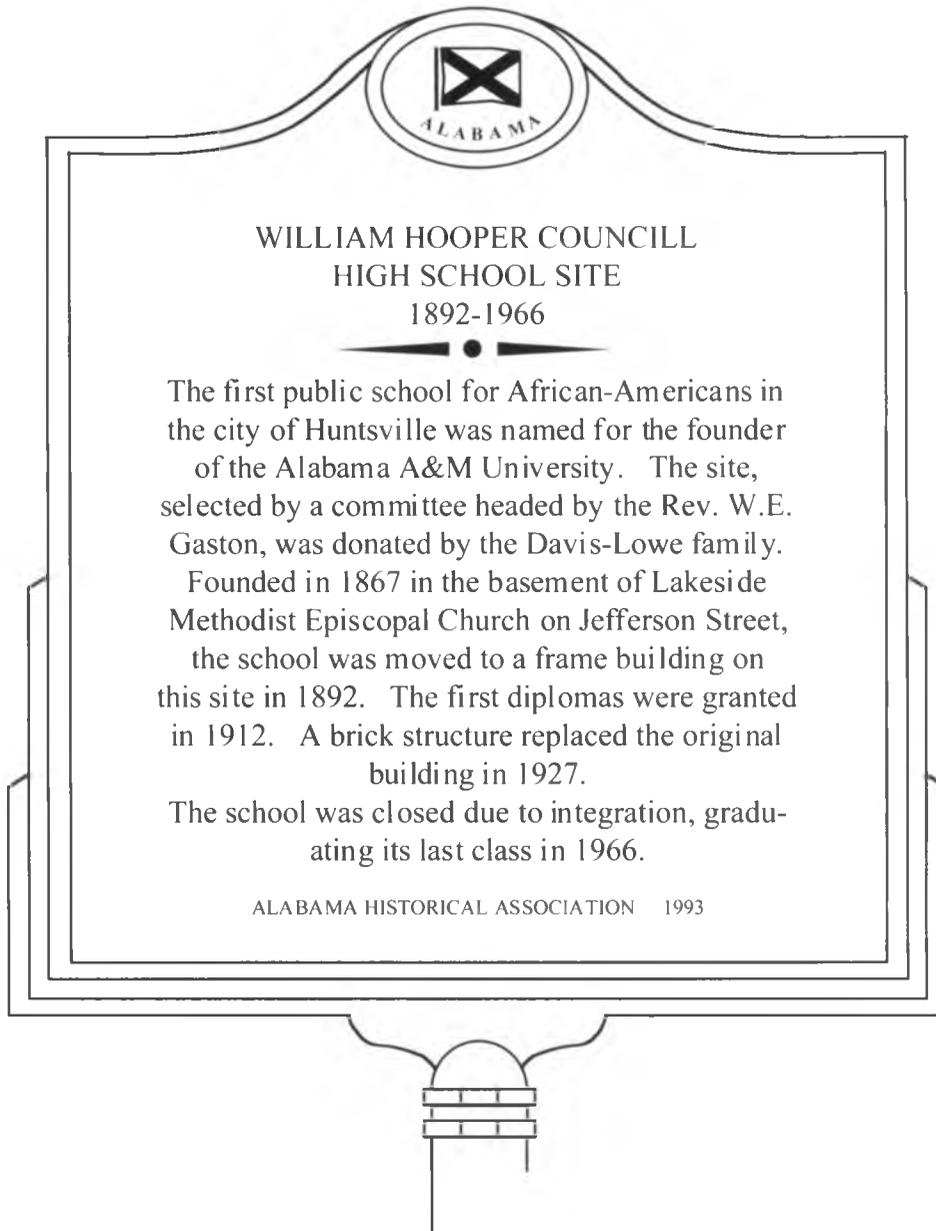


Saint Bartley
Primitive Baptist Church
Historical Marker



Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (1997)

William Hooper Councilll High School Site



Sponsored by the Councilll Alumni and the City of Huntsville, this Alabama Historical Association marker was dedicated March 27, 1994. It stands in front of the William Hooper Councilll High School building at 620 St. Clair Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama. References 12, 20, and 41 reveal more information about the school.



Students at W.H. Council School (ca. 1915)



W.H. Council School

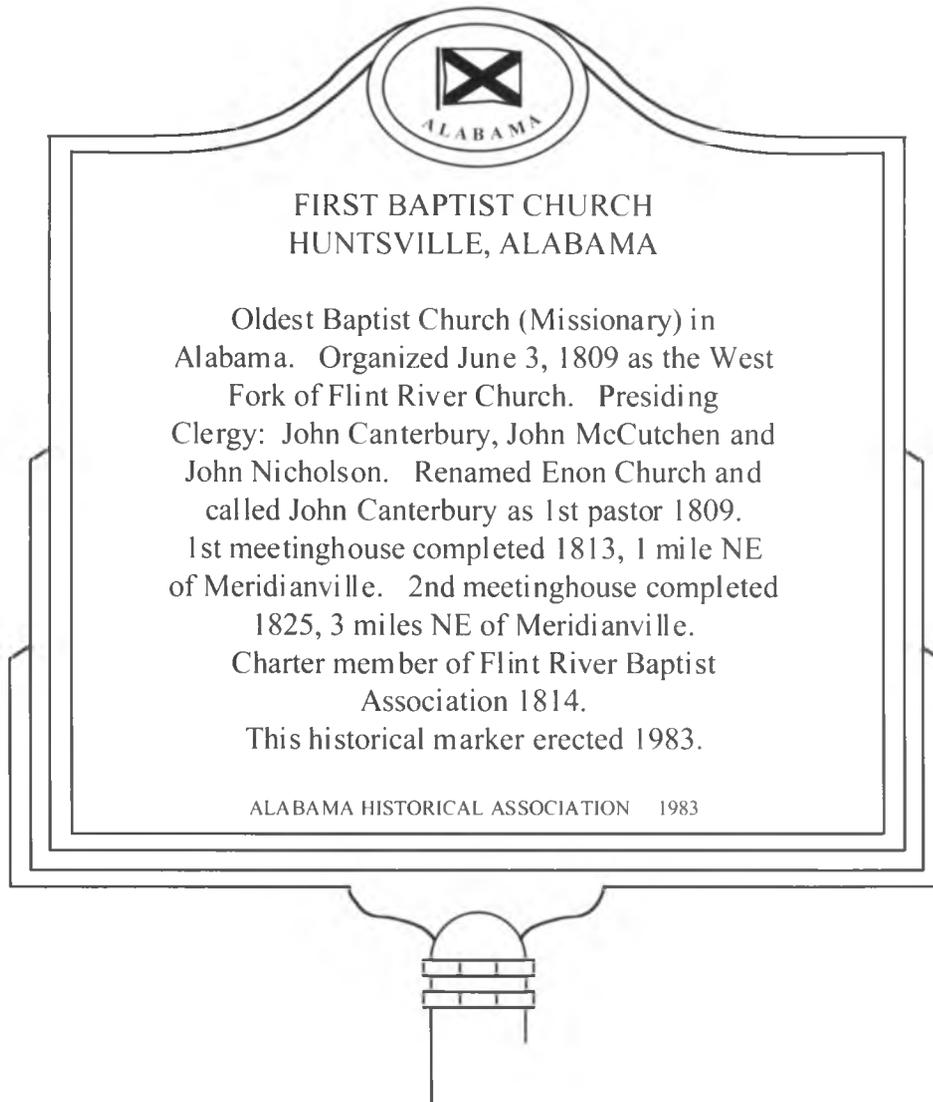


William Hooper Council (1848-1909)



William Hooper Council High School Historical Marker

First Baptist Church



The First Baptist Church historical marker was dedicated on June 5, 1983. This Alabama Historical Association marker was erected in front of the church's sanctuary at 600 Governors Drive, Huntsville, Alabama. References 11, 20, 24, 29, 41, 53, 58, 70, 74, and 95 reveal additional information regarding the church's history.

First Baptist Church



(Continued from other side)

Hosted organizational meeting of Liberty Baptist Association November 1838. Built 3rd meetinghouse 1859-1869 at Clinton and Gallatin Sts. Pastor Eugene Strode led church to Huntsville 1861. Renamed First Baptist Church 1893. Dedicated new building 1895. Relocated to this site 1963. Completed new facilities with distinctive, modernistic architecture and Christian symbolism 1966.

Established eleven missions of which several became churches. Charter member of Madison Baptist Association 1838. Member of Alabama Baptist State Convention.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1983



First Baptist Church
Historical Marker (Front)



First Baptist Church
Historical Marker (Back)



First Baptist Church at Clinton & Gallatin Streets



First Baptist Church (1994)

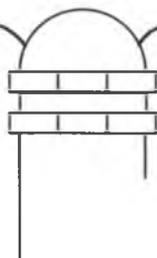


First Baptist Church Bell Tower (1994)

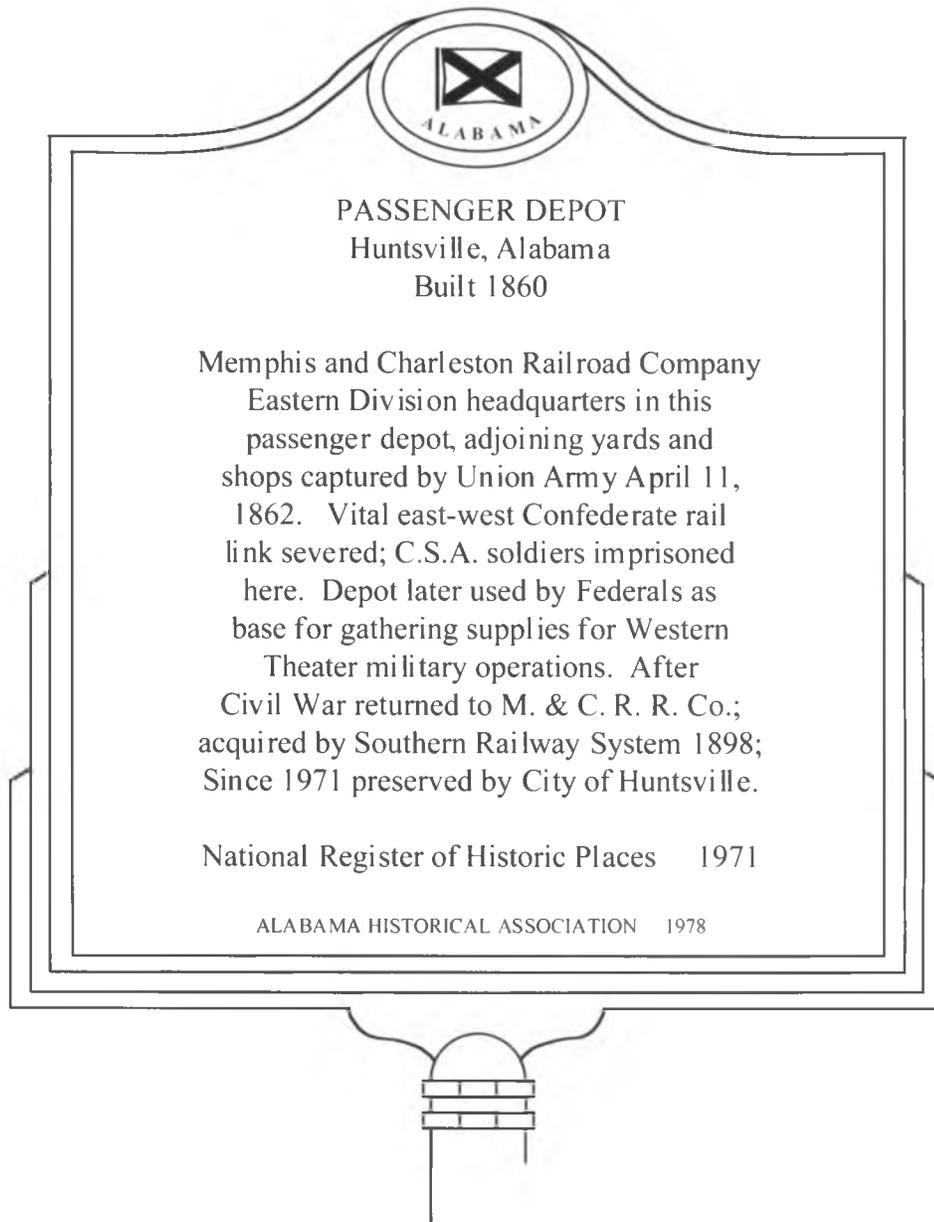
Downtown Huntsville (Western Quadrant)



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Huntsville Passenger Depot



The National Park Service sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker highlighting the historical significance of Huntsville's Passenger Depot. The marker was erected in front of the depot at 320 Church Street, Huntsville, Alabama. The depot and other structures related to the railway system are open to the public for an admission charge. References 2 (No. 34), 5, 10, 22, 25, 41, 73, and 81 reveal other information regarding Huntsville's rail system.



Huntsville Round House
During Federal Occupation (ca. 1865)



Huntsville Passenger Depot (ca. 1870)



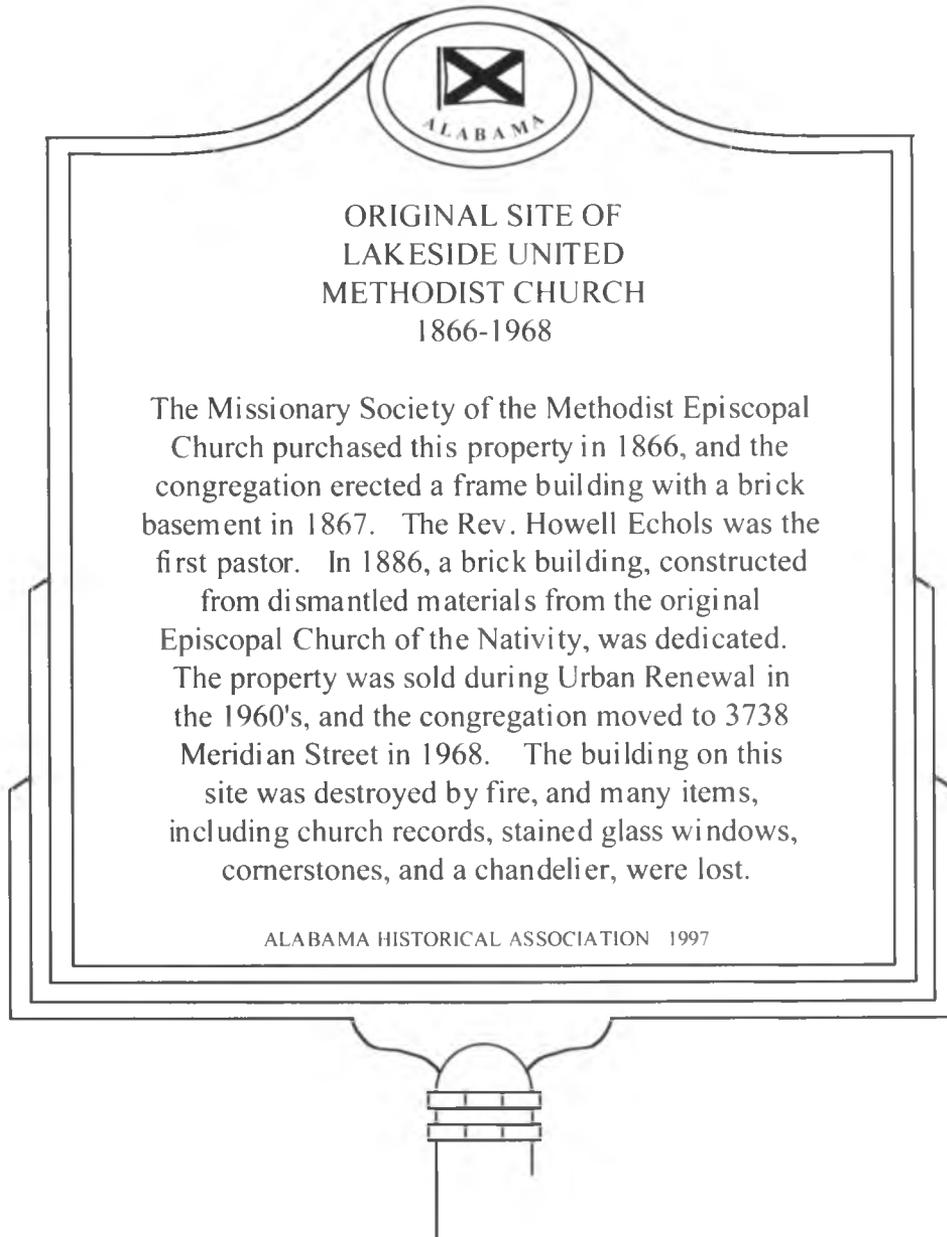
Huntsville Passenger Depot
Historical Marker



Huntsville Passenger Depot (1994)

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Original Site of Lakeside United Methodist Church



This Alabama Historical Association marker, sponsored by the City of Huntsville, is located at the original site of the Lakeside United Methodist Church (west side of 200 block of Jefferson Street, Huntsville, Alabama). It was dedicated on July 19, 1998. References 24, 41, and 53 contain additional information on the church's history.

Original Site of Lakeside United Methodist Church



ORIGINAL SITE OF
LAKESIDE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
1866-1968

For more than a century at this site, Lakeside provided educational, political, and cultural leaders for Huntsville. The first city-supported school for blacks was located in the basement (1867-1890), with Henry C. Binford, Charles Hendley, Jr., and Thomas Cooper as principals. Six of the nine black Aldermen in Huntsville from 1880-1905 were members of the church: Thomas Townsend, Nelson Hendley, David and Daniel Brandon, Dr. Burgess E. Scruggs, and Henry C. Binford. Mary Binford Jordan began the Annual Harvest Cultural Festival in 1901 in the basement and the first public library for blacks was opened there in 1940 by Dulcina DeBerry.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1997

Lakeside United Methodist Church
Historical Marker Dedication (1998)
Mary Chambers, Church Historian;
Alex Luttrell, Huntsville-Madison
County Historical Society Marker
Chairman; & Joyce Smith, Alabama
Historical Association Vice-President





Lakeside United Methodist Church
Historical Marker

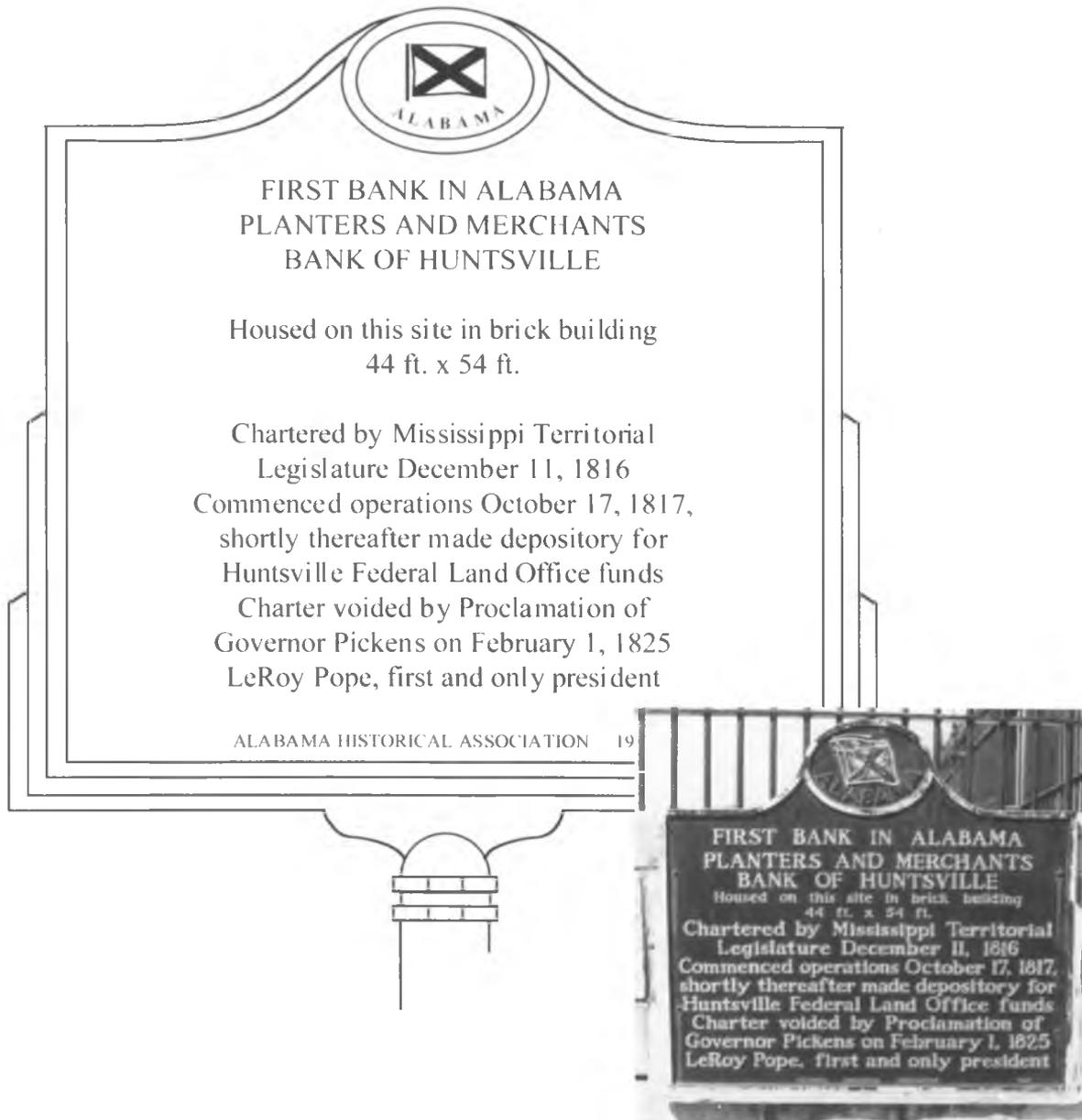


Lakeside United Methodist Church
(1955)



Lakeside United Methodist Church (2001)

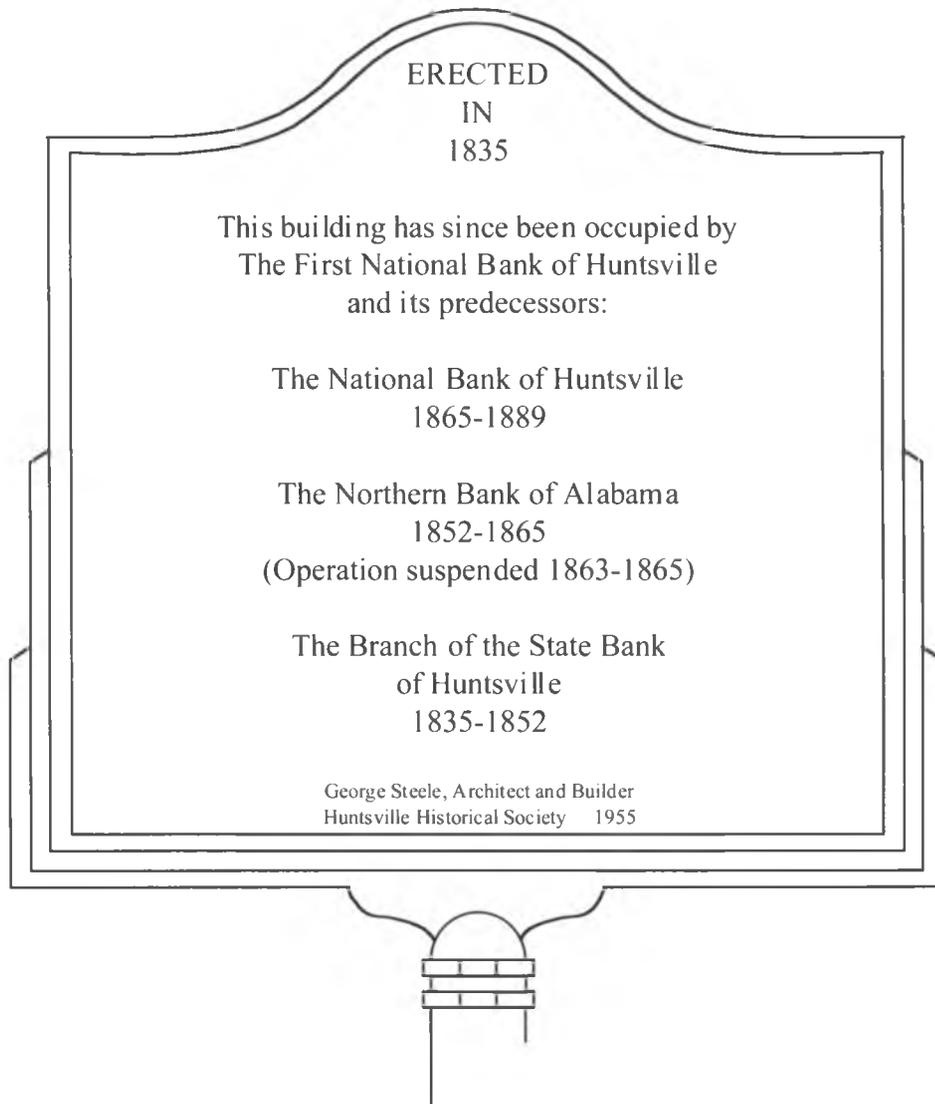
First Bank in Alabama Planters and Merchants Bank



Planters and Merchants Bank
Historical Marker

The Madison County Commission sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker which was erected in 1969. It is attached to the north end of the stone wall at 216 West Side Square, Huntsville, Alabama. References 1, 10, 13, 14, 25, 26, 27, 41, 59, 63, 81, and 87 contain more information about Alabama's first bank.

36 First National Bank of Huntsville



This Huntsville Historical Society (HHS) marker, sponsored by the HHS, was dedicated on April 24, 1955. It is located at 216 West Side Square, Huntsville, Alabama, in front of the building which has been the home to a bank for all of its existence. References 1, 5, 10, 13, 14, 20, 25, 26, 31, 41, 73, 87, and 95 contain additional information on the building's occupants and banking in Alabama.



First National Bank

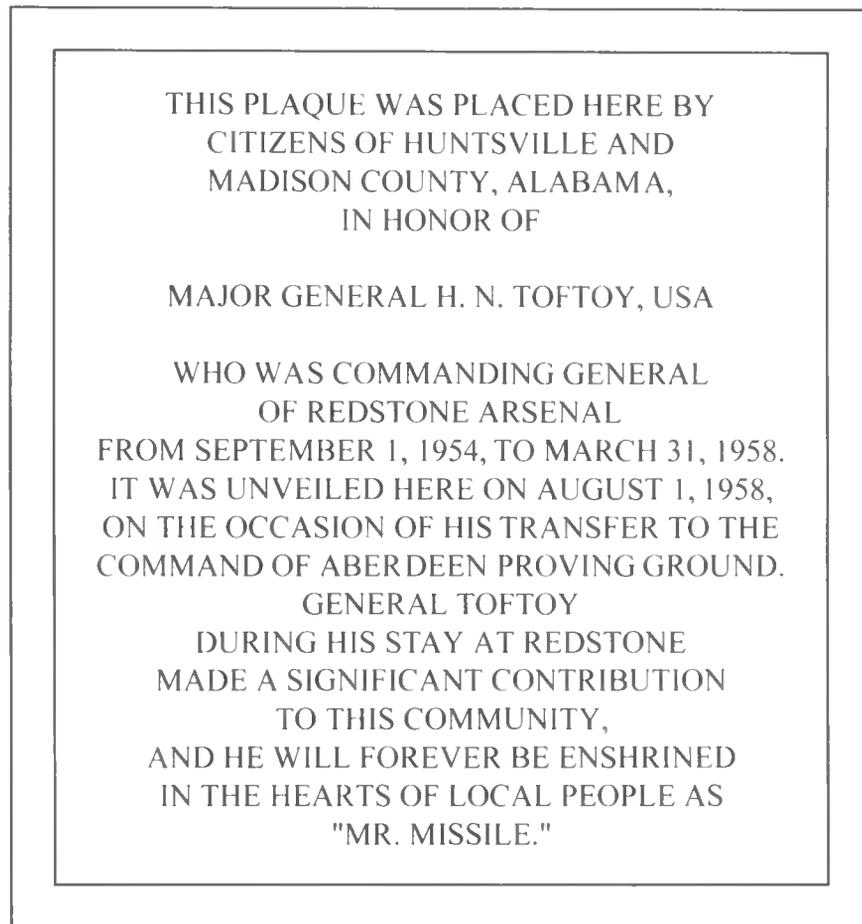


First Alabama Bank (1994)



First National Bank
Historical Marker

Major General H.N. Toftoy



This marker, honoring Major General H.N. Toftoy, was sponsored by the citizens of Huntsville and Madison County. It is located just below the West Side Square in Huntsville, Alabama, on steps leading to the Big Spring. The marker which features a metal plaque inset in stone was dedicated on August 1, 1958. References 17, 41, and 87 contain a more thorough account of Major General Toftoy's contributions to this area.

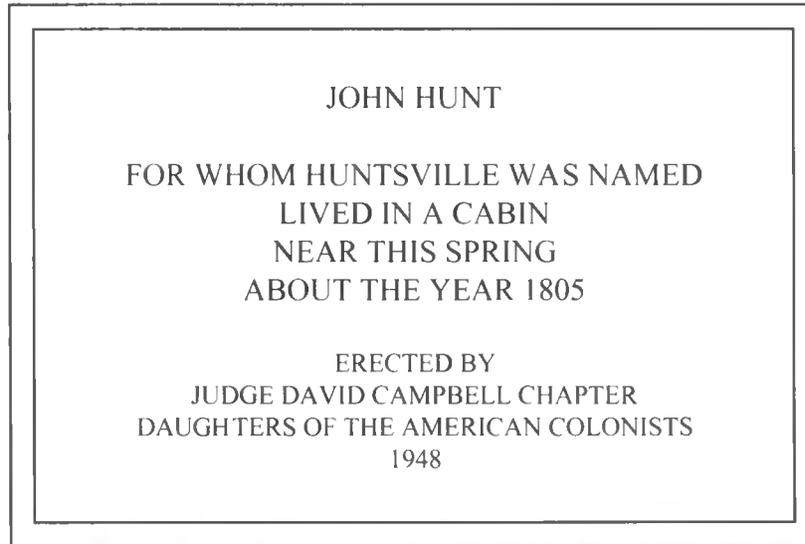


Major General H.N. Toftoy (1902-1967)



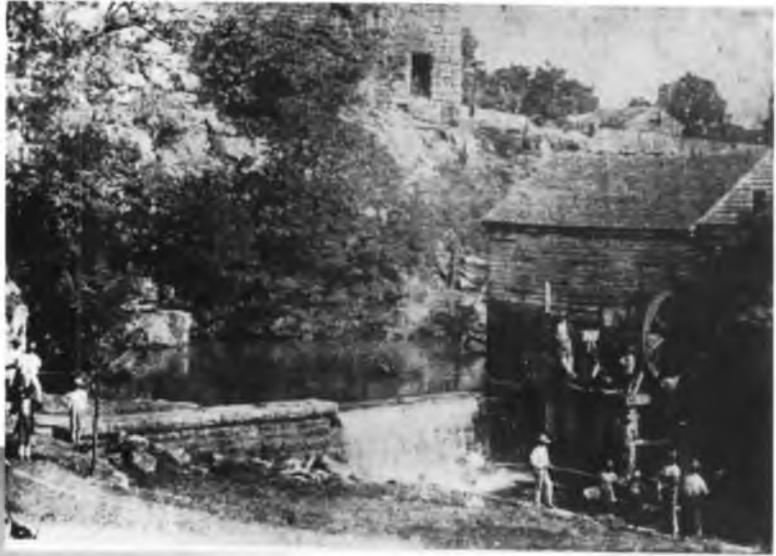
Major General H.N. Toftoy
Historical Marker

John Hunt / Big Spring



John Hunt/Big Spring
Historical Marker

This Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC) marker was sponsored by the Judge David Campbell Chapter, DAC, and dedicated on May 22, 1949. It is located at the mouth of Big Spring just below the West Side Square, Huntsville, Alabama. References 10, 17, 18, 20, 25, 26, 27, 36, 41, 45, 46, 73, 87, 90, and 95 contain information about John Hunt and his settlement at the Big Spring.



Big Spring (ca. 1848)



Big Spring (1860)

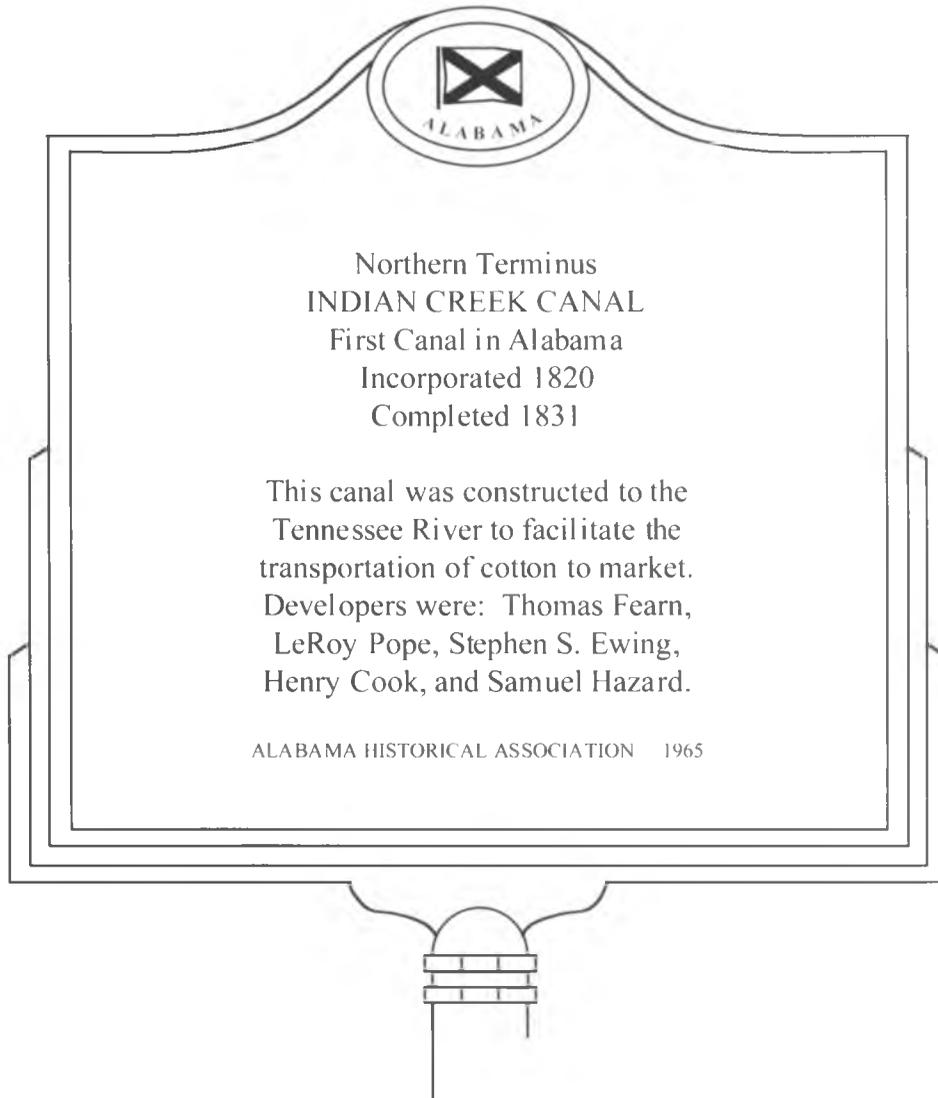


Baptism in Big Spring (1895)



Big Spring (1996)

Indian Creek Canal



The Madison County Commission sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker which was erected in 1969. The marker is located at the southern end of Spragins Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama, in the eastern portion of Big Spring Park. The marker was refurbished in 2000. References 10, 18, 26, 27, 41, 62, 87, and 90 reveal additional details about Indian Creek Canal.



Indian Creek Canal
Historical Marker

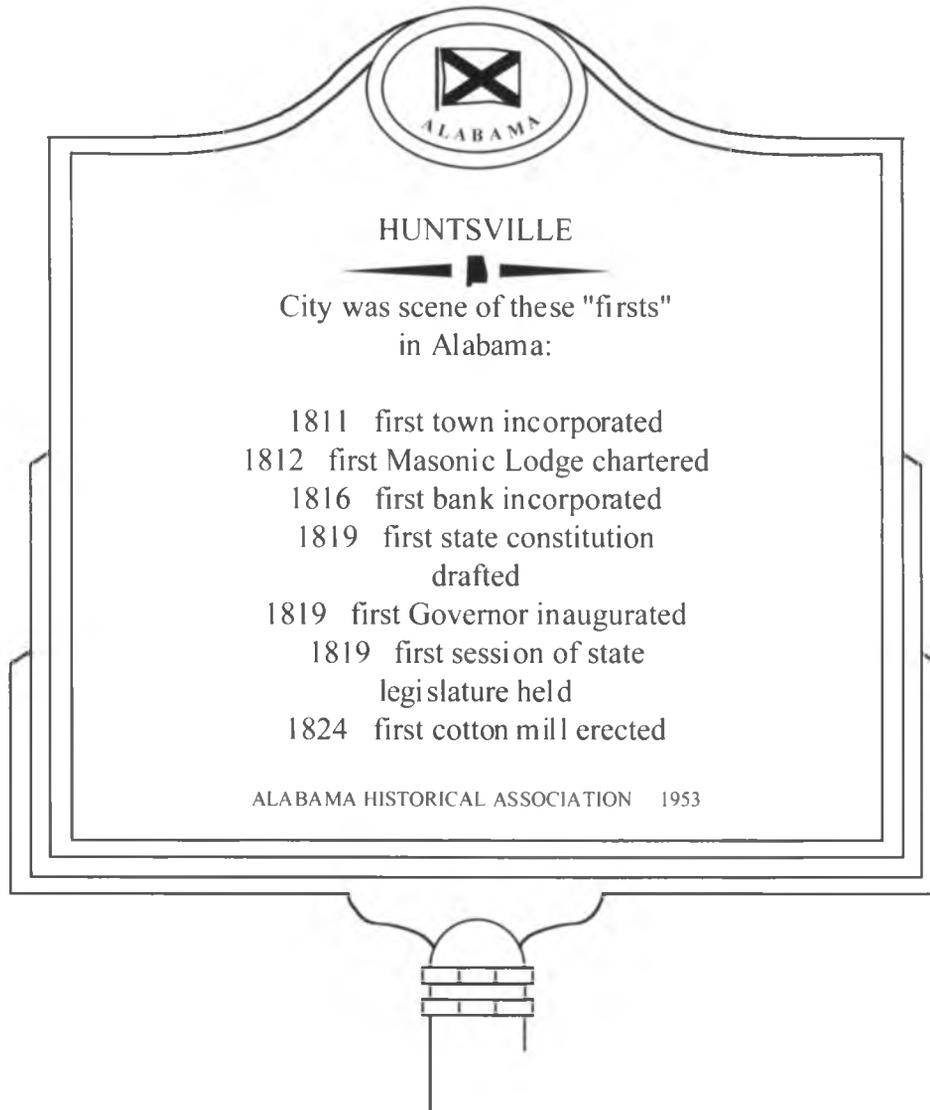


Indian Creek Canal (1994)



Indian Creek Canal (1994)

City of Huntsville



Sponsored by the Huntsville Historical Society, this Alabama Historical Association marker was dedicated on August 16, 1953. The marker was originally located in front of the old Huntsville Public Library at the northwest corner of Madison Street and Gates Avenue. The marker was removed from this location when the old Carnegie Library was demolished. It was then erected in front of the Chamber of Commerce at 305 Church Street. In 1999, this marker was moved ~100 yards to the north (in front of Big Spring Park) due to the demolition of the old Chamber of Commerce building. The marker was completely refurbished in 1976 and again in 2000. References 4, 10, 14, 17, 20, 25, 26, 27, 41, 45, 62, 71, 73, 76, 82, 84, 86, 87, 90, and 95 contain more details regarding Huntsville's history.



Huntsville City Hall



Huntsville Municipal Complex (1996)



City of Huntsville
Historical Marker

Dr. Wernher Von Braun

THIS PLAQUE WAS PLACED HERE BY
CITIZENS OF HUNTSVILLE AND
MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN HONOR OF

DR. WERNHER VON BRAUN

WHO DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
OPERATIONS FOR THE ARMY AT REDSTONE ARSENAL
FROM 1950 TO 1960, AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF
GEORGE C. MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER FROM
1960 TO 1970.

IT WAS UNVEILED ON FEBRUARY 24, 1970
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TRANSFER TO
WASHINGTON, D.C., AS
DEPUTY ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

DR. VON BRAUN,
WHOSE VISION AND KNOWLEDGE MADE POSSIBLE THE
LANDING OF THE FIRST MAN ON THE MOON BY THE
UNITED STATES, CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO
THE LIFE OF THIS COMMUNITY.
HE WILL FOREVER BE RESPECTED AND ADMIRER BY HIS
LOCAL FELLOW CITIZENS.

Originally located on the grounds of the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville, Alabama, this plaque inset in stone was erected to honor Dr. Wernher von Braun. The marker was sponsored by the citizens of Huntsville and Madison County and was unveiled on February 24, 1970. The marker was later moved to 700 Monroe Street (in front of the Von Braun Center Concert Hall). Dr. Von Braun's accomplishments are recounted in References 2 (No. 48, 49), 9, 17, 25, 34, 41, 87, 88, 93, and 95.



Dr. Wernher Von Braun
Historical Marker



Dr. Wernher Von Braun (1912-1977)

Original Site of Alabama A&M University



This Alabama Historical Association marker was erected at the original site of Alabama A&M University on the southwest corner of Clinton Avenue and Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama. It was sponsored by the Madison County Commission and was dedicated on March 13, 1975. References 12, 20, 25, 60, and 64 reveal various aspects of the university's rich history.

Original Site of Alabama A&M University



ALABAMA
A & M UNIVERSITY
former names

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1885 - The Huntsville State Colored Normal
and Industrial School
1896 - The State Agricultural and Mechanical
College for Negroes
1919 - The State Agricultural and Mechanical
Institute for Negroes
1948 - Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical
College
1969 - University status achieved

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1974

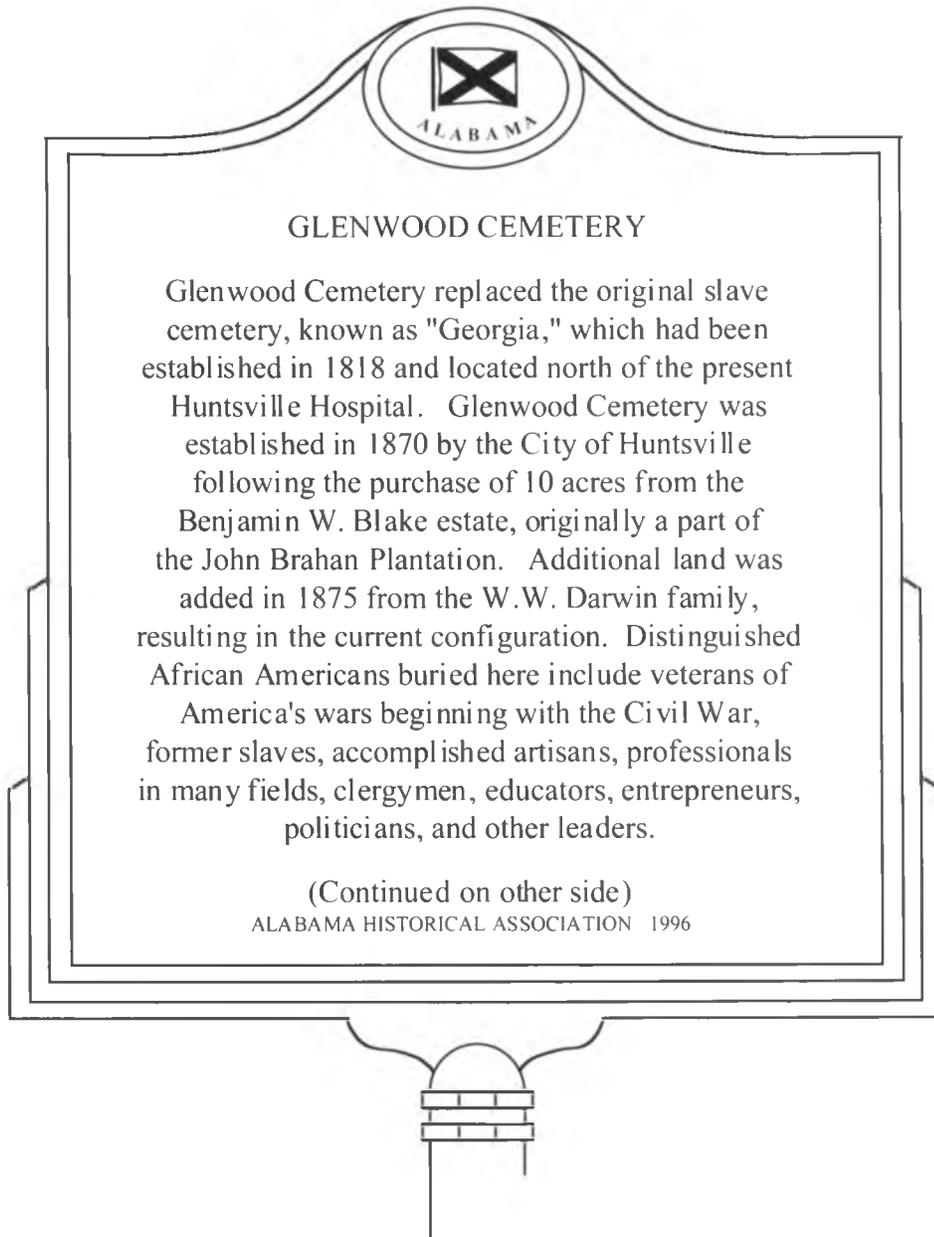


Original Site of
Alabama A&M University
Historical Marker
(Front)



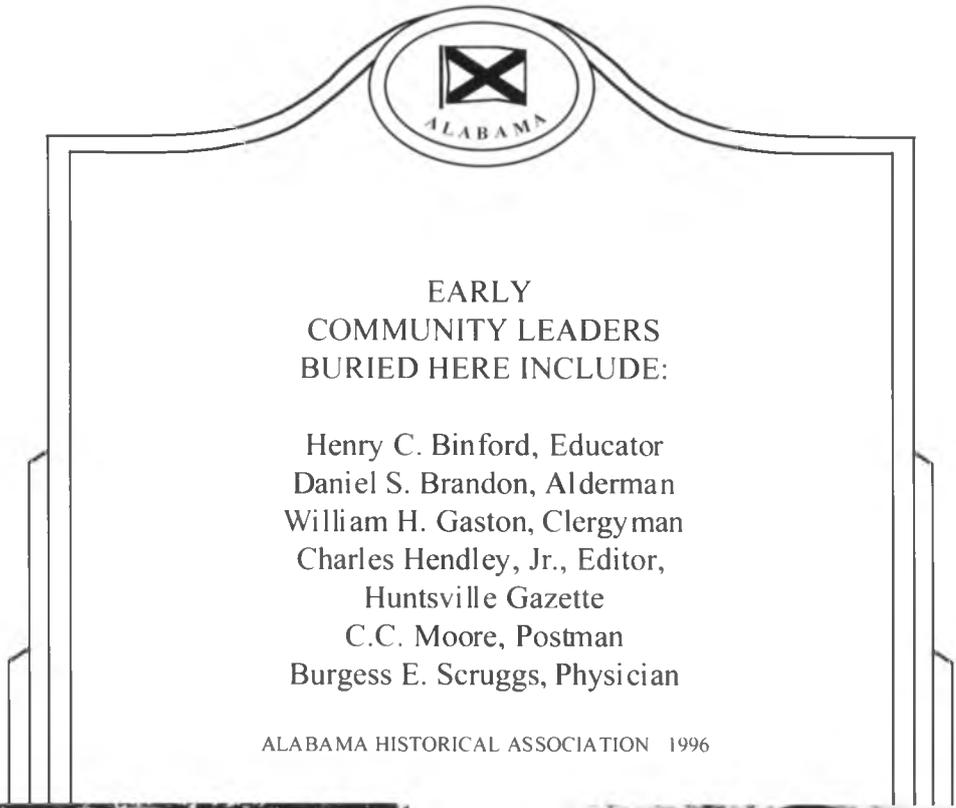
Original Site of
Alabama A&M University
Historical Marker
(Back)

Glenwood Cemetery



At the intersection of Hall Avenue and Cemetery Street in Huntsville, Alabama, stands the Alabama Historical Association marker for Glenwood Cemetery. This marker was sponsored by the City of Huntsville and dedicated on October 27, 1996. Additional information on the cemetery can be found in References 41 and 72.

Glenwood Cemetery



Glenwood Cemetery
Historical Marker
(Front)



Glenwood Cemetery
Historical Marker
(Back)



Glenwood Cemetery
 Marker Dedication (1996)
 Dr. Henry Bradford, Pastor of
 Church Street C.P. Church of America;
 Izeuma Olowolowo, Student at the
 Academy for Science and Foreign
 Language; & Ollye B. Conley,
 Principal of the Academy for Science and
 Foreign Language



Glenwood Cemetery
 Marker Dedication (1996)
 Brenda Webb, Director of
 Cemeteries, City of
 Huntsville; Ollye B. Conley,
 Principal of the Academy for
 Science and Foreign
 Language; &
 Richard Showers,
 Huntsville City Councilman



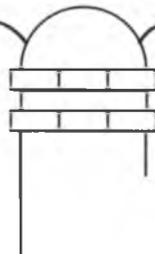
Glenwood Cemetery (1997)

Northeastern Madison County

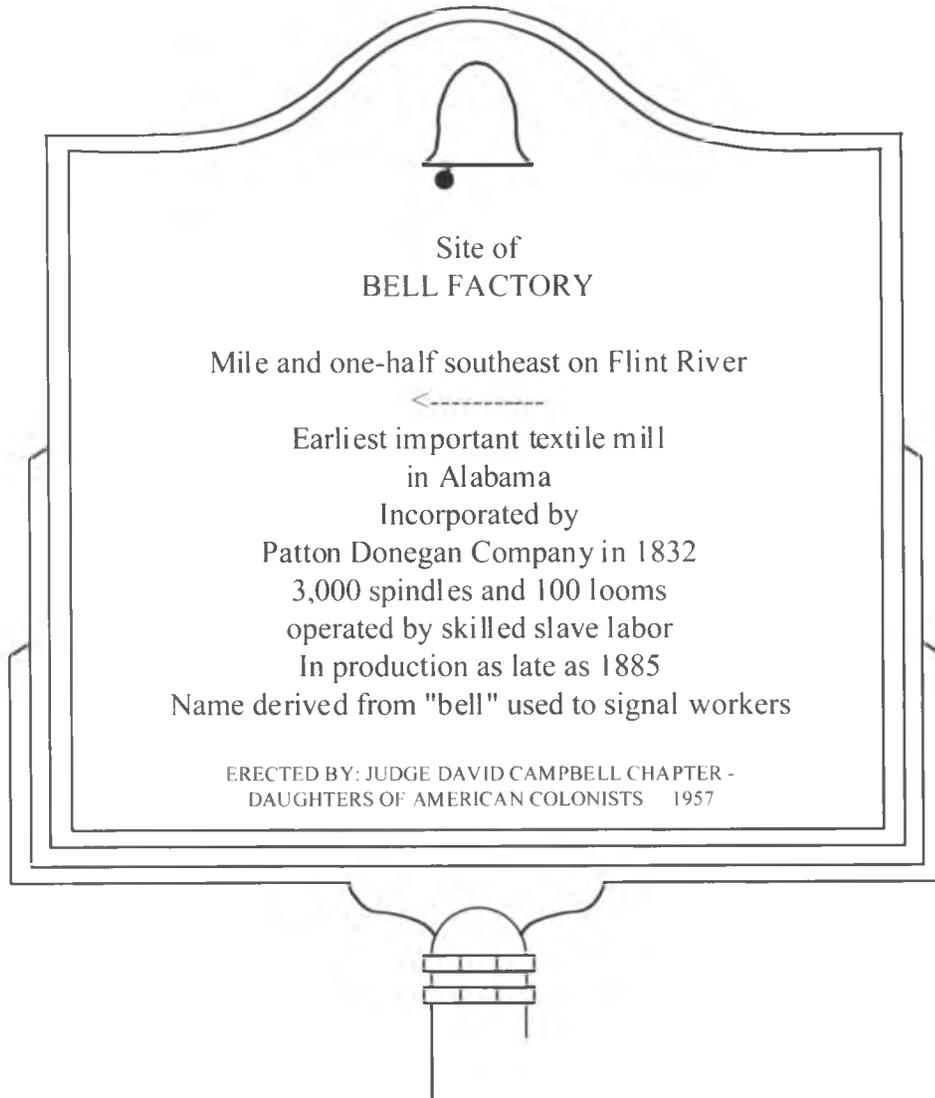
(Including North Huntsville)



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Site of Bell Factory



The Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC)/Judge David Campbell Chapter sponsored this DAC marker in 1957. It is located on the west side of Winchester Road at the intersection of Bell Factory Road in Riverton, Alabama. References 10, 25, 31, 32, 35, 36, 71, 81, 87, and 90 give additional details regarding Bell Factory and other early textile mills in Madison County.



Site of Bell Factory
Historical Marker



Bell Factory

Buckhorn Tavern / Buckhorn Tavern Skirmish



BUCKHORN TAVERN

Located in Section 18, Township 2, Range 2 East, this site was an early wayside stop for pioneer settlers as they traveled the road from Winchester, Tennessee into Madison County. The tavern predates the creation of the county, Dec. 13, 1808.

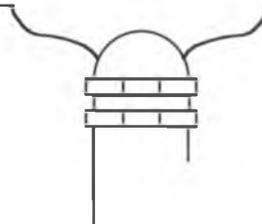
During the Creek Indian War (1813-1814), the Deposit Road was created at this point and stretched southeastward through Cherokee lands to Fort Deposit near Gunter's Landing. This became the supply route for General Andrew Jackson's forces. His deputy, Colonel John Coffee, stored supplies opposite the tavern and camped his troops (Nov. 22 - Dec. 8, 1813).

By tradition, the tavern took its name "Buckhorn" in 1858 when William L. Fanning killed a buck near the site and presented its antlers to the innkeeper. The antlers are now displayed at Buckhorn High School.

The original building was demolished in the early 1950s.

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ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1996



Sponsored by the Buckhorn Tavern Event Committee and dedicated on April 20, 1996, this Alabama Historical Association marker is located at the intersection of Winchester Road and Maysville Road in New Market, Alabama. Additional information on the Buckhorn Tavern and the Civil War skirmish which took place in the area can be found in References 66 and 73.

Buckhorn Tavern / Buckhorn Tavern Skirmish



BUCKHORN TAVERN SKIRMISH

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Buckhorn Tavern was the site of a skirmish on Oct. 12, 1863. Confederate General Philip D. Roddey's Alabama Cavalry Brigade was moving south from New Market when it intercepted Union General Robert Mitchell's Cavalry Brigade, advancing northeast from Huntsville.

A brisk firefight broke out, the opposing forces so close they could see each others' faces by the muzzle flashes. Both sides hesitated to advance in the approaching darkness and heavy rain. The Union troops camped for the night in the woods; the Confederates retired to New Market. The next morning, Roddey's Brigade rode on to Athens. The Union cavalry did not pursue.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1996

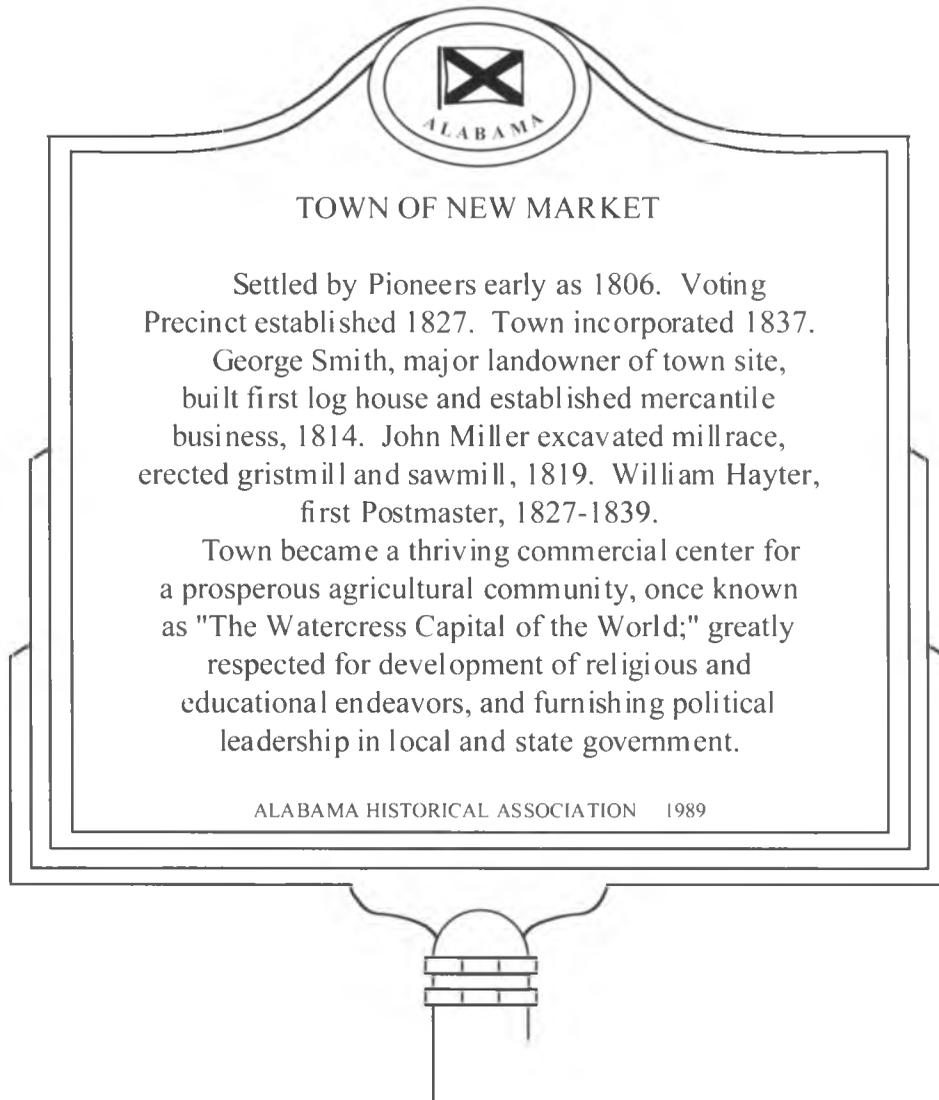


Buckhorn Tavern
Historical Marker
(Front)



Buckhorn Tavern Skirmish
Historical Marker
(Back)

Town of New Market



The Madison County Commission sponsored the erection of this Alabama Historical Association marker on the east side of Winchester Road, just south of New Market Road, in New Market, Alabama. The marker was dedicated on September 17, 1989. More information on the Town of New Market can be found in References 10, 26, 31, 40, 41, 45, 61, 62, 66, 68, 71, 73, and 90.



J.W. Cochran's Store (early 1900's)

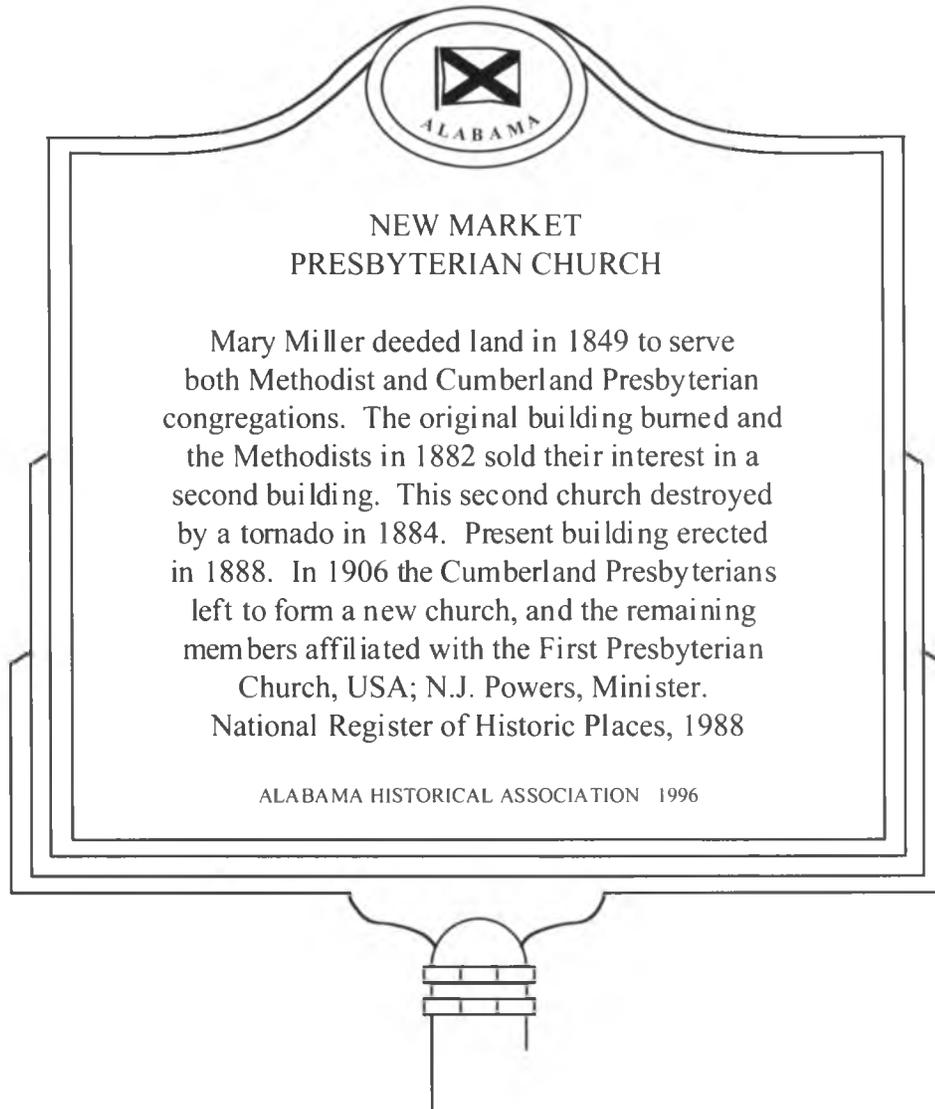


Town of New Market
Historical Marker



Stage Coach Home (ca. 1913)

New Market Presbyterian Church



The New Market Presbyterian Church marker was sponsored by the Vandiver family and placed in front of the sanctuary on the north side of New Market Road in New Market, Alabama. A dedication ceremony for this Alabama Historical Association marker was held on May 19, 1996. References 40, 61, and 62 reveal additional facts regarding the church's history.



New Market Presbyterian Church
Historical Marker



Sketch of New Market Presbyterian Church



New Market Presbyterian Church (1995)

Mount Paran Campground and Cemetery



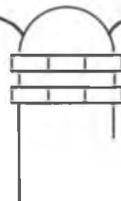
MOUNT PARAN
CAMPGROUND AND CEMETERY
NEW MARKET, ALABAMA

"A holy place: symbol of eternity, strength, and stability within
the wilderness."

One of the earliest known Cumberland Presbyterian campgrounds in
Madison County, Mount Paran Cemetery is the resting place for many
of the county's pioneer settlers, with the earliest surviving grave
stone dated 1826. Originally the six acre site was bequeathed to
Mount Paran Presbyterian Church of New Market in 1842 by Samuel
Davis. A division within the congregation in 1906 resulted in the
dissolution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at New Market in
1914, and some of its members joined neighboring congregations.
With the decline of its use, Mount Paran Cemetery became known as
"Graveyard Hill."

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ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1989



The Mount Paran Campground and Cemetery marker was sponsored by the Madison County Commission and dedicated on September 17, 1989. This Alabama Historical Association marker is located on the west side of Winchester Road, 1/2 mile north of New Market Road in New Market, Alabama. References 40, 45, 61, and 72 contain additional information on the campground and cemetery.

Mount Paran Campground and Cemetery

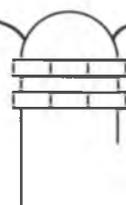


MOUNT PARAN
CAMPGROUND AND CEMETERY
NEW MARKET, ALABAMA

(Continued from other side)

Today Mount Paran Cemetery comprises 3.77 acres; approximately 400 grave sites may be found of which 135 have markers remaining. Revolutionary War veterans Samuel Davis and Moses Poor are buried here, along with their families, as well as those of Isaac Criner and John Miller. Records indicate the burial of a number of early pioneers, farmers, servants, merchants, physicians, educators, ministers, public officials, veterans of major wars, and those whose good works may be known only to God.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1989





Mount Paran Campground & Cemetery
Historical Marker



Criner Tombstone
Mount Paran Cemetery



Mount Paran Cemetery (1997)

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Madison County Poorhouse Farm Site and Cemetery



MADISON COUNTY POORHOUSE
FARM SITE AND CEMETERY
NEW MARKET, ALABAMA
1870-1923

For 53 years Madison county operated an establishment one-half mile to the south where the indigent, lame, and unfortunate were housed in a series of log buildings. Each year a superintendent and a physician were appointed to care for their needs. For many paupers this became their final resting place. Today, the only visible remains of the facility are the depressions which indicate hundreds of unmarked graves in the pasture and wooded areas.

The cemetery and 123 acres of the original farm were added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage on November 2, 1990.

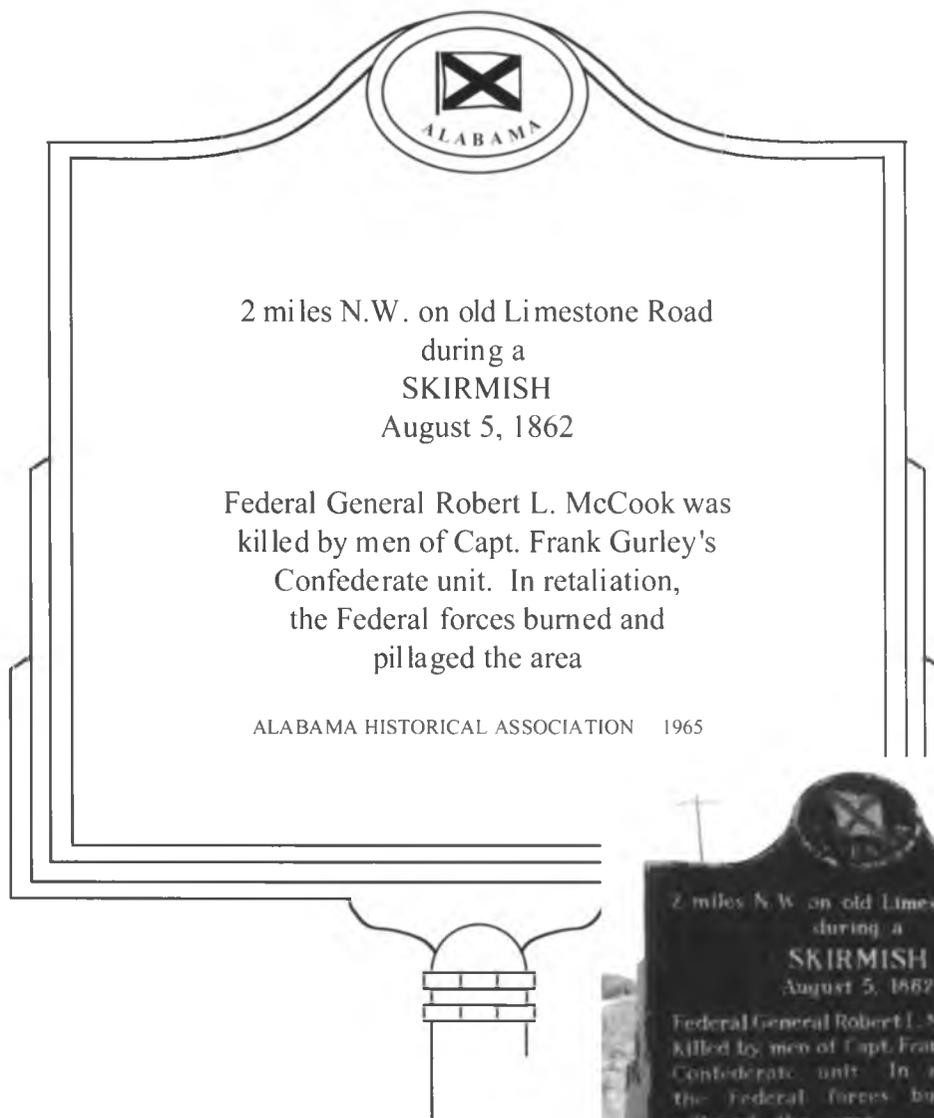
ERECTED 1991 BY THE MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION



Madison County Poorhouse
Farm Site & Cemetery
Historical Marker

Sponsored by the Madison County Commission, this Alabama Historical Commission marker was erected in 1991 on the south side of Beth Road, 1.7 miles west of New Market, Alabama. Reference 38 reveals additional details relating to the Madison County Poorhouse Farm Site and Cemetery.

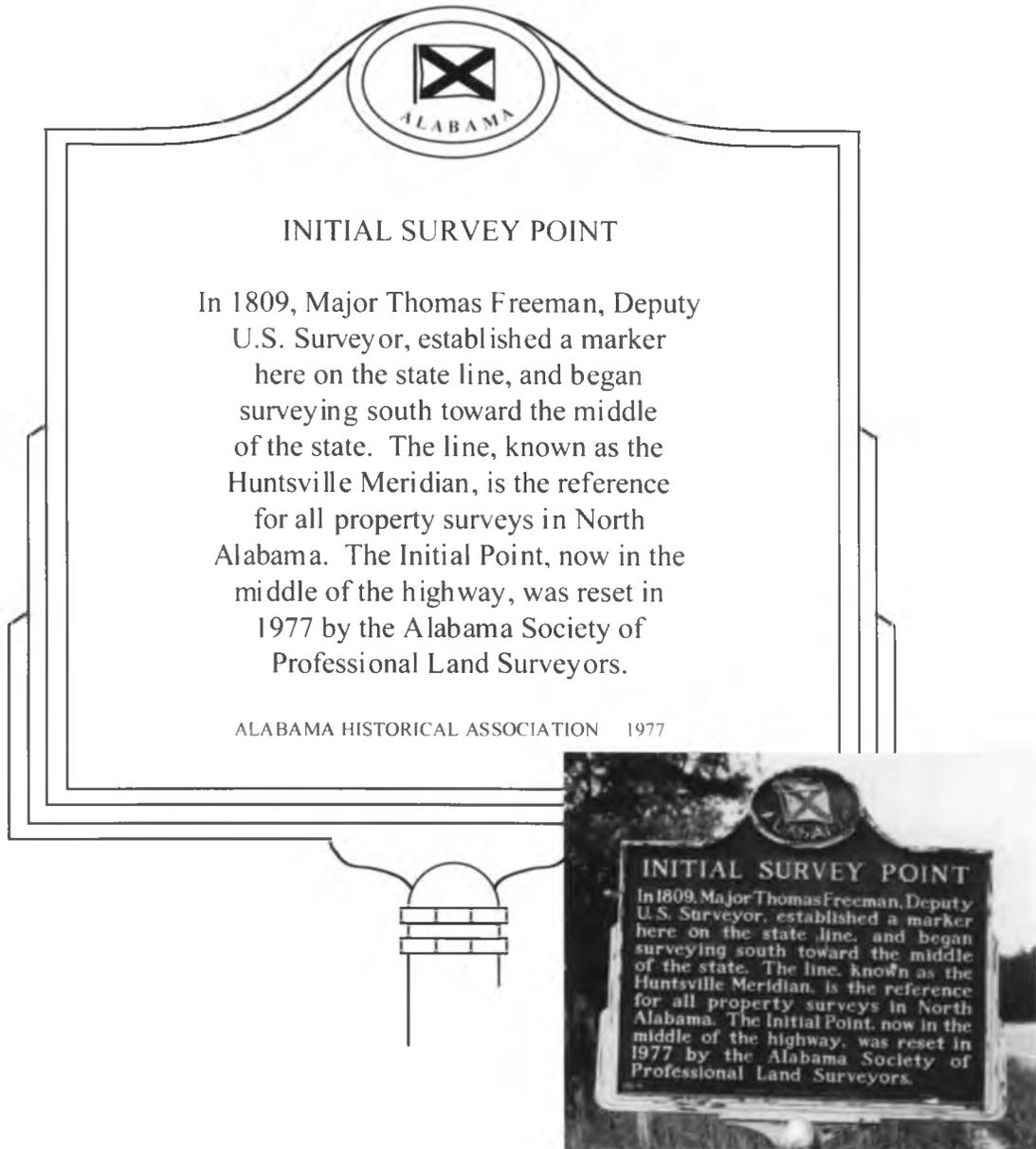
Old Limestone Road Skirmish



Old Limestone Road Skirmish
Historical Marker

This Alabama Historical Association marker notes the site of the Old Limestone Road Skirmish during the War Between the States. The Madison County Commission sponsored the marker which is located at the southwest corner of Winchester Road and Buddy Williamson Road in Plevna, Alabama. More information relating to the skirmish can be found in References 10, 66, and 73.

Initial Survey Point

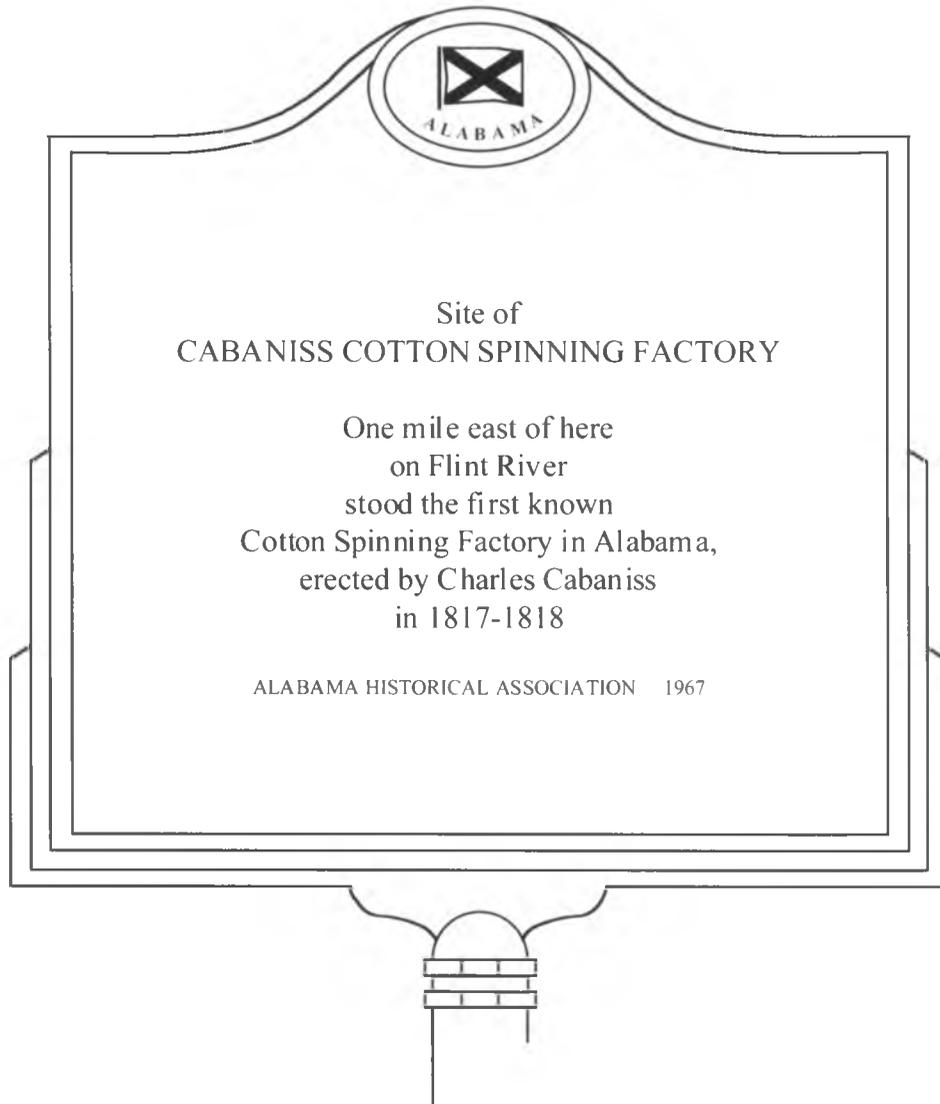


Initial Survey Point
Historical Marker

Erected in 1977, this Alabama Historical Association marker is located on the west side of Highway 231/431 just south of the Alabama/Tennessee line. References 10, 36, 79, and 90 reveal more information about Thomas Freeman and his Initial Survey Point for the Huntsville Meridian.

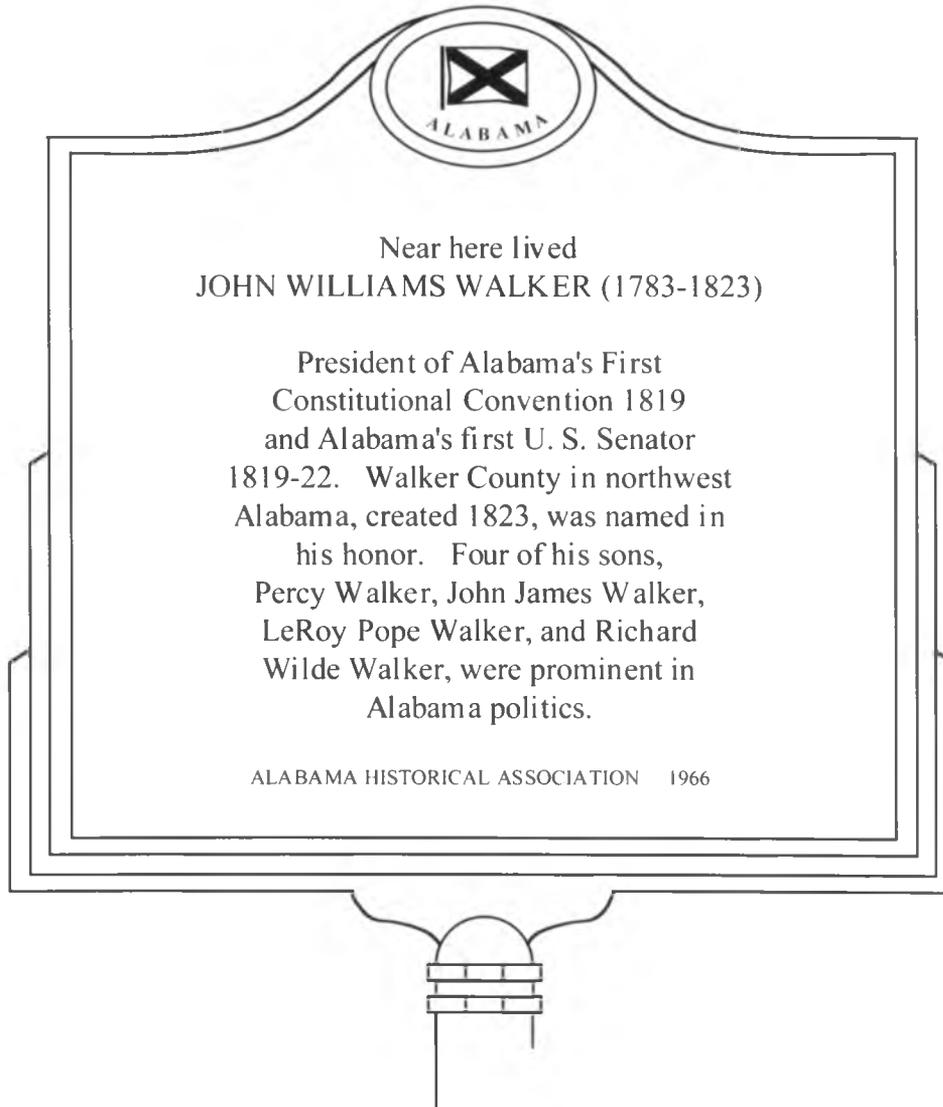
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Site of Cabaniss Cotton Spinning Factory



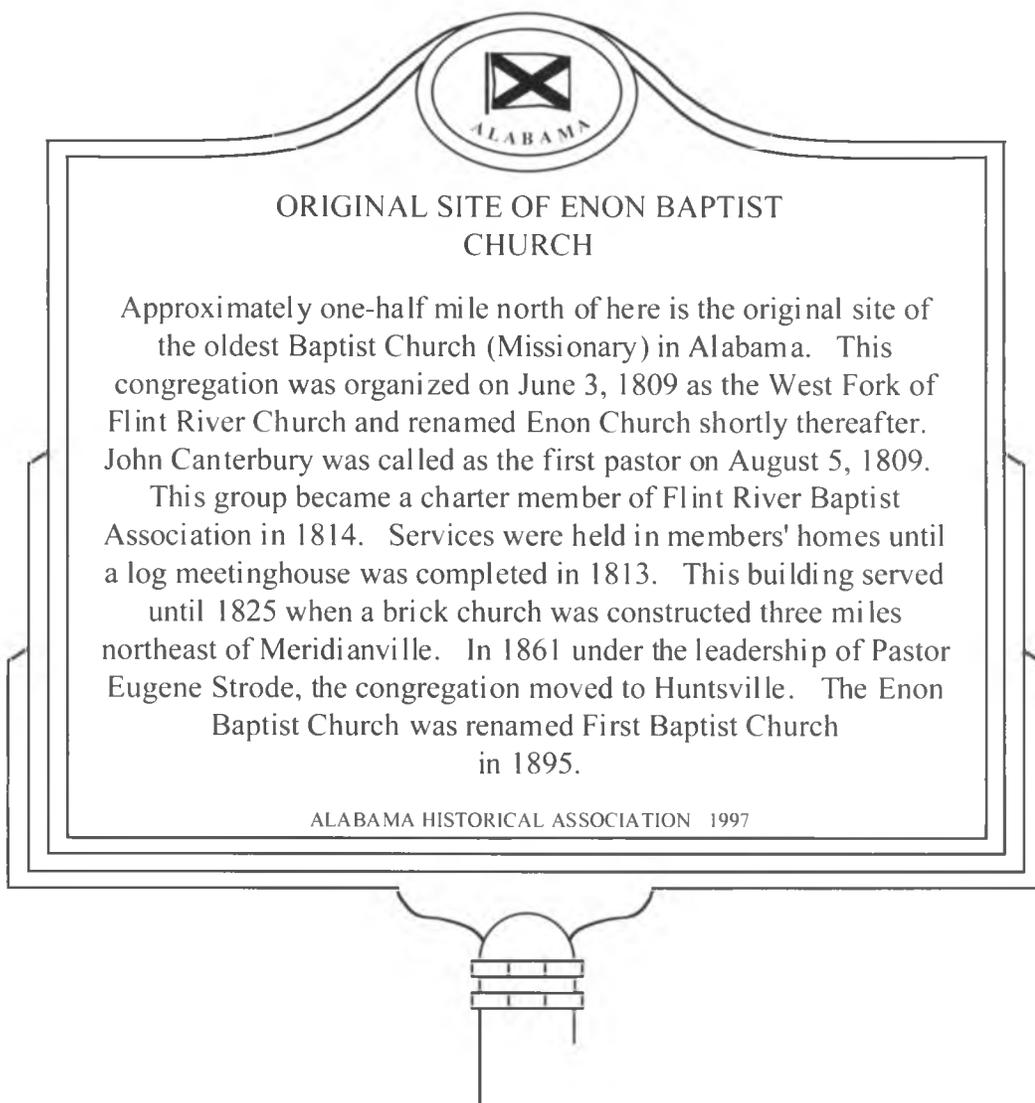
Situated on the east side of Highway 231/431, 2 miles north of Hazel Green, in the community of Fisk, Alabama, once stood an Alabama Historical Association marker denoting the site of the Cabaniss Cotton Spinning Factory. The marker, sponsored by the Madison County Commission, was dedicated on October 8, 1967. The marker has since vanished, possibly being destroyed by vehicular traffic. References 10, 16, 35, and 87 contain more information on the cotton mill.

Site of John Williams Walker Home



This Alabama Historical Association marker, sponsored by the Madison County Commission, was erected at a site 2 miles north of Meridianville, Alabama, on the east side of Highway 231/431. The marker was dedicated on June 12, 1966, but was later destroyed or vandalized. See References 6, 10, 26, 55, 56 for more information on John Williams Walker.

Original Site of Enon Baptist Church



The First Baptist Church of Huntsville sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker at the church's original site. The marker, dedicated on June 6, 1998, is located at the northeast corner of Meridianville Bottom Road and Bolling Road in Meridianville, Alabama. References 10, 11, 29, 35, 41, 58, 70, 74, and 87 contain additional facts relating to the church's history and its former locations.



Enon Baptist Church Marker Dedication (1998)
David Hinkle & Bob Quick

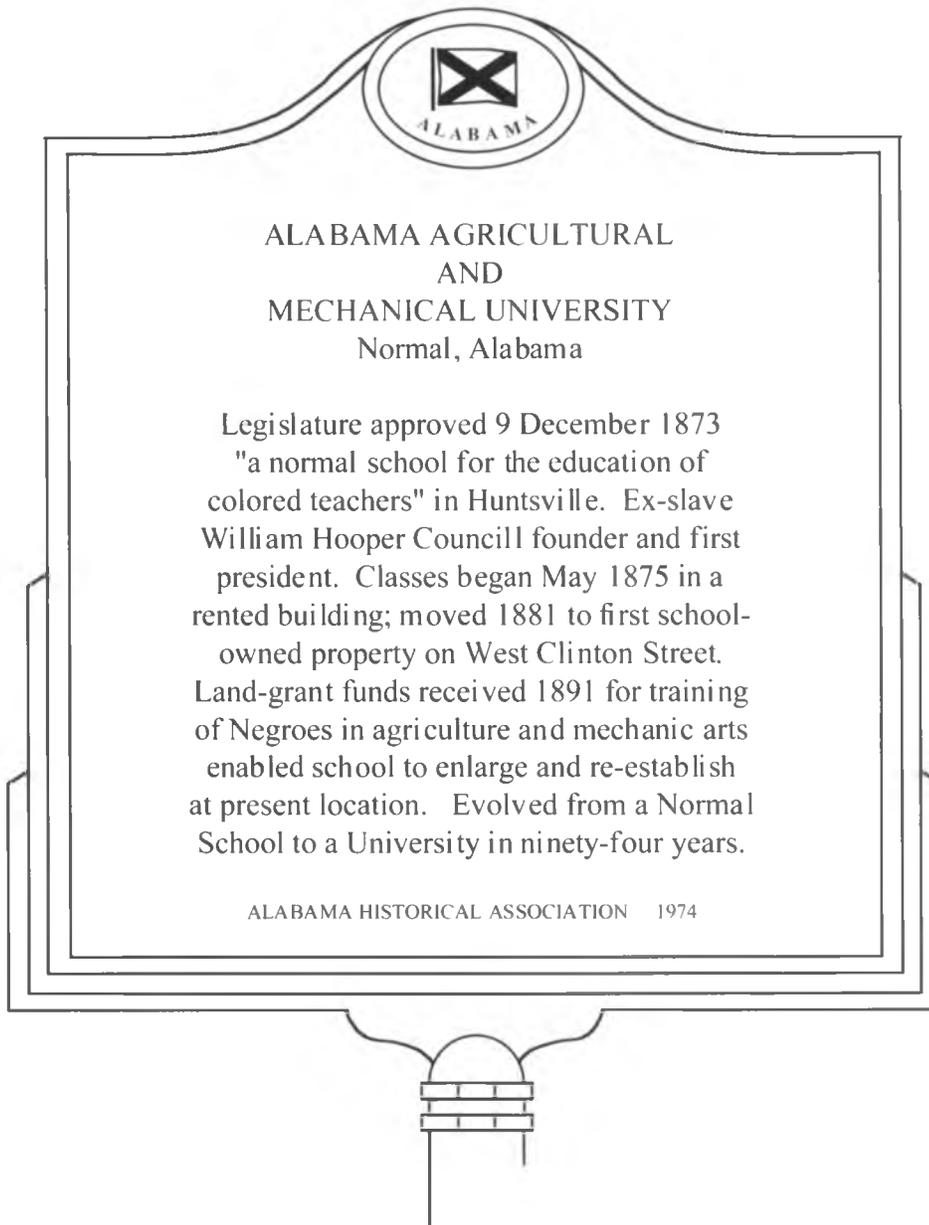


Original Site of
Enon Baptist Church
Historical Marker



Enon Baptist Church Marker Dedication (1998)
Dr. Ralph Langley, Pastor Emeritus; Alex Luttrell,
Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society Marker
Committee Chairman; Catherine Miller, Pastoral Assistant;
James W. Lee, Alabama Historical Association
Executive Board Member; Polly Lucas, Church History;
Bob Alverson, Church History Committee Chairman;
Dr. Tim Brock, Minister of Education and Adults; &
Steve Lee, Church Trustee

Alabama A&M University



This Alabama Historical Association marker was installed in 1974, at the northeast corner of Meridian Street and Chase Road in Huntsville, Alabama. References 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 36, 49, 60, 64, 68, 71, 81, 87, and 95 document the history of Alabama A&M University.

Alabama A&M University



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former names

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- 1896 - The State Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes
- 1919 - The State Agricultural and Mechanical Institute for Negroes
- 1948 - Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College
- 1969 - University status achieved

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1974



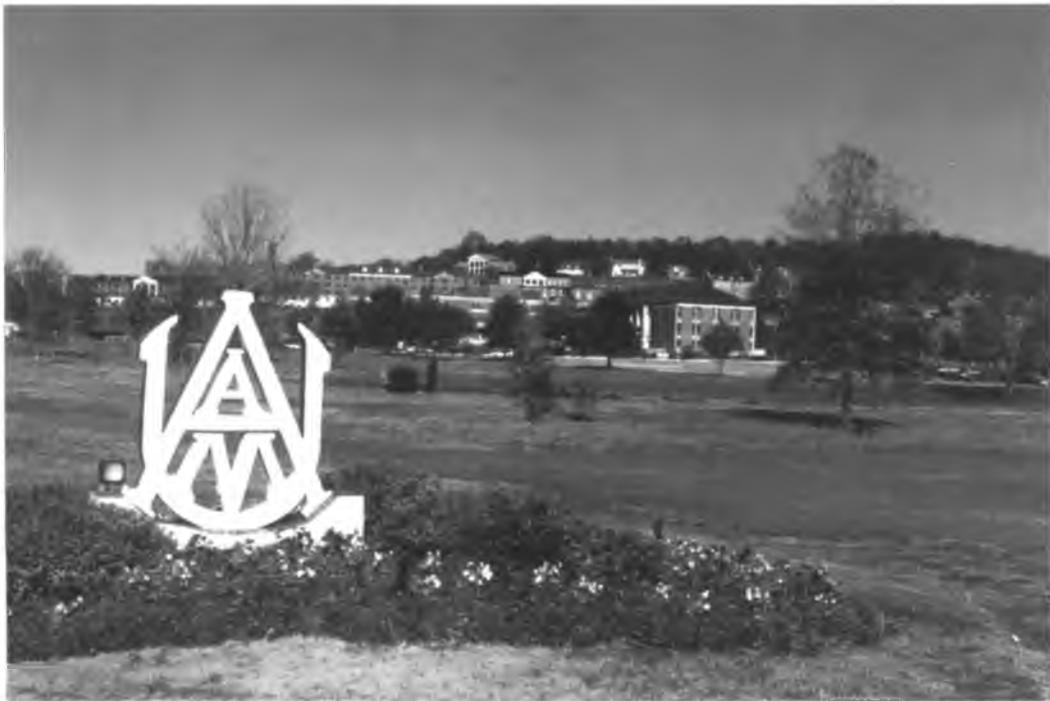
Alabama A&M Campus



Alabama A&M University
Historical Marker (Front)



Alabama A&M University
Historical Marker (Back)



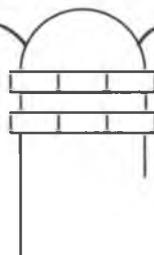
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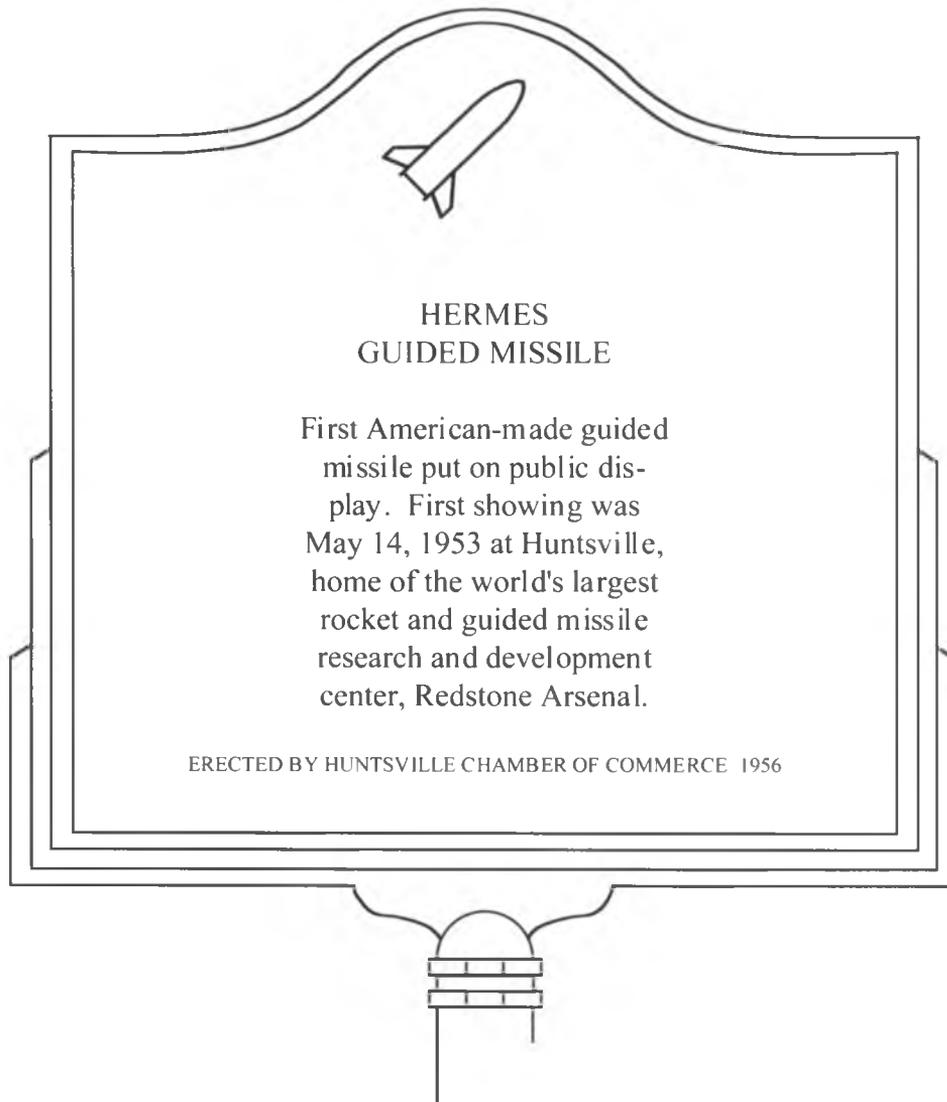
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Hermes Guided Missile



This Huntsville Chamber of Commerce marker was sponsored by the Chamber and dedicated in 1956. It is located at the southwest corner of Memorial Parkway and Airport Road in Huntsville, Alabama. Reference 95 provides additional details of the Hermes Guided Missile and other missile development programs at Redstone Arsenal.



Hermes Guided Missile
Historical Marker

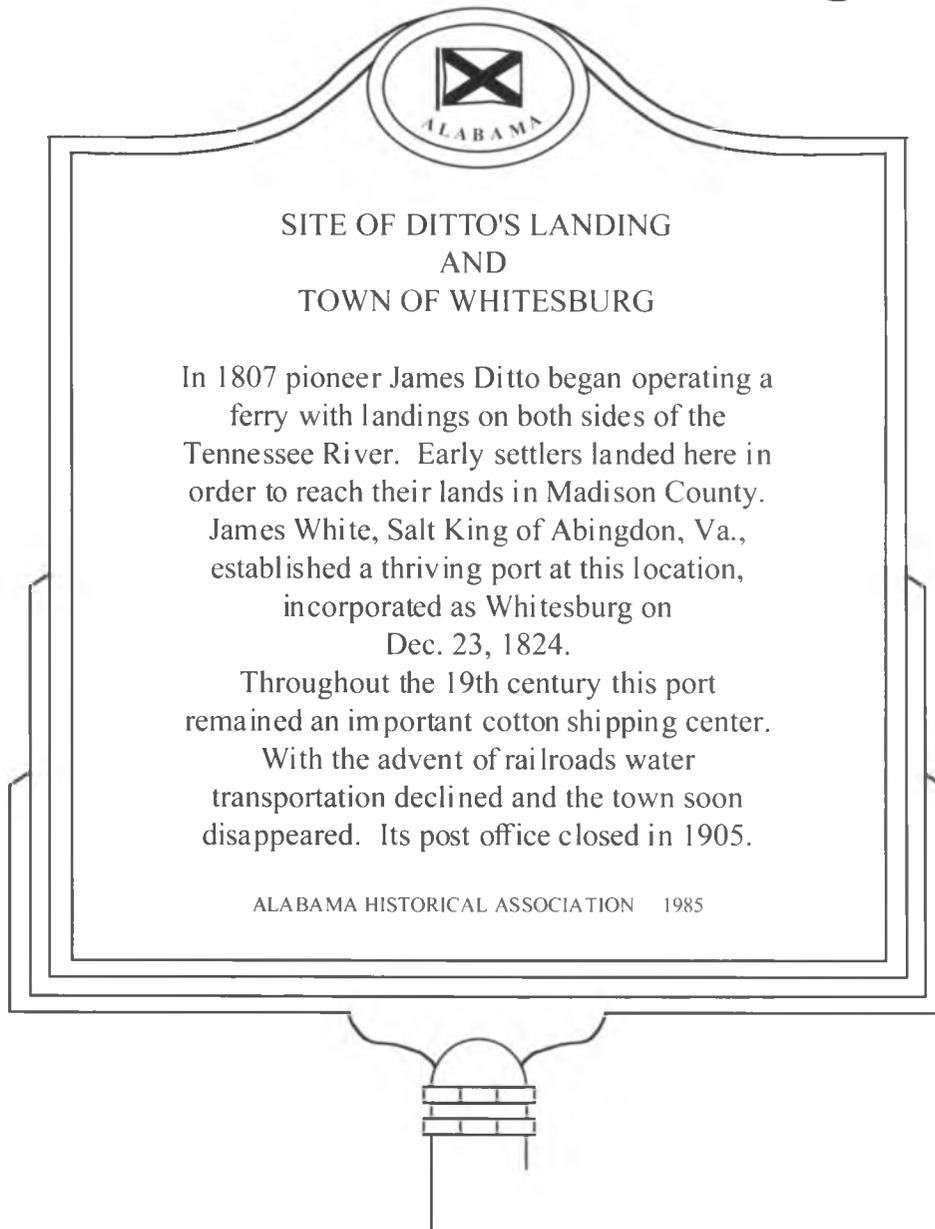


Hermes Missile (ca. 1956)



Hermes Missile on Display (ca. 1953)

Site of Ditto's Landing and Town of Whitesburg



Standing at the corner of Boat Docks Road and W. Eugene Morgan Road (in front of the Ditto Landing Kingston Pavilion), this Alabama Historical Association marker commemorates the establishment of Ditto's Landing and the Town of Whitesburg. The marker was dedicated on October 20, 1985. References 1, 10, 18, 26, 27, 41, 46, 71, 73, and 90 contain additional information on this area.



Ditto's Landing

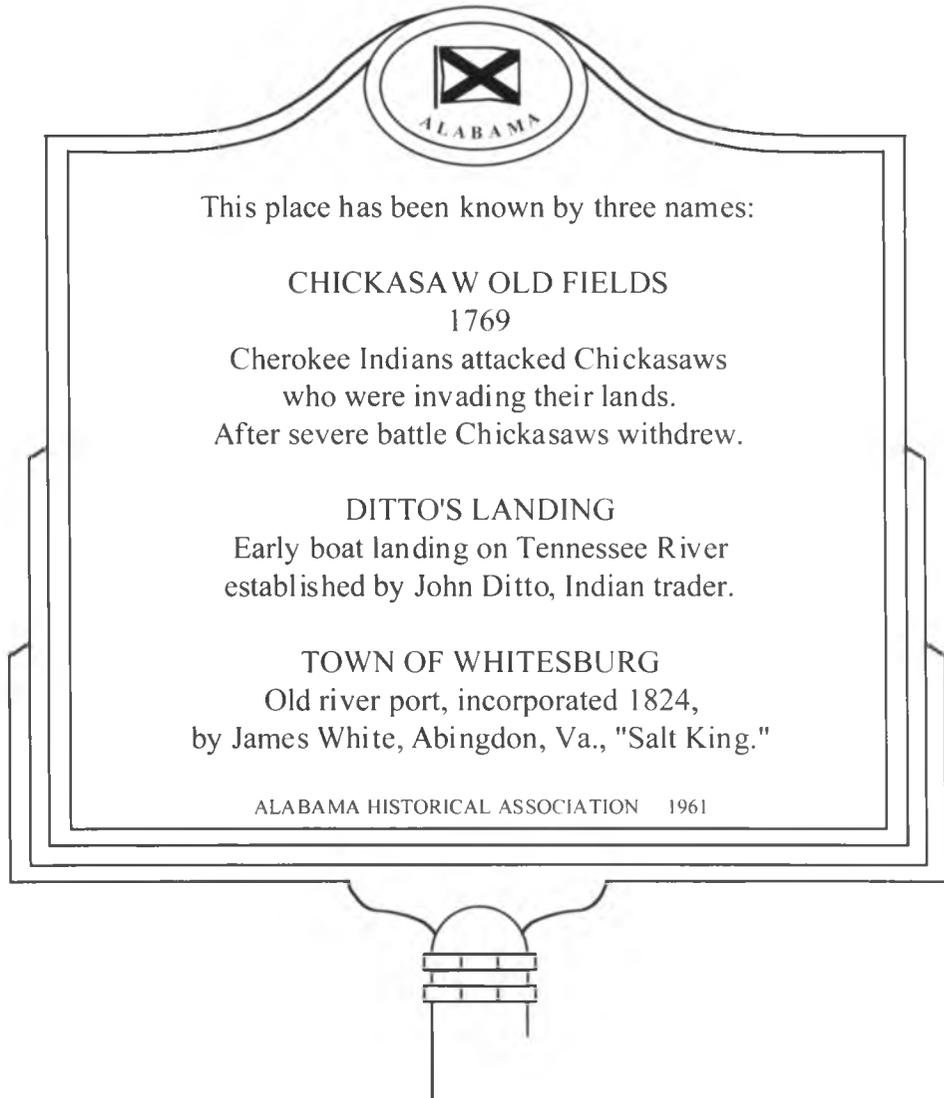


Ditto's Landing
Historical Marker



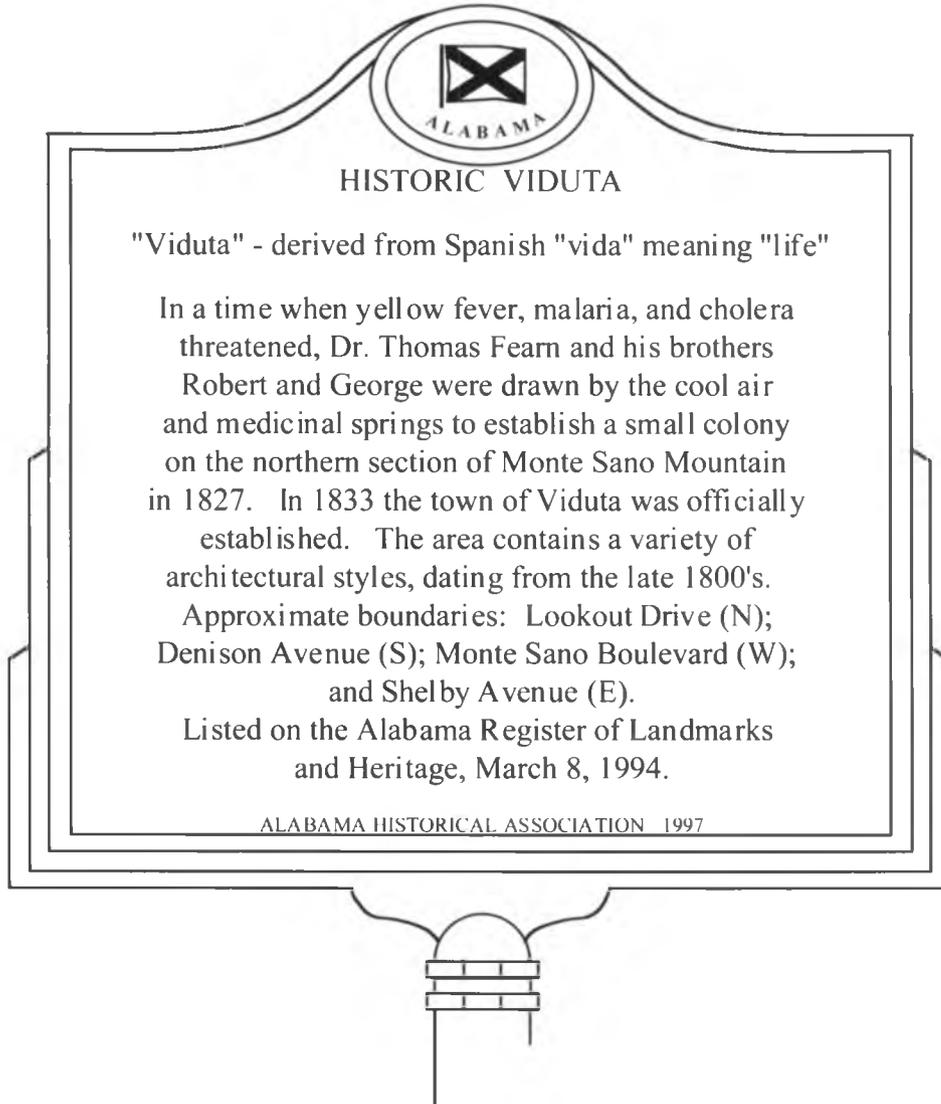
Ditto's Landing (1996)

Chickasaw Old Fields



The Madison County Commission sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker at the site of Chickasaw Old Fields. The marker, formerly located on the west side of Highway 231 just north of the Tennessee River, was dedicated on September 24, 1961. The marker disappeared sometime after its erection, and has never been replaced. More details of this river port can be found in References 10, 59, 71, 87, and 90.

Historic Viduta / Hotel Monte Sano



The City of Huntsville and the Monte Sano Historical Association co-sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker which was dedicated on April 19, 1998. The Historic Viduta / Hotel Monte Sano marker is located at the southwest corner of Monte Sano Boulevard and Old Chimney Road/Nolen Avenue in Huntsville, Alabama. More information regarding the early settlement of Monte Sano can be found in References 7, 8, 17, 20, 24, 63, 71, 87, 89, and 95.

Historic Viduta / Hotel Monte Sano



HOTEL MONTE SANO

"Monte Sano" - Spanish for "Mountain of Health"

In 1887 the North Alabama Improvement Company, with the assistance of Michael and James O'Shaughnessy, built a 233-room hotel on Monte Sano Mountain. The hotel served as a health resort and haven for industrial giants including the Vanderbilts and Astors. Guests arrived via the Monte Sano Railway which ran up the mountain.

The hotel ceased operations in 1900 and was later purchased by the Garth family for their summer residence. It was demolished for salvage in 1944. All that remains of the hotel is the brick chimney on Old Chimney Road.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1997



Historic Viduta /
Hotel Monte Sano
Historical Marker
(Front)



Historic Viduta /
Hotel Monte Sano
Historical Marker
(Back)



Hotel Monte Sano



Hotel Monte Sano

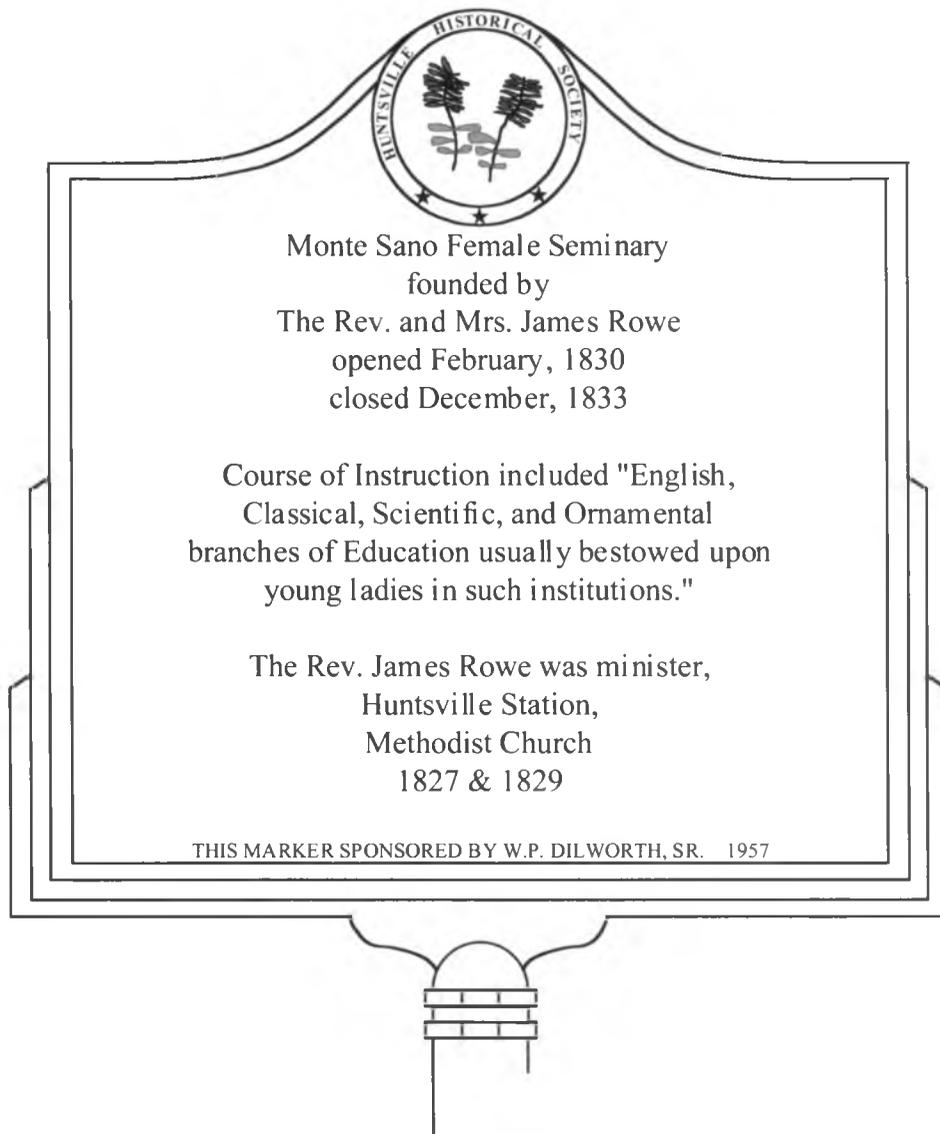


Hotel Monte Sano
Brick Chimney Remains (1997)



Hotel Monte Sano Dining Room (1890)

Monte Sano Female Seminary



W.P. Dilworth, Sr. sponsored this Huntsville Historical Society marker at the site of the Monte Sano Female Seminary. The marker was originally dedicated on September 22, 1957, but was later removed from the site and assumed lost for many years. After the marker was rediscovered, it was erected at the northwest corner of Lookout Drive and Fearn Street in Huntsville, Alabama. A rededication ceremony was held with the Monte Sano Historical Association on April 19, 1998. References 8, 10, 24, 25, and 90 reveal additional information about the seminary and its founders.

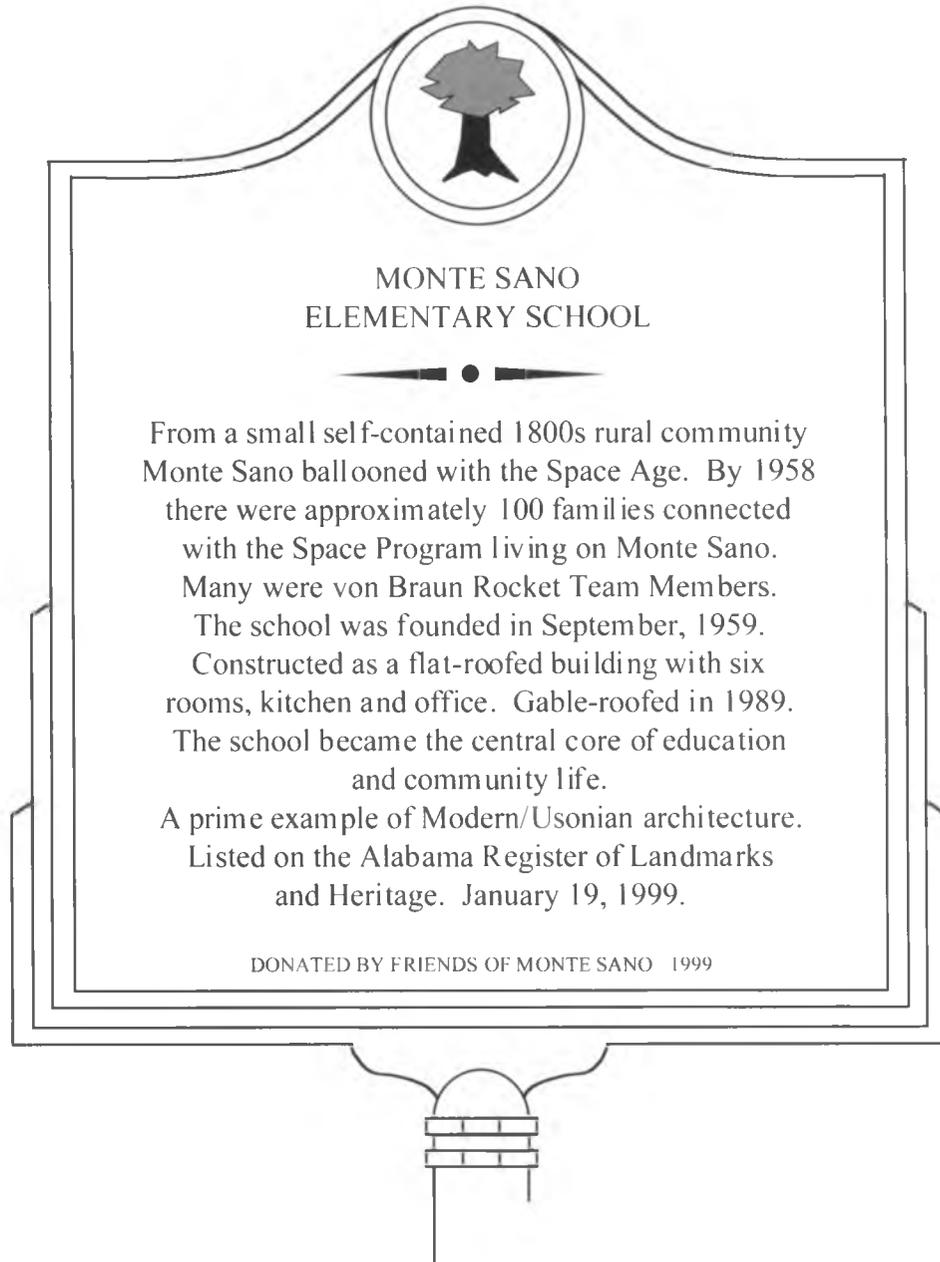


Rev. James Rowe
(1797-1868)



Monte Sano Female Seminary
Historical Marker Rededication (1998)
Jane Barr, President of Monte Sano
Historical Association & Mildred Rowe Sanders,
Descendent of Rev. & Mrs. James Rowe

61 Monte Sano Elementary School



This Monte Sano Elementary School marker was sponsored by the Monte Sano Elementary School PTA and the Monte Sano Historical Association. The marker, located in front of the school at 1107 Monte Sano Boulevard, Huntsville, Alabama, was dedicated on April 30, 1999. Additional information regarding the school can be found in References 7, 8, and 24.



Monte Sano Elementary School
Historical Marker



Monte Sano Elementary School (1970)



Monte Sano Elementary School (2001)

Schrimsher Farm / Sunrise Terrace Subdivision



SCHRIMSHER FARM SUNRISE TERRACE SUBDIVISION

Caroline (Cherokee) & William (Scotch-Irish) Schrimsher first of four generations to farm this 36 acres from 1880-1939. After World War II Werner von Braun's team of scientists were brought from Germany to Ft. Bliss, Texas and then to Huntsville, Alabama. Their mission: satellites to orbit the Earth and the Saturn rocket to send man to the moon. 1950 a consortium of von Braun's team purchased the Farm and it became Sunrise Terrace Subdivision.

Prime examples: Contemporary Ranch Style
3518 - 4321 Panorama Dr. 3605, 09, 11 Skyview Dr.

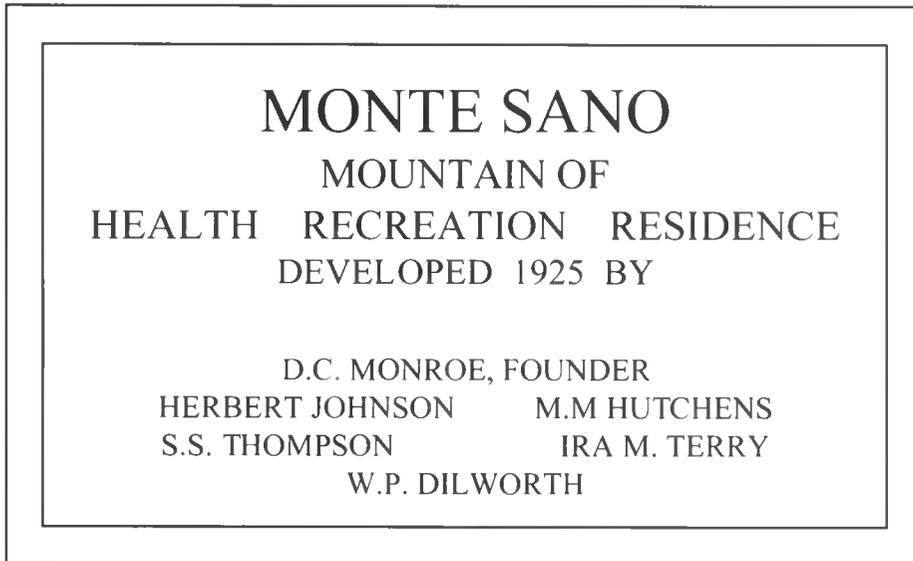
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And Heritage, May 19, 1998.

MONTE SANO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1998



This Monte Sano Historical Association marker was dedicated on Nov. 22, 1998. The marker is located at the intersection of Panorama Drive and Skyview Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. Information pertaining to the Schrimsher Farm and the later settlement of German scientists can be found in References 7 and 8.

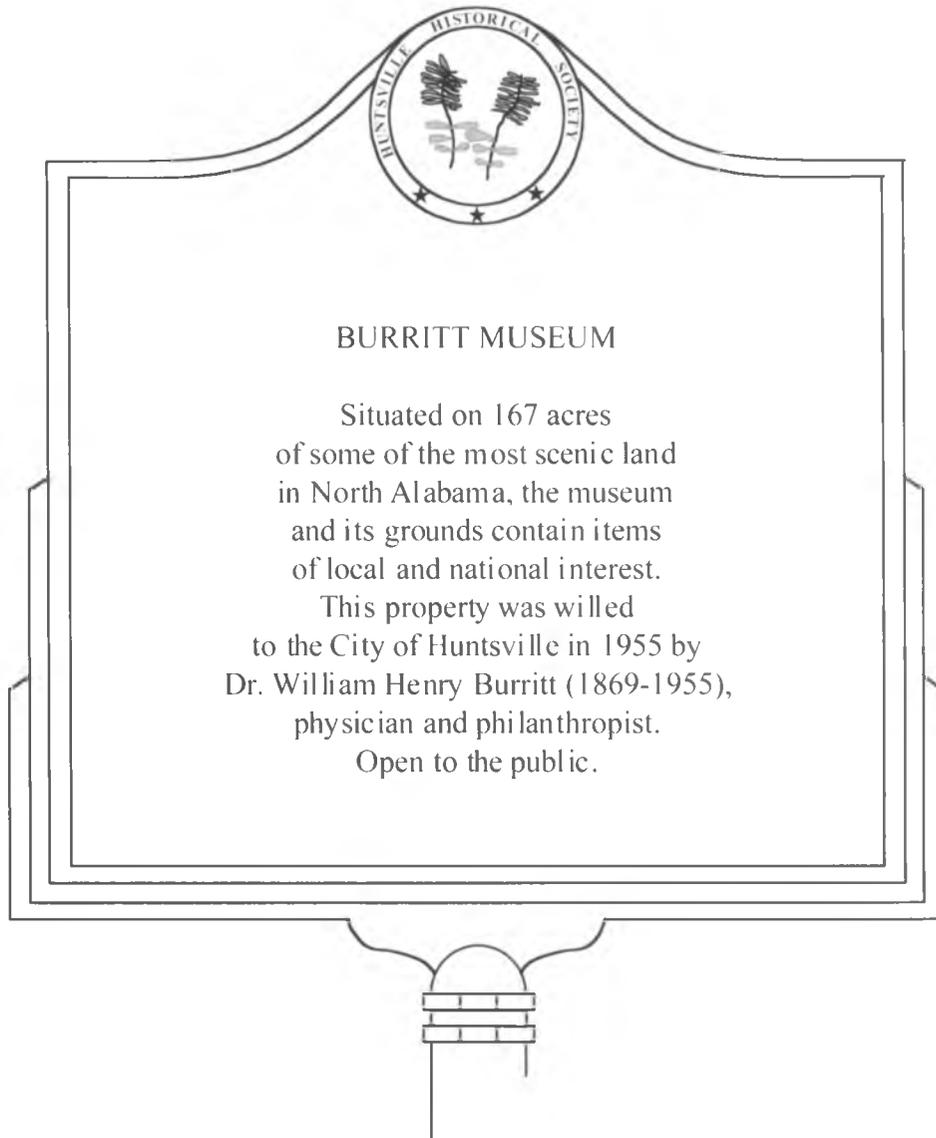
Monte Sano



Monte Sano Historical Marker

This marker is located at the intersection of Monte Sano Boulevard and Panorama Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. Information pertaining to the development of Monte Sano can be found in References 7, 8, 17, 18, 20, 25, and 46.

Burritt Museum



The Huntsville Historical Society (HHS) sponsored this HHS marker which was erected at the corner of Monte Sano Boulevard and Burritt Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. The marker was refurbished in 2000. The Burritt Museum and grounds are open to the public. References 25, 87, and 95 contain additional information regarding Dr. Burritt and his home.



Burritt Museum
Historical Marker

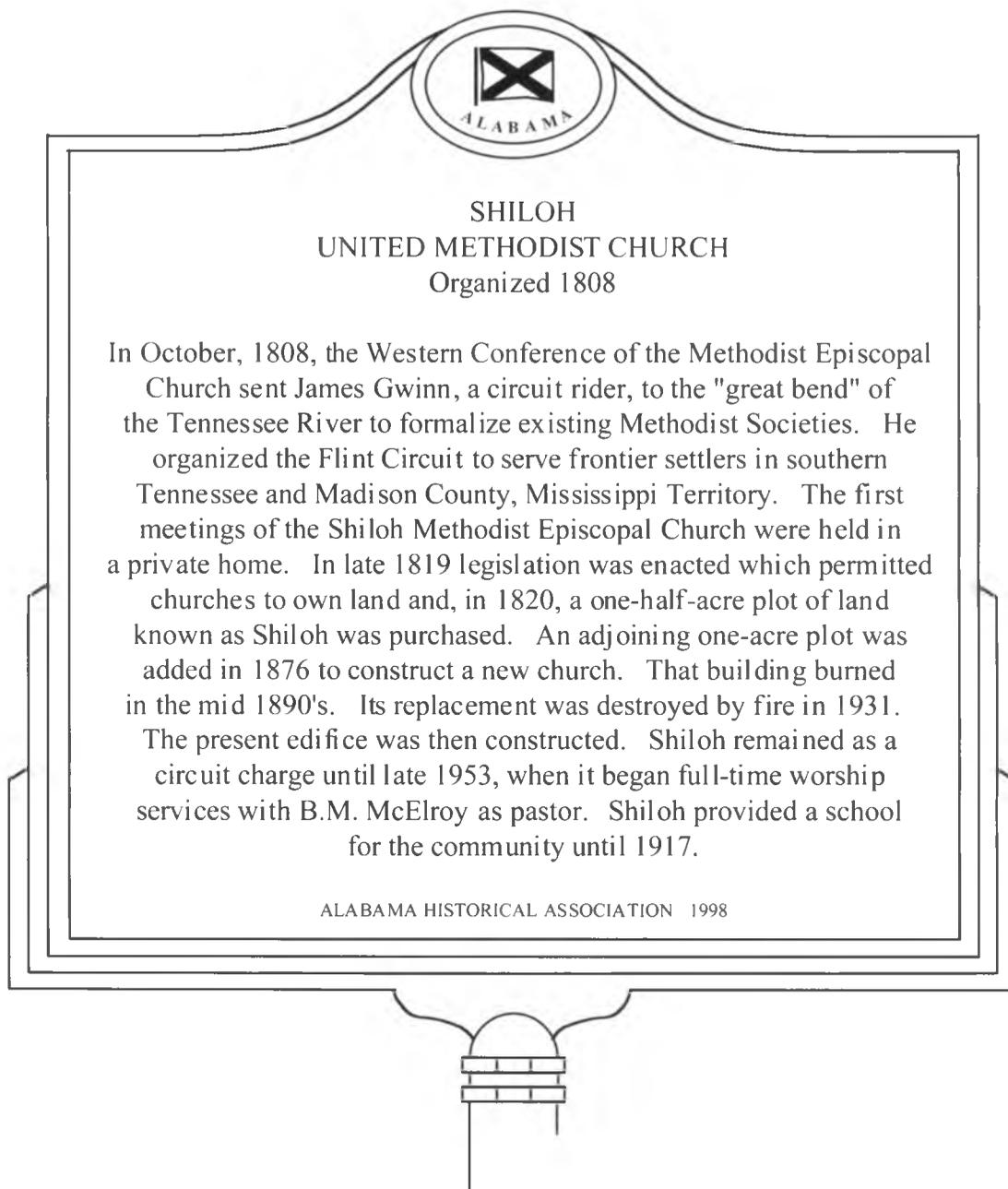


Burritt Museum



Burritt Museum (1994)

65 Shiloh United Methodist Church



This Alabama Historical Association marker was sponsored by the Shiloh United Methodist Church and dedicated on March 14, 1999. The marker is located on the south side of Ryland Pike and west of Dug Hill Road in the Ryland community. Information pertaining to the church can be found in References 47, 58, and 94.



Shiloh United Methodist Church (ca. 1950's)



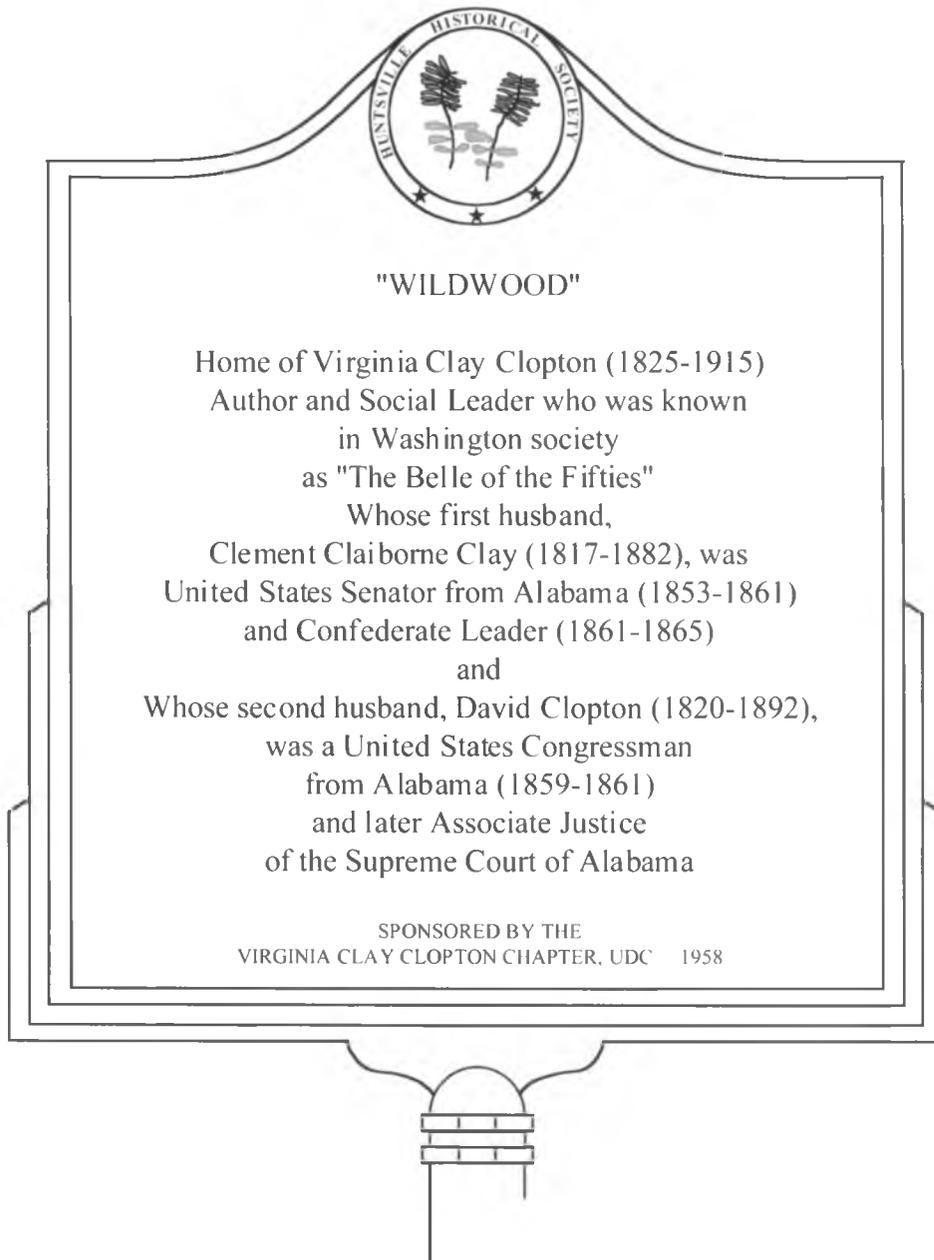
Shiloh United Methodist Church (2001)



Shiloh United Methodist Church
Historical Marker Dedication (1999)
Greg Miller & R.D. Cole, Church History Committee Members

Wildwood

Virginia Clay Clopton Home



This Huntsville Historical Society marker was sponsored by the Virginia Clay Clopton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was dedicated on September 10, 1958, and is located in front of the home on the south side of Highway 72 at the Madison/Jackson County Line in Gurley, Alabama. References 17, 20, 21, 26, 41, 63, 64, 73, 81, and 92 give additional information regarding the life of Mrs. Clay Clopton.



Virginia Clay Clopton (1825-1915)

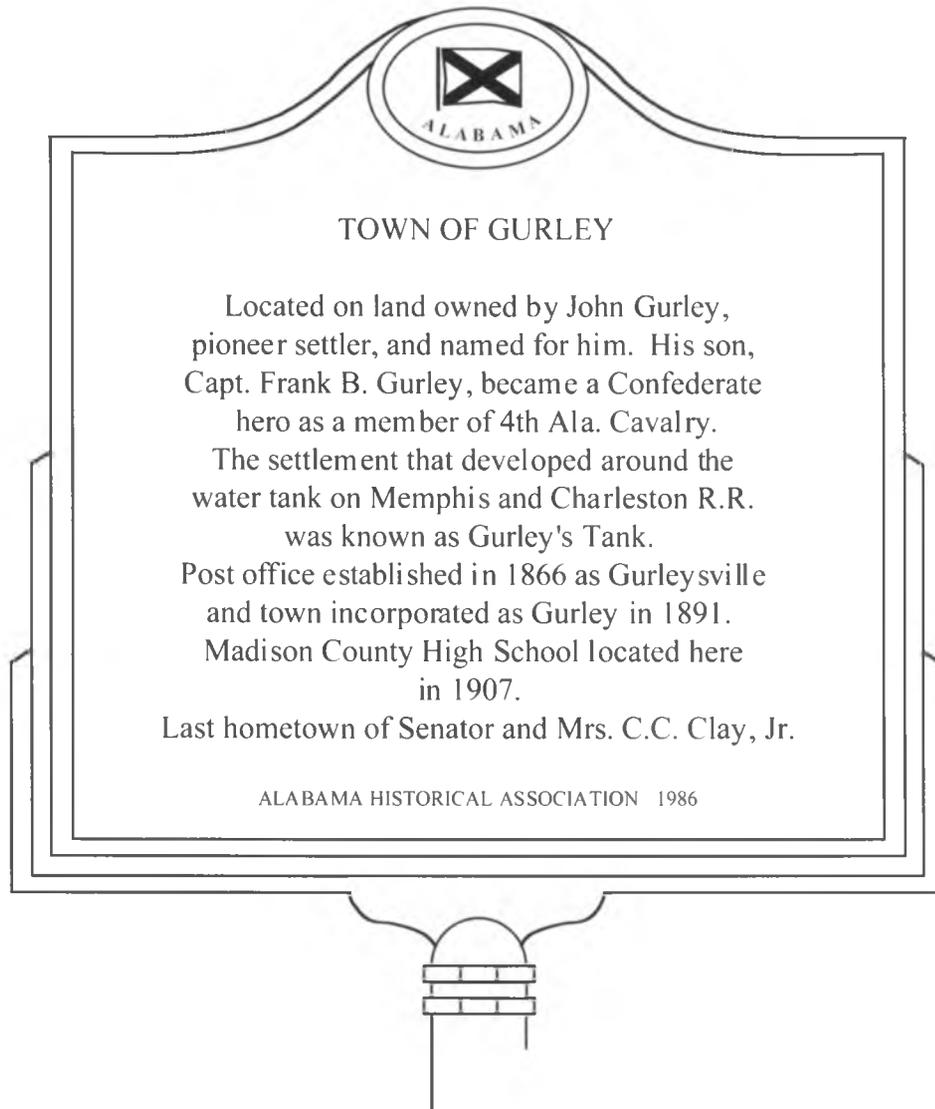


Wildwood
Historical Marker



Wildwood (1994)

Town of Gurley



The Madison County Commission sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker in 1986. It is located at the northeast corner of Highway 72 and Gurley Pike (Third Street) in Gurley, Alabama. Additional information on the Town of Gurley and its founders can be discovered in References 70, 71, 73, 74, and 90.



1891 Gurley United Methodist Church (2001)



1897 Smith-Given Home (1997)



Town of Gurley
Historical Marker

68 First Baptist Church in Alabama

COMMEMORATING
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN ALABAMA
FOUNDED OCT. 2, 1808
3 MILES NORTH



First Baptist Church in Alabama
Historical Marker

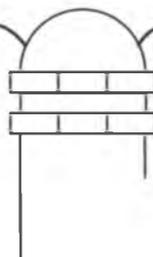
This stone and mortar monument was erected to commemorate the establishment of the first Baptist Church in Alabama. The monument is located on the north side of Highway 72, 2 1/2 miles west of the Gurley city limits. References 29, 58, 70, and 74 contain information of this church's early history.

Western Madison County

(Including West Huntsville & Redstone Arsenal)



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Oakwood College



OAKWOOD COLLEGE Founded in 1896

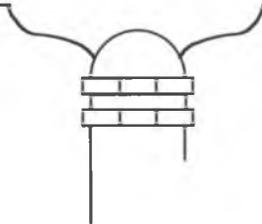
Oakwood College, which began as an industrial school, was founded by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1896 to educate African Americans in the South. The school was erected on 380 acres purchased during the previous year for \$6,700. Additional property secured in 1918 nearly tripled its land holdings. The school underwent several name changes over its history:

1896: Oakwood Industrial School	1917: Oakwood Junior College
1904: Oakwood Manual Training School	1943: Oakwood College

In 1958, Oakwood was granted full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Oakwood prepares students from across America and many nations to serve the world in a variety of positions and careers, reflecting its motto, "Today's College for Tomorrow's Leaders!"

On this site, too, stood the Peter Blow Plantation which counted Dred Scott among its slaves in 1819. In 1857, Scott captured national attention by virtue of his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court for his freedom in Missouri after sojourning in the free state of Illinois.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1996



The City of Huntsville sponsored this Alabama Historical Association marker on the occasion of Oakwood College's 100th anniversary. The marker, dedicated on April 7, 1996, is located in the median at the intersection of Sparkman Drive and Adventist Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. References 41, 87, and 95 give more details of the institution's history.



Old Mansion



J.L. Moran Hall



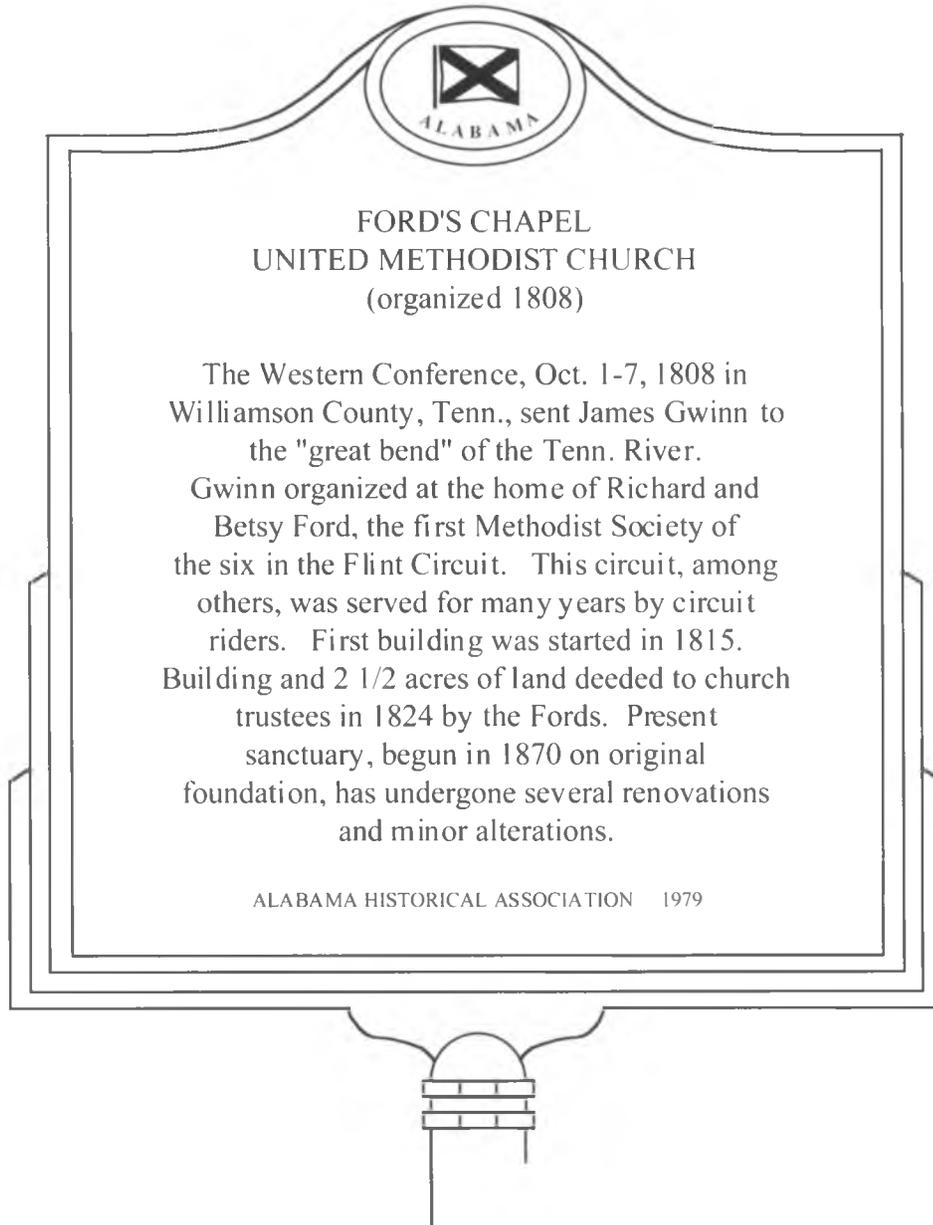
Oakwood College
Historical Marker Dedication (1996)
Minneola L. Dixon, Oakwood Archivist;
Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves,
Oakwood College President; &
Richard Showers,
Huntsville City Councilman



East Hall (1997)

Ford's Chapel

United Methodist Church



This Alabama Historical Association marker was dedicated on September 16, 1979, at 208 Ford's Chapel Road in Harvest, Alabama. Additional details of Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church history can be found in References 47, 58, and 94.



Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church
Historical Marker



Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church (1994)

City of Madison



CITY OF MADISON

Established in 1856 as a shipping station on the Memphis and Charleston R.R., the town was platted on land owned by James Clemens and incorporated by vote of its citizens in 1869.

First officials included William R. Johnston, mayor, and five aldermen, William B. Dunn, first depot agent; Thomas J. Clay, first postmaster; George W. Martin, first merchant; James H. Bibb, planter, and Dr. George R. Sullivan.

The community remained small until the growth of industries associated with Redstone Arsenal and the Jetport in the 1950's and 1960's transformed Madison into a thriving city.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1989



City of Madison Historical Marker
& Roundhouse (1994)

Sponsored by the Madison County Commission and the Madison Station Historical Society, this Alabama Historical Association marker was dedicated on October 15, 1989. It is located at the southwest corner of Church Street and Front Street in Madison, Alabama. References 41, 48, 64, 71, 73, and 90 reveal other facts relating to Madison's history.



Madison Post Office



Little Roundhouse



Downtown Madison



Madison City Hall (1994)



Bank of Madison

Bibb Cemetery

IN MEMORY OF
 JAMES HENRY BIBB
 ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF
 MADISON STATION IN NOVEMBER 1869.
 ERECTED BY HIS GRANDSON
 JAMES MONROE BIBB AND THE
 MADISON STATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 IN 1985.



Bibb Cemetery
 Historical Marker



Bibb Cemetery (1995)

A plaque inset in stone stands at the northwest corner of Mill Road and Bibb Drive in Madison, Alabama. It was erected in front of Bibb Cemetery by the Madison Station Historical Society in 1985. References 42 and 72 contain more details on the cemetery and its namesake.

Triana



TRIANA

6 mi. south

Incorporated November 13, 1819
Located on the Tennessee River at
the southern terminus of Indian
Creek Canal. Triana was a thriving
port through which cotton and other
produce of Madison County moved
to market, prior to establishment
of railroads in North Alabama.

In 1819, designated one of first
six voting precincts in the county.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1967



Tennessee River at Triana (1995)

The original marker for this site was placed on the south side of Highway 20 near the Madison/Limestone County line. The marker was dedicated on September 19, 1967, but it soon disappeared. A replacement marker, sponsored by the Madison County Commission, was erected in 1972, but was again reported missing in November, 1976. References 10, 26, 71, 73, 87, and 90 reveal additional facts concerning the history of Triana.

74 Merrimack Mfg. Co. & Village / Joseph J. Bradley School



Sponsored by the City of Huntsville and the Joe Bradley Alumni Association, this Alabama Historical Association marker was dedicated on November 19, 1995 at 3405 Triana Boulevard (in front of Phase IV Systems), Huntsville, Alabama. References 17, 24, 28, 51, 52, 53, 83, 87, and 95 contain additional details of the Merrimack Manufacturing Company and Joe Bradley School.

74 Merrimack Mfg. Co. & Village / Joseph J. Bradley School



JOSEPH J. BRADLEY SCHOOL
1919-1967

(Continued from other side)

The School, named for Joseph J. Bradley, Sr., was built in 1919 on the site of the first mill-sponsored school. Under the leadership of Edward Foyl DuBose, Principal (1921-1967), and with the mill's financial support, the school grew from 6 grades to 12 and served as a social and recreational center for the entire community. In 1951, the mill owners made a gift of the school to the county school system and, in 1956, it became part of the city school system. The elementary school continued operating until it was closed in 1967.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1995



Dedication Ceremony (1995)
Woodrow Dunn, Mill Superintendent &
E.F. Dubose, Bradley School Principal



Joseph J. Bradley School
Historical Marker



Merrimack Mill
Village (1927)



Merrimack Mill (1948)



Joe Bradley School

Redstone Test Stand

REDSTONE TEST STAND
(MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER)
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

NATIONAL
HISTORIC LANDMARK

THIS SITE POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
IN COMMEMORATING THE HISTORY OF THE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ALABAMA HISTORIC
CIVIL ENGINEERING LANDMARK

AMERICAN
SOCIETY OF
CIVIL
ENGINEERS
FOUNDED
1852

REDSTONE TEST STAND

DESIGNATED BY THE ALABAMA SECTION 1979

Sponsored by NASA MSFC and the Alabama Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, these plaques inset in stone are located at the Redstone Test Stand on the west side of Dodd Road, 1 mile south of Martin Road, on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The site is not accessible to the general public.



Redstone Test Stand (1992)

The Redstone Test Stand was used during the 1950's in early development of the Redstone missile propulsion system. This was the test stand where the modified Redstone missile that launched the first American into space, Alan Shepard, was static tested as the last step before the flight occurred. References 2 (No. 48, 49) and 96 give additional information about the testing of rockets and missiles at Redstone Arsenal.

Propulsion and Structural Test Facility

PROPULSION AND STRUCTURAL
TEST FACILITY
(MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER)
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

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Propulsion & Structural Test Facility (1961)

Sponsored by NASA MSFC, this plaque is located at the Propulsion and Structural Test Facility on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The site is not accessible to the general public. The Propulsion and Structural Test Facility, developed in support of Jupiter missile development, was modified and used for testing on the first clustered engine stage in the American space program, the S-1B stage of the Saturn I launch vehicle. It was also used as the primary test stand for the development of the F-1 engine, the largest liquid rocket engine ever developed. References 2 (No. 48, 49) and 96 give additional information about the testing of rockets and missiles at Redstone Arsenal.

77 Neutral Buoyancy Space Simulator

NEUTRAL BUOYANCY
SPACE SIMULATOR
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

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Neutral Buoyancy Simulator

Sponsored by NASA MSFC, this plaque is located at the Neutral Buoyancy Space Simulator on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The site is not accessible to the general public. The Neutral Buoyancy Space Simulator was designed to provide a simulated weightless environment needed to perform engineering tests in preparation for space missions. The 1.3 million gallon tank, in use from 1969 until 1997, was used to evaluate techniques for rescuing Skylab, testing the Hubble Space Telescope, and assembling the International Space Station. References 2 (No. 48, 49) and 96 give additional information about training in preparation for space exploration.

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Saturn V Dynamic Test Stand

SATURN V DYNAMIC TEST STAND
(MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER)
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

NATIONAL
HISTORIC LANDMARK

THIS SITE POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1985
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



Saturn V Dynamic Test Stand

Sponsored by NASA MSFC, this plaque is located at the Saturn V Dynamic Test Stand on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The site is not accessible to the general public. The Saturn V Dynamic Test Stand was used in 1966-67 for ground vibration testing of the Saturn V launch vehicle and the Apollo spacecraft. Completion of this program was the final step prior to the launch of Apollo 11 - the first manned lunar landing mission. In 1972-73 the stand was used for tests involving the Skylab space station, and in 1978-79 for ground vibration testing of the complete Space Shuttle vehicle. References 2 (No. 48, 49) and 96 give additional information about the testing of rockets and missiles at Redstone Arsenal.

Saturn V Launch Vehicle

SATURN V LAUNCH VEHICLE

HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

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HISTORIC LANDMARK

THIS SITE POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
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1984

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Saturn V on Display at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (1988)

Sponsored by NASA MSFC, this plaque is located at the Saturn V display at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The Saturn V on display is the actual test rocket that was used in dynamic testing of the Saturn facilities at Marshall. The stages of the rocket were used to check out all the Saturn facilities at Huntsville. Although the rocket was not intended to be flown, it was a working vehicle that prepared the way for the Apollo expeditions to the Moon. This Saturn V was delivered to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in 1969 after all three stages were taken from the Dynamic Test Stand. References 2 (No. 48, 49), 25, 95, and 96 give additional information about Huntsville's role in the U.S. Space Program.

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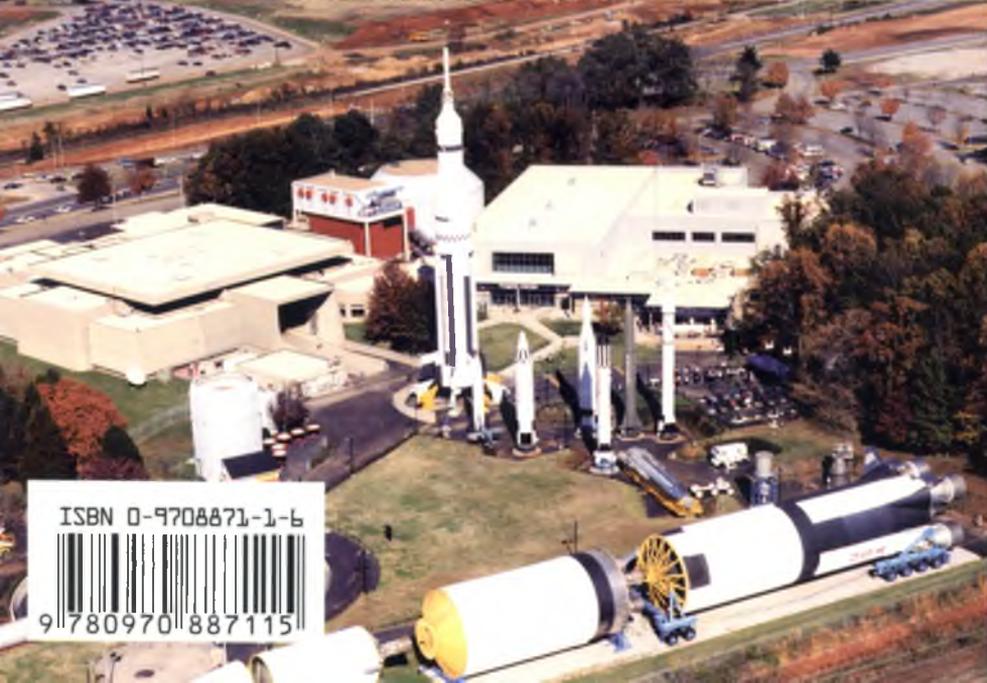
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