

# Looking Back

## How Well Do You Know Huntsville?

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Photo from Eden of the South

### Who are We?

- A. Russel Erskine & Sons
- B. Will Halsey & Sons
- C. Robert Harrison & Sons
- D. Isaac Schiffman & Sons



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### Where am I?

- A. Clinton Avenue
- B. Franklin Street
- C. Randolph Avenue
- D. White Street

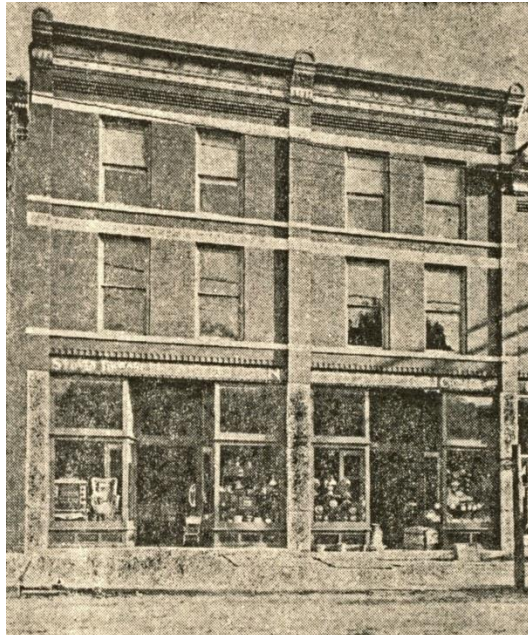


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### Where was I?

- A. East Side Square
- B. North Side Square
- C. South Side Square
- D. West Side Square

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

<p><b>Who are we?</b> C. Robert Harrison &amp; Sons</p>	<p>Robert Harrison (center) was youngest of the three Harrison Brothers who founded Harrison Brothers Hardware. His sons Daniel (left) and John (right) took over ownership of the business after the death of their father and uncles.</p>
<p><b>Where am I?</b> D. White Street</p>	<p>This house, built circa 1893, is located at 403 White Street SE. It was the home of Daniel T. Harrison, older brother of Robert Harrison. Daniel founded a tobacco wholesale business with with his other brother, James B. Harrison, who built a similar house at 313 White Street SE.</p>
<p><b>Where was I?</b> C. South Side Square</p>	<p>This building, located at 124 South Side Square was the second business location for the Harrison Brothers. The original business, started by brothers Daniel T. and James B. Harrison in 1879, was a tobacco wholesalers on Jefferson Street.</p> <p>The third brother, Robert Harrison, joined the business in 1897 when they acquired this property on the Square. Although the business is now known as Harrison Brothers Hardware, they sold a variety of items including crockery, furniture, appliances and hardware.</p> <p>The store was closed in 1983 and then acquired by the Historic Huntsville Foundation to ensure that the building and contents were preserved for future generations. It now serves as a living museum and gift shop. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.</p>

For more information on the history of Huntsville visit the Heritage Room at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library or the Huntsville History Collection at [HuntsvilleHistoryCollection.org](http://HuntsvilleHistoryCollection.org).