

# Looking Back

## How Well Do You Know Huntsville?

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### Who am I?

- A. Clement Claiborne Clay
- B. Clement Comer Clay
- C. Henry Clay, Sr.
- D. John Withers Clay



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### Where am I?

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



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

<p><b>Who am I? (Painting)</b> D. John Withers Clay</p>	<p>John Withers Clay attended Old Green Academy and served as the editor of the "Huntsville Democrat" for forty years.</p>
<p><b>Where am I?</b> B. Eustis Avenue</p>	<p>"This Federal style home at 513 Eustis Street was built in 1830 as a residence for the steward of the Huntsville Female Seminary. In 1827, Isaac Williams purchased the land on which the house and a school building were constructed. The house was later purchased by John H. Lewis, whose daughter, Mary, married John Withers Clay... The Clay family continued to reside in the home after the death of John Lewis in 1858. " (HMCPL Digital Archives)</p> <p>The story of Mary's young life and travels are documented in "An Alabama School Girl in Paris: The Letters of Mary Fenwick Lewis and her family," edited by Nancy M. Rohr.</p>
<p><b>Who am I? (Dollar)</b> B. Clement Comer Clay</p>	<p>Clement Comer Clay, who resided in Huntsville for 55 years, was the father of John Withers Clay. His "life and political career encompass much of Alabama's territorial and early state history; he served in the Creek War, helped draft the state's first constitution, and was the state's first chief justice of its Supreme Court. His long political career included turns as a state legislator, U.S. congressman, governor, and U.S. senator." He was an outspoken advocate for succession from the Union and one of Huntsville's prominent citizens who were imprisoned during the occupation of Huntsville by Union troops. – Encyclopedia of Alabama</p>

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