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This issue of the **Quarterly** is devoted to the Withers-Chapman-Johnson House in honor of the publication by Historic Huntsville Foundation of the book **Changing Huntsville, 1890-1899** by Elizabeth Humes Chapman (1884-1967). Miss Chapman lived in the house during the 1890's and early 1900's. She was a school teacher in the Alabama public schools for nearly fifty years, and the manuscript that became her book was written in 1932 as her thesis for her Master of Arts in History from Columbia University.

The Withers-Chapman-Johnson house and acreage, called Gladstone Place since the 1890's, was purchased by Governor Reuben Chapman in 1873 and was owned by the Chapman family for nearly a hundred years. The property has had only seven owners since 1809, all contributing in their own ways to the history of ever-changing Huntsville and Madison County. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson are the present owners.

Special thanks are offered to Mrs. Johnson, who is a professional genealogist, for making available her many research materials concerning the property and people connected with it.



COVER:

The Withers-Chapman-Johnson House. Located on Dairy Lane in northeast Huntsville, the house was built circa 1830-35 as a modest plantation home. It later became the property of Governor Reuben Chapman, and in the 1890's was the home of his granddaughter Elizabeth Humes Chapman, author of **Changing Huntsville, 1890-1899**. Also located on the property at one time was a dairy which was home to the Jersey cow Signal's Lily Flag, Huntsville's famous record-breaking milk and butterfat producer of the 1890's.

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