

Looking Back

How Well Do You Know Huntsville?

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Who am I?

- A. W. T. Hutchins
- B. James O'Shaughnessy
- C. Michael O'Shaughnes
- D. Tracy W. Pratt



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Where am I?

- A. 9th Avenue
- B. Bradley Street
- C. Seminole Drive
- D. Triana Boulevard



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Where was I?

- A. Clinton Avenue
- B. Eustis Avenue
- C. Holmes Avenue
- D. Wells Avenue

Answers to **How Well Do You Know Huntsville?**

Who am I? D. Tracy W. Pratt	Originally from South Dakota, Tracy W. Pratt was heavily involved in the development of Huntsville industry from 1892-1928. His business interests included cotton mills (resulting in the formation of Merrimack Mills, Lowe Mills and the Rowe Knitting Company), the city's streetcar system, coal, gas and railroads. According to his obituary, "It is generally agreed that he was responsible for more of the major industries locating in Huntsville than any other man who ever resided here, and he was often called 'Huntsville's First Citizen.'" Pratt Avenue is named for him.
Where am I? A. 9th Avenue	This building is located at 3301 9th Avenue SW, a block west of Triana Boulevard, at the corner of 9 th Avenue and 8 th Street. It was built in the 1890s to serve as the office for the West Huntsville Cotton Mill, a company started by Tracy Pratt. It currently serves as the location of Fig Leaf Costumes.
Where was I? B. Eustis Avenue	Purchased by Tracy Pratt in 1920, his home was located on the south side of Eustis Street where the Annex for First Presbyterian Church now stands. It was between the Halsey house to the east and the Burritt house (now the location of the Green Street Market parking lot) to the west.

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