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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF HUNTSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Inc. (1971-1972)

Article I: NAME

The name of this society is Huntsville Historical Society, Inc.

Article II: PURPOSE. The purpose of this society is to afford an agency for expression among those having a common interest in (1) Collecting and preserving information about any past phase of community life in Huntsville, Alabama, and (2) in recording the history of the section of which Madison County is a part. The purposes of this society are cultural and educational.

Article III: MEMBERS. The members of this society are those who indicated a desire to participate in the organization and whose names are recorded by the Society Secretary. New membership shall be by invitation. The Membership Committee, consisting of three members appointed by the President, must unanimously approve each applicant. Names of prospective members nominated by the Membership Committee shall be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Governors for seconding by unanimous vote of Board members present at the meeting.

POST SERVICE MEMBERSHIPS may be passed on by the organization. Members of long standing who are so recognized will be excused from active participation, but will enjoy all privileges of membership. Past Service Members may be excused from the payment of dues at the discretion of the Board, with or without application. Election to Past Service membership will be handled in the same way as election to Active membership.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP may be awarded to non-members who are outstanding in the field of History or who have rendered an outstanding service that the Society wishes to recognize. Selection of Honorary members will be handled in the same way as Active members. Honorary members will enjoy all privileges of the organization, without the payment of dues.

Article IV: OFFICERS. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Article V: BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND ELECTION PROCEDURE. The affairs of the Society shall be directed by a Board of Governors, consisting of the Officers of the Society, and six members elected from the membership rolls, along with all Past Presidents, who are still members of the Society. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December, or on the call of the President, or any three members of the Board. A majority of the total Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A Nominating Committee, consisting of three members of the Society, shall be appointed by the President at the September meeting. The Nominating committee shall report at the annual meeting in November. Election shall be held at the annual meeting each year for two Directors. The terms of elected Directors shall be for three years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Terms of the Officers are for two years, elections to be held in alternate years at the annual meeting. Terms of all officers and directors will begin on the first day of January following their election.

Article VI: MEETINGS. The meetings of the members shall held bi-annually in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The November meeting shall be the annual meeting of the Society.

Article VII: COMMITTEES. The President shall have authority, with the approval of the Board of Goernors, to appoint committees on programs, membership, monuments, pilgrimages, or for any special purpose consistent with the purposes of this society.

Article VIII: FINANCES. Dues shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) per year. The fiscal year shall be the same as the calendar year. The Board of Govenrors is authorized to accept donations and gifts for the furtherance of the purposes of this Society. Neither the Board of Governors

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or any officer shall have authority to commit this Society
financially for a sum beyond its funds on hand and avail-
able.

Article IX: AMENDMENTS. These articles may be amended by
majority vote of members present at any meeting, pro-
vided ten days notice of the proposed change has been
given by mail to all members in good standing.

AMENDMENTS:

Article VIII. FINANCES. In addition: Dues.

"If dues for the current fiscal year are not paid
by July 1st, the member's name will be dropped from the
membership list. Final notice of delinquent dues will
be mailed on July 1st annually." Approved, Meeting of
the membership, March 18, 1973.

Article VI. MEETINGS. Changed to:

"The meetings of the members shall be held quarterly
in January, April, July and October. The October meeting
shall be the annual meeting of the Society." Approved,
Meeting of the membership, March 17, 1974.

Article V. BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES.

Changed to:

"Regular meetings of the Board shall be held in the
months of January, April, July and October, or on the call
of the President, or any three members of the Board. A
nominating committee, consisting of three or more members
of the Society shall be appointed by the President at the
July meeting. The Nominating Committee shall report at
the annual meeting in October. Elections shall be held
at the annual meeting each year for two directors. The
terms of elected directors will be three years or until
they are duly elected and qualified. Terms of the officers
are for two years, elections to be held in alternate years
at the annual meeting. Terms of all officers and directors
will begin on the first day of January following their
election." Approved, Meeting of the membership, March 17,
1974.

Article I. NAME. Changed to: "The name of this society
is the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society, Inc."

Approved, Meeting of the membership, April
20, 1975.

