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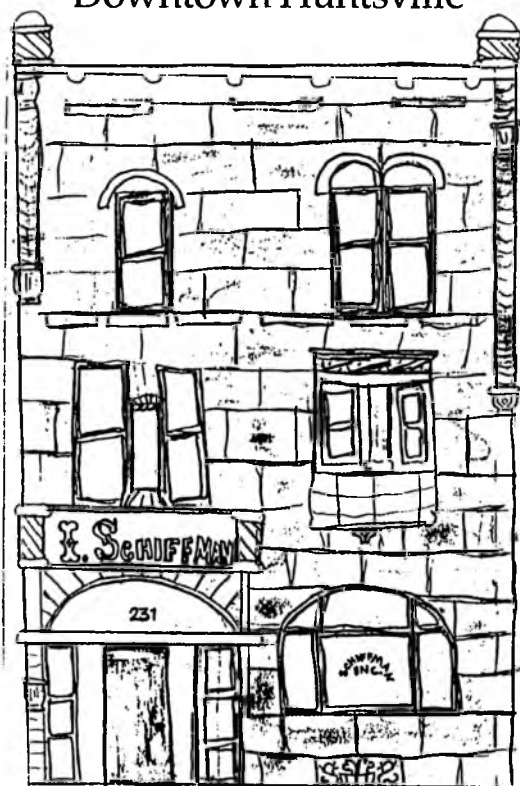
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Kids' Architectural Press

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***An Architectural Guide to Downtown Huntsville***  
**A Review**

Jamie Hall and Jean Hall Dwyer

**Jamie:** This book was written by 4th and 5th grade SPACE Students from Chapman, Colonial Hills, and Lincoln Elementary Schools, so I thought that they might like to hear what a 3rd grade SPACE student from West Mastin Lake Elementary thought about their book. First, I really liked the pictures they drew. My favorite was of the Church of the Nativity, drawn by Edwin Griffin. I also like the map they included so that we can go see these same houses. I wish that they had included more stories [quotes] about the houses like in last year's *Quarterly*.

**Jean:** I, too, enjoyed the SPACE students's new effort. Their drawings were very well executed. I found the close-up sketches especially helpful. The list of characteristics for each style has already proved useful in our travels through downtown residential areas. Mrs. Kamback can again be proud of her students' efforts.

**Together:** We both agree that the price of this little book will prove to be two dollars well spent. One suggestion for the next edition of *Take a Walk*, is that the students again include stories about the history of the buildings covered. Though many of us can follow the walking tour through Huntsville, personal stories give us a chance to enter into the individual buildings covered.





*All that is left of the Forsyth-Parkman House in Lauderdale County are the magnificent pillars. The circa 1820 mansion survived the Civil War and years of use before it fell victim to fire in 1966. Those columns are monument to the achievements of our ancestors and the nobility of architectural expression. Sadly, they must also serve as reminders of fire's devastation.*

The Huntsville Historic Foundation extends congratulations to Lee Brantley and Dorothy Havens of WAFF, Channel 48, on the production of this year's calendar, *On Common Ground*, featuring the splendid photography of Chip Cooper. The calendar presents historic homes "facing the challenge of sustaining their heritage." Though the year is half over, this calendar is one you will want for a lifetime. Free copies are available at the station on North Parkway near Oakwood Avenue.

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