

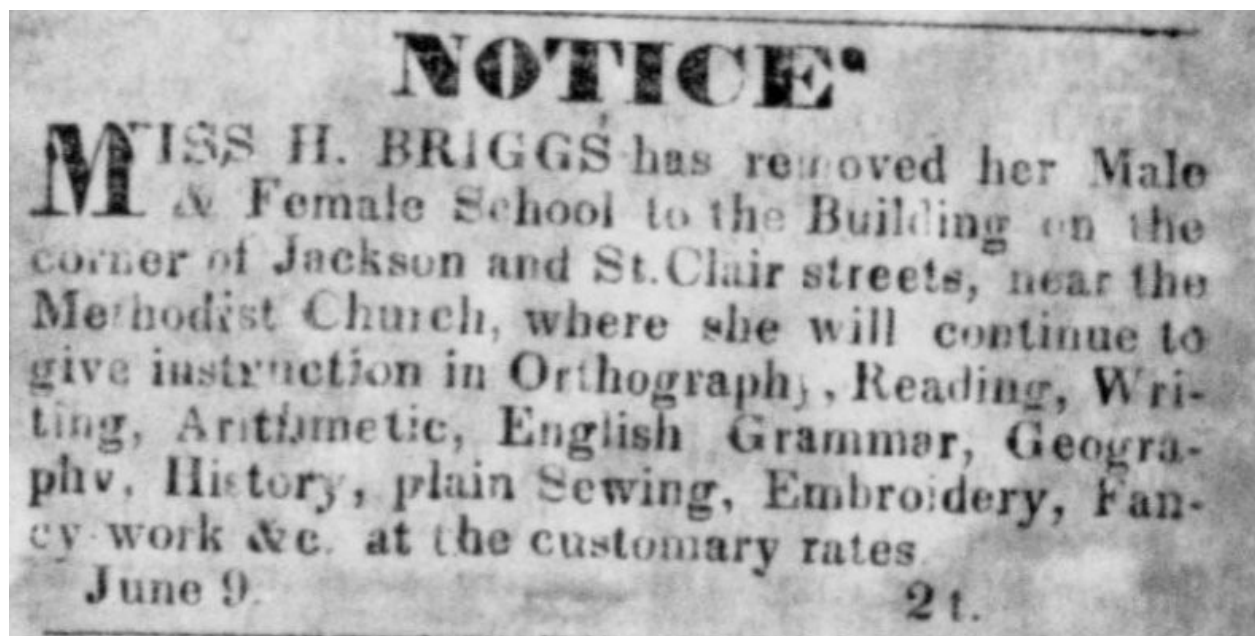
Today in Columbus History: On June 9, 1832, *The Democrat* announced that Miss Hannah Briggs was operating a school for boys and girls on the corner of 2nd Ave. and 11th St. She would be teaching a variety of subjects, including orthography, the art of writing words with the proper letters according to standard usage. Two of Hannah's pupils were Robert A. Hardaway and A.O. Blackmar. Hannah was born around 1802 in Rhode Island. In 1837 she married John Johnson, from Greene Co., GA, who had come to Columbus with some of his brothers in 1828. John was a founding member of First Presbyterian Church and served as an early elder; he was also Clerk of the Court of Ordinary. John died in 1874; Hannah, in 1878. Both are buried in Linwood Cemetery. They only had one child, Mary, who never married.

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Our school house was the old Baptist church, moved from the corner, west of present church. It faced Third avenue on the land between the Methodist and Baptist churches. Miss Hannah Briggs was our teacher, she married Jack Johnson, probate judge. The present Miss Mary Johnson was their daughter. A young dapper looking officer appeared in the door, saluted teacher and scholars and stated his company, with her permission would be glad to occupy the school house. The request was promptly complied with, much to the delight of we youngsters, who saw ahead a week's holiday to visit headquarters. At that time there was about 50 companies here. (1836).

Quote by A.O. Blackmar in Worsley's "Columbus on the Chattahoochee" (1953).