

# The Historic Huntsville Quarterly

---

Volume 23 | Number 3

Article 9

---

9-22-1997

## Happenings in Huntsville One Hundred Years Ago

Historic Huntsville Foundation

Follow this and additional works at: <https://louis.uah.edu/historic-huntsville-quarterly>



Part of the [Historic Preservation and Conservation Commons](#), and the [History Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Historic Huntsville Foundation (1997) "Happenings in Huntsville One Hundred Years Ago," *The Historic Huntsville Quarterly*: Vol. 23: No. 3, Article 9.

Available at: <https://louis.uah.edu/historic-huntsville-quarterly/vol23/iss3/9>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by LOUIS. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Historic Huntsville Quarterly by an authorized editor of LOUIS.

# Happenings in Huntsville One Hundred Years Ago

## Huntsville Democrat

*Jan. 20, 1897*

Miss Susie Harrison paid a business visit of several days to High Jackson last week.

C. H. Halsey's Stock For Sale (He's moving out to the Humes Place on Meridian.)

*Feb. 10, 1897*

The Harrison Bros., the popular Tobacconists, have a charming acquisition in their office in the person of Mrs. Robt. Harrison, who is now the clever bookkeeper of the firm.

The old Easley Hotel will be moved to face Holmes St., to make room for new buildings to be erected by Mr. Bernstein. ... Mr. Bernstein has had the ground prepared for a business block to be erected on the corner of Jefferson and Holmes St.

The headless body of a white girl baby was found under a house on Adams Avenue Monday morning. The body was badly mutilated. It was evidently murdered, but no clue to the murderer has been discovered.

*Mar. 3, 1897*

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison have named their new baby Elizabeth. It is a week old.

*Mar. 10, 1897*

A Drum with a history was sold at auction in this city on Saturday, for \$1,85 [sic] to Jack Smith. It was a drum used by Jim Dickson, colored, in 1861, when he was drummer boy to the 7th Alabama Infantry, that left this city on March 28, 1861. ... Mr. Wm. Vaught bought the drum from Mr. Smith, and it will be among the sacred Confederate relics at the Tennessee Centennial....

Cedar Lake, the negro colony near Decatur, so graphically described as a flourishing community with a local government and a \$50,000 cotton mill in prospect, is a purely mythical place, emanating from the brain of some slush country writer.

Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson is advocating strongly the establishment of a home or infirmary in Mobile for outcast women.

*April 14, 1897*

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Harrison have returned from a visit to Florida.

Remenyi, the famous Hungarian violinist, who charmed his audience in this city on Wednesday night last, was the honored guest of Captain and Mrs. Humes at their lovely home Abingdon Place, at Thursday morning breakfast.

*May 5, 1897*

Misses Susie and Beatrice Harrison have been in Nashville for a few days this week.

*May 12, 1897*

Mr. Wellman and wife have returned from Chattanooga whither they went to select the plan for their handsome home to be erected in East Huntsville, this summer.

*May 26, 1897*

Hunter P. McDonald, C. E. has been [in] our city several days, in consultation with prospective contractors for the building of the County Jail. He furnished the plans for the building. ... Contract for constructing the jail awarded to Pauly Jail & Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis-for \$15,390. 40 cells. [Subsequent protests arose.]

*June 16, 1897*

Monte Sano Hotel opened its season for 1897 with a brilliant ball last evening.

European Restaurant East Side of the Pub. Sq.

*August 18, 1897*

Gen. Joseph Wheeler and Daughters are guests at Monte Sano Hotel.

Mr. Frank Walters and wife, of Chicago, are guests of Mr. & Mrs. Louis A. Goodman, at the home of Miss Susie Harrison. ... Mr. Walters is a staunch silver democrat thinking of settling here.

*August 25, 1897*

Miss Susanne W. Clay is spending a week at Eastbrook Springs, Tenn.

*September 8, 1897*

Mr. W. I. Wellman's home in East Huntsville is now begun in earnest, and that part of the city will be adorned by it very soon.

Monte Sano Hotel Closes this week...

*September 22, 1897*

Mr. W. L. Halsey has moved his family down from the mountain.

*September 30, 1897*

It has been announced that Miss Susie Harrison and Hon. Ben P. Hunt will be united in marriage tomorrow afternoon at the residence of the bride, East Holmes St.

*Oct. 3, 1897*

"Everybody in Huntsville and Madison County that had the cents went to the Tennessee Centennial." [Especially it seems on Alabama Day.]

*October 6, 1897*

Rev. R. M. Dubose officiated [at the above mentioned marriage].

*October 7, 1897*

Miss Cora Harrison, Mrs. Arthur Harris, Mr., and Mrs. Williams and Mr. Hal Weaver made a pleasant party to the centennial last week.

*October 27, 1897*

Dr. Charles Mayo of Rochester, Minn, has purchased the valuable farm of the Carver D. King estate, in the Northwestern portion of Madison County. Dr. Mayo is said to be 85 years of age, but vigorous in mind and body. He intends to put the farm in order and high state of cultivation that will make his purchase both a profit and a pleasure.

*November 3, 1897*

On the North Side of Square in store formerly occupied by Vaught's drugstore, Mr. Wm. Brock has opened a dry goods store, and is now prepared to serve his lady customers with a line of attractive novelties in Dress Goods, etc.

*November 10, 1897*

K. J. Harrison was up from Greenbrier a few days last week.

Mrs. Beatrice Harrison is visiting a friend in Chicago where she expects to spend a greater part of the Winter season.

*November 24, 1897*

Miss Beatrice Harrison is at home...

Mrs. W. M. Newman with her bright little girls, Susie Withers and Annie Margaret, have been spending two or three weeks with her father, Mr. J. B. White, at his farm on the Tennessee near Whitesburg.

*December 1, 1897*

Dr. S. H. Lowry and Dr. Hawk Westmoreland have purchased the residence of Mr. Sidney L. Darwin, on East Randolph St., and will convert it into an infirmary. No better place in this city could be selected for an infirmary. The rooms are large and airy, with accommodations for about twenty-four patients. There are also handsome grounds surrounding the house, that are under cultivation as a flower garden and lawn. Dr. Lowry and Dr. Westmoreland are to be congratulated on the wisdom of their purchase.

*December 15, 1897*

Messrs. W. R. Rison, Milton Humes, and J. R. Stevens have gone to New York in the interest of doubling the capacity of the Dallas Cotton Mill. They were accompanied by Mrs. Rison and Mrs. Humes.

Homes for 200 operatives for the increased force of West Huntsville Cotton Mill are to be erected after the first of January.

The output of the West Huntsville Cotton Mill will probably be doubled by running 20 hours a day, on account of accumulating orders and demands for Southern textiles.

The Pratt Cylindrical Bale Cotton Compress, employs twenty men, and doing a fine business.