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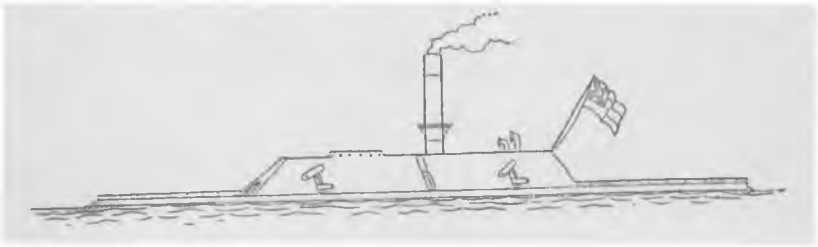
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President's Page

Greetings to you as we begin our 2007-2008 Society year! We have concluded another outstanding year of programs, articles and speakers. I want to commend Nancy Rohr for the success of our ongoing programs and to give special thanks to our Society members who have contributed great articles for publication in *The Huntsville Historical Review*. Your interest and contributions make all the difference in the success of our publications, as well as our organization.

Please take a moment to look at the address label of your next newsletter to see if your dues are current. If not, please forward your check to ensure that your membership is current. As always, thanks for your support.

Bob Adams
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Editor's Notes

Once again, we are fortunate to have stories written by Norman Shapiro and Dex Nilsson. These two writers exhaustively research their subject material and uncover many details that would perhaps never come to our attention otherwise.

We are also fortunate to have people like Jack Burwell in our midst – someone who takes on a project while others may only wish something could be done. I'm talking of course, about the Joel Eddins home that was brought to Burritt on the Mountain and restored.

When I joined DAR in Santa Clara, California some twenty years ago, the woman tasked with helping me get papers in order was Edith Dawson. I told her that some of the records at the courthouse had been burned in Limestone County, where I was hoping to prove most of my ancestry.

“The records are all there,” Mrs. Dawson told me. She had never been to the Limestone County Courthouse, in fact she had never even been to Alabama. As fate would have it, she was a descendant of Benjamin Eddins, brother of Joel, and her records were in Limestone County as well.

When I received a notice that Joel Eddins' home would be restored, I sent it on to her in California, knowing she would be ecstatic. As fate would have it, I was too late. Sadly, Mrs. Dawson had passed away two weeks earlier.

Jacque Reeves
Editor

