

# ECHOES OF THE PAST

Old Mahogany Table Stories



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## Old Mahogany Table Stories

*Echoes of the Past: Old Mahogany Table Stories*, written in 1909-1910 by Virginia Clementine Clay for *The Huntsville Weekly Democrat*, will delight families with ancestors in nineteenth-century Huntsville and Madison County, as well as providing information for genealogists and historians. Miss Clay mentions most everyone who was anyone and relates the stories that flesh out the characters of history.

Dr. Leah Atkins

The Clay sisters of Huntsville grew up in an atmosphere of genteel poverty but surrounded by family stories of invaluable wealth. Gathered around the mahogany table, Grandma Lewis and mother Mary Lewis Clay shared the past as they knew it – the aristocratic way of life, tales about exceptional portraits, and epics of ancestors' adventures. The *Old Mahogany Table Stories*

have proven to be a great resource in researching local history. It may be the only source remaining to identify old Huntsville portraits and life of another day.

Ranee Pruitt

