

I Remember Old Tuscaloosa

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In about 1907 the Tuscaloosa County Court House located on the corner of 6th St. and 24th Ave. was sold and a new Court House was built on the corner of 7th St. and 24th Ave. (the current site of the new Court House).

Sam F. Alston acquired the old Court House site. The town clock which was located on the old Court House was relocated on the City Hall building directly across the street.

Mr. Alston erected a seven-story

office building on the old Court House corner—Tuscaloosa's first "skyscraper."

All Tuscaloosa was proud to get in the skyscraper class since, as a rule, only the larger cities could boast of such tall building.

But the unique thing about this new asset was that no other city in the country could claim that they had a skyscraper but no paved streets.

Yes, there were no paved streets in Tuscaloosa when the Alston Building was built.

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