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/Editor's Note/. On June 13, 1933, Pat Jones, then city editor of the Huntsville Times, began a series of sketches for the newspaper. Called "Historic Homes," the series centered on the history and physical features of residences and a few other structures within the city. Appropriately, his first four articles described the creation and development of what is now called the First Alabama Bank building.

Pat Jones was an excellent amateur historian, in the best sense of the word amateur. He was well versed in local history and collectively his series was the best produced to that time on the buildings of Huntsville. His articles also reflect the thoughts of the community during the 1930's.

Although some new facts have been discovered and new interpretations have been developed concerning them since these sketches appeared, the series still remain today very good local history. It is the intention of your editor to reprint some of the sketches in forthcoming issues of the Review, as space will permit. We begin here with the four installments on "The First National Bank."

I wish to publicly thank Mr. Leroy A. Simms, Editor and Publisher of the Times, for his permission to reprint these sketches.

