



[A post to Facebook](#) courtesy of [the Birmingham History Center](#) alerted many in the city's digital world of a chance to secure a couple of lion heads — from our namesake.

The two metal pieces were part of the Terminal Station's frontispiece and were available via an auction house in Leeds. [The nonprofit made a plea](#) (one shared to this website's fan page as well) on June 5, the day of the auction, using the popular social platform asking for anyone who could to consider purchasing the decorative ornaments and then donating them to the museum. Unfortunately, [the center's spending limit for that evening was \\$4,000](#); the pieces sold for \$8,000 (including auction house fees) to a private collector.

Incidentally, while the center did move from its former home on 1st Avenue North in October 2013, it does still exist. Its offices are currently housed in the Pythian Building on 18th Street North, across from the currently-under-multi-million-dollar-renovation Lyric Theater. Display cases containing portions of its collections can be seen in the Pythian's lobby; at the Tutwiler Hotel; and at the Alabama Theatre. Plus, they apparently still have [the virtual tour of its former home available](#) for you to peruse.