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MADISON COUNTY 150 YEARS AGO

SARAH FISK, Contributor

Editor's Note - With this issue the Review begins a regular feature concerning Madison County 150 years ago. The articles selected by Sarah Fisk are taken from the Alabama Republican as they were actually written during that period. In the future we hope that it will be possible for us to reproduce the articles in a way that their appearance will be more authentic, so that our readers will sense that they are momentarily stepping back into time.

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

