Madison County 150 Years Ago

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NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

Wednesday, July 4th, being the anniversary of our National Independence, was ushered in by a discharge of musketry by the Huntsville Independent Blues, commanded by Capt. Dunn, after going through the evolutions of the day, they retired to the court-house, where the Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. N. T. Packard, and an appropriate Oration was delivered by E. Titus, Esq. They proceeded to the Huntsville Inn, where being joined by a number of citizens in all about 150 persons, sat down to a sumptuous dinner prepared by Mr. Edington; Capt. John Phelan, President, assisted by Lemuel Mead, Esq. Vice President

Friday, July 13, 1821
BROWNSBOROUGH,

At the highest point of Boat Navigation on Flint River, in Madison county, one mile below Scott's mill, at the crossing on the road leading from Huntsville to Jackson court house and Deposit, has been laid off into Lots by the Proprietors, and will be sold on MONDAY the 23rd day of JULY next, on the premises.

The situation of this town warrants the calculation that it will improve and flourish. Several boats loaded with cotton were shipped the last season from here, and passed into the Tennessee river without impediment; and by an act of the last Legislature, Flint river was made a public highway, and a company has been incorporated for opening and improving the navigation to this place. The country around this town is good and fertile. Here will be shipped and disposed of the surplus produce, and here will be had the family supplies for the adjoining country of both Madison and Jackson counties.

Terms - Bonds with approved security will be required of the purchaser, payable (in two instalments) on the 25th of December, 1821 and 1822 - and a title will be made to the purchaser whenever complete payment is made.

JAMES & JOHN M'CARTNEY,
Proprietors.

A plan of the town can be seen in Huntsville at the counting room of Beirne & Patton.

June 22
GREEN ACADEMY

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers the address of the Trustees of Greene Academy, appealing to the public spirit and liberality of this respectable community, to stand forth and patronize the establishment of an institution, the want of which, in a county of this wealth and population, is a standing reproach upon its citizens.

We are happy to assure the public, that the subscription papers, as far as they have been circulated, have been most liberally filled, and that there does not remain a doubt of there being a building of some sort commenced almost immediately; its size, its location and the extent of its usefulness, will depend upon the funds, at the disposal of the Trustees.

We understand there will be another meeting of the Trustees on the 18th inst at which time it would be desirable to know how far individuals are disposed to contribute towards this institution.

Friday, August 3, 1821