



## Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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WITHOUT A PAST, THERE IS NO FUTURE

### ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 8, 2019

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED! PLEASE TRY TO BE IN ATTENDANCE!

VOTING FOR NEW OFFICERS - Make officer nominations to Neil Randall - jrand57@msn.com

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE IN JUNE!!!!!!

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WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!

The next meeting will be a regular business meeting

Date: May 11, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Guapos Barnyard in Smithdale - Mexican restaurant! Bring your appetite for lunch!

#### Future Meeting Schedule

Note: Time and place of regular meetings is 10:00 am at the Liberty Baptist Church Family Life Center unless otherwise specified.

May 4, 2019 - Heritage Days

May 11, 2019 - Regular monthly meeting at Guapos Barnyard

### LIBERTY HERITAGE DAYS!!!!

May 4, 2019

#### Little Red School House Open 10 to 2

We will have tents set up outside selling merchandise and will allow visitors downstairs only at the LRS. Artifacts and pictures will be boxed up after 2:00 PM to allow for renovations to continue inside the LRS.

*We need volunteers to help set up, sell merchandise, and sign up new members!*

SET UP 8:45!

PLEASE COME HELP IF AT ALL POSSIBLE!!!  
EVERYONE WILL NEED BREAKS SO THAT WE  
MAY ALL ENJOY HERITAGE DAYS!

*The new book*

*"The Men From Amite County, MS: The Battle of Shiloh" will be available for \$15.00*

*All proceeds will go to the LRS restoration fund!!!*

# AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2019

### *draft*

The meeting was held at the Liberty Baptist Church Family Life Center in Liberty, MS. There were 12 in attendance. Meeting was called to order at 10:22 AM by Dawn Taylor, President.

**Invocation:** Sam King

**Minutes:** Neil Randall motion to accept. Sam King second. Minutes approved as written.

**President's Report:** Sylvia Campbell contacted Dawn Taylor about a book on the Cassells. We are discussing publishing it.

Sam King report on LRSB: The stairs will be coming down soon so please go now if you want to see the records upstairs. Gutter has been installed on the east side courtesy of Warren Leake so please thank him if you see him. While crawling in the attic they found two roof leaks and some original bricks. The temporary drainage ditch has been done. The column was shored in front. There are areas around the flashing that are leaking. Today is planning day for French drain. This must be done by hand because we don't want a backhoe accidentally hitting the building. Progress is slow as we only have volunteer work. The moisture situation inside has greatly improved. Hopefully soon will get the dirt away from the vents so that air can circulate under the building. We need to get the plaster down inside and the paneling. We are probably committing half the money in the bank account to the project. Sam King suggested that we possibly get a band and do a hoe-down at Vance Park or another venue for a fund raiser and may want to get the chamber of commerce involved. Greg Barron believes that Vance Park has bad acoustics. Greg states that there is an idea floating around that the Shirk house in Osyka could host it in the courtyard. Sam King states that Lori and Robbie Bass might could help organize and have it at Lonesome Dove. Sonja Johnson offered to help with it. Neil Randall suggested that we think about return on investment. We can possibly get Earnest Herndon involved to write more articles. Sam King suggested notifying their high school classes, etc. We need to get the word out. Sam King is trying to get Walt Grayson involved.

Dawn Taylor suggested that we still have a meeting the second Saturday of May. Sonja Johnson made a motion to have this meeting and Sylvia Johnson seconded. The meeting will be held as approved. We may meet for lunch at the new Mexican restaurant if it is open.

**Vice President's Report:** Mississippi flag dedication 2:00 PM Sunday, April 7, 2019. Please see the detailed information and directions on the Facebook page. All bills regarding changing the state flag died in committee in the legislature so the flag is safe for another year per Greg Barron.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gay Blalock questioned whether the donation from the Sewell's should be put in the LRSB fund. Marcia McLaurin noted that she felt the donation was meant for the LRSB. Vera Prestridge wrote thank you notes for the donations in the past, but we don't know where her notes are. Bert Blalock suggested sending thank you notes to those who have made donations. Neil Randall suggested that we ask for \$20 donations to the LRSB then give them a "free" membership to the society until 2020. Sylvia Johnson made motion to accept report. Sonya Johnson seconded. The report was approved.

**New Business:** Possible field trip to Mississippi College for the March meeting to see their collection of Baptist and Methodist church records in the Leland Speed Research Library. They will open on

Saturday for a group. Neil Randall has offered to call Monday to schedule a time. Dawn Taylor read a list of the church records available at the library. Some records are on microfilm. Tentatively go there for the March 9, 2019 meeting. Be at the LRSB to leave at 8 AM if you want to carpool from Liberty. Will pick up and meet Sylvia and Sonja at Market Max on 24 at 8:30. Anyone from McComb should meet us there. We will invite the SWGS members to go as well and get Virginia Zeigler to notify the members. Plan to pack a snack and then go for a late lunch to a restaurant.

Heritage Days – Might be good to set up tents and tables outside so that we can demonstrate what help we are needing with the LRSB. Still plan to be there Saturday, May 4, 2019 to help with this. May not be safe to allow people to go inside at this time depending on the stage of construction.

LRSB open twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Greg Barron is willing to train anyone to do this. Sonya Johnson has volunteered to help once a month. The books need organizing. There is no printout of the catalog that was done. Sylvia Johnson has also offered to help with this on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sylvia Johnson has donated a book about Tylertown/Pike County written by Rev. Applewhite. The book has been a wealth of information regarding restoring Founder's cemetery in Tylertown. Yesterday they got word that they got approval for the headstone of a veteran of War of 1812, Magee. They have also installed two headstones for civil war veterans. February 27 is the 157<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ponchatula train wreck that involved Sylvia's great-great-grandfather and 11 soldiers from Amite County – the 7<sup>th</sup> MS regiment. She is going to do a program at the UDC meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. She is planning on putting a wreath up at the site of the marker that was stolen in 2013. After the meeting they are putting a wreath on the confederate monument in McComb at City Hall at 4 PM on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We were invited to attend the meeting at Brentwood.

Motion to adjourn Kay Berry. Second by Sylvia Johnson. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37.

**Mississippi College Field Trip:  
Leland Speed Library Archives & Special Collections  
March 9, 2019 Meeting**

On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, members of the AHGS participated in a field trip to Clinton, MS to visit the Leland Speed Library. The purpose of the trip was to view early Mississippi Baptist Church records. We were welcomed by the Library Director, Heather Moore and her Assistant. The requested records had been pulled for us upon arrival. Church records from Zion Hill, Mars Hill, East Fork, Friendship (Pike), Galilee (Copiah), Strong River (Simpson), in addition to a number of other church records were researched. Most of these church records are not online, so having the opportunity to view the handwritten documents from the early 1800's was very special! The group was very quiet, conversation wise, except for when someone would speak up with an "Oh, Wow!" or "Hey, look at this!" Four and a half hours of research passed by in a flash. A major thank you to the library staff for the special Saturday opening of the records room for us. I encourage all who haven't visited The Leland Speed Library to do so, as it is full of our Mississippi history. Please see photos on the next few pages for a few examples of the records housed at the library.



*Church*

Elizabeth Hartness	Mary Robinson
Nancy McDowell	Jane Thompson
Belgosa Little	Virginia Quinn
Martha Smith	Malissa Spaulock
Leticia Everett	Caroline Wilson
Dalena Weatherstry	Mariah Lea
Martha Ferguson	Elizabeth Robinson
Delila Honea	Emeline Beck
Phoebe Sanders	Lucinda Richmond <i>Dis. by letter</i>
Judith Barnes <i>Dis. by letter</i>	Elceba Wall <i>Dis. by letter</i>
Mary Garner	
Mary Keith	
Elizabeth Wilson	
Anna Langley	

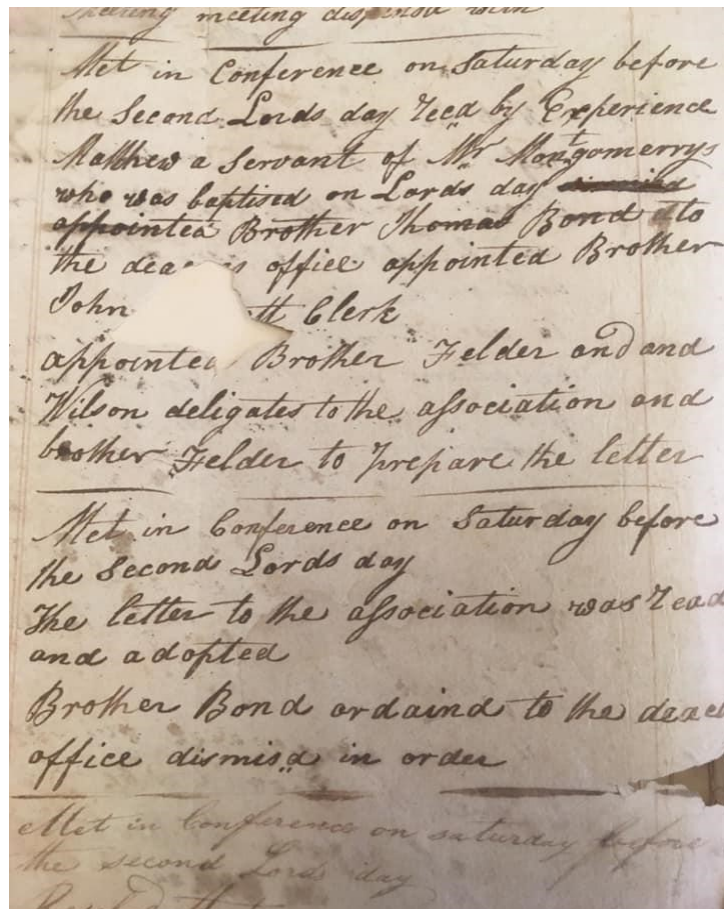
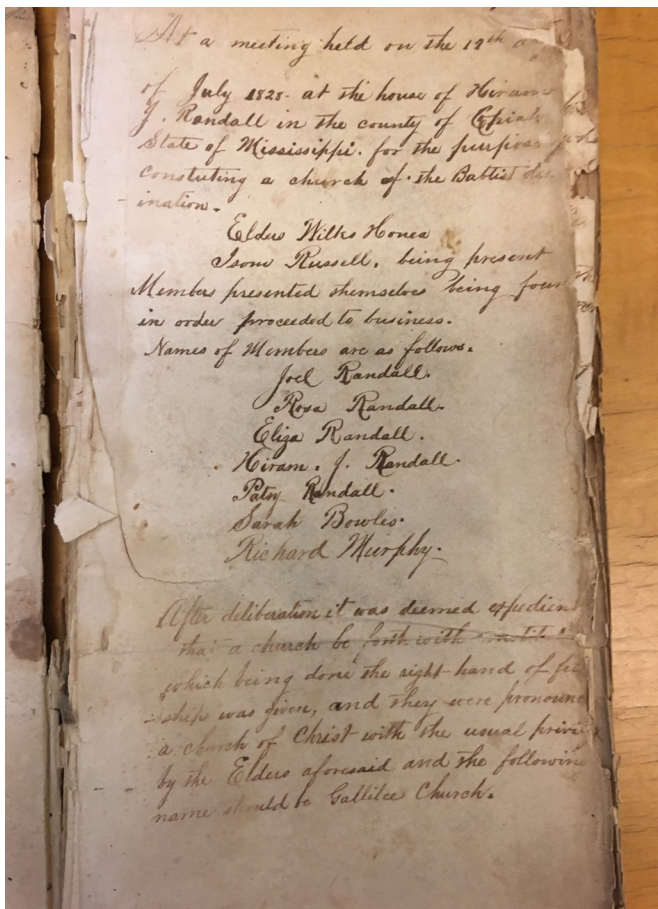
  

*PERSONAL*

Names of Colored Members		
Sam	Momus Names	Blanca
Isaac	Mrs Maralis	Julia
Pleasant		Shariot
David		Patty A. Smith
Penny	William Spaulock	Eliza M.D. Little
Rachel	Ans. Everett sen.	
Bina	Thos. Everett	
Isabel		
Mariah	A. Smith	
Charity	J. W. Felder	
Ester		
Isabella		
Figger		

*A list of the names of the members of East Fort St. Church*

Elizabeth Barrett	Elizabeth Barrett
Jephtha Smith	Elizabeth Barrett
Elizabeth Havers	Margaret Beall
Margaret Beall	Nancy Barrett
Oliver Brakham	Mariah Felder
Mariah Felder	Martha Wilson
Nashel Wilson	Elizabeth Little
Elizabeth Little	Annanda Wilson
Annanda Wilson	Julia Pound
Julia Pound	Martha Barnes
Martha Barnes	Mary Brown
Mary Brown	Ousana Halls
Ousana Halls	Amanda Garner
Amanda Garner	Elizabeth Wilson
Elizabeth Wilson	Martha Spaulock
Martha Spaulock	Caroline Bryant <i>Dis. by letter</i>
Caroline Bryant	Eliza Jenkins
Eliza Jenkins	Sarah Everett
Sarah Everett	Belgosa Jarrow
Belgosa Jarrow	Belgosa Spaulock
Belgosa Spaulock	Margaret Cagle
Margaret Cagle	Elizabeth Gottinger
Elizabeth Gottinger	Mary Ann Felder
Mary Ann Felder	Anna Neaves
Anna Neaves	Sarrimna Quinn
Sarrimna Quinn	Lucretia Adams <i>Dis. by letter</i>
Lucretia Adams	Nancy Gordon
Nancy Gordon	Martha McGehee
Martha McGehee	



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**MEETING MINUTES April 13, 2019**

**draft**

The meeting was held at the Liberty Baptist Church Family Life Center in Liberty, MS. There were 12 in attendance. Meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by Dawn Taylor, President.

**Invocation:** VP Greg Barron

**Minutes:** Not read due to secretary being absent.

**President's Report:** President Dawn Taylor: May 4th is Liberty Heritage Day we will be on the green in front of the LRSH from 10-2. Set up at 9am. We have two canopies probably need one more. Going to focus on sharing family research. Tours of downstairs of the LRSH will be possible. Upstairs will still be closed. Have invited members of SCV Camps Moore and Stockdale Rangers to come and set up displays on the green as well. Robin Elliot and Neil Randall have volunteered to be at Heritage Day with family displays. We will have a regular meeting on the second Saturday at Guapos at 10am. Meeting first and then lunch. This meeting will be to accept the nominations from the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. Nominations are open so contact Neil Randall if you have a nomination to make.

**Vice President's Report:** VP Greg Barron: LRSH has been opened ever 2nd and 4th Saturday since September. Greg needs more volunteers to help keep this going as he has been there each day. Sonya Johnson has come twice and done an excellent job answering questions, but others are needed. We need to get Internet at the LRSH so that look ups can be done for people who visit.

Today's activities in honor of Confederate History Month- We will adjourn to the Confederate Monument to raise a new flag and then travel to the Liberty Cemetery to place Flags on the graves of the CSA.

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Old Business:** Publishing the Shiloh book compiled by Mary Pallon and Virgil Roberts. Dawn and Greg are proofing this week. Plan to have it printed and for sale at Heritage Day. This book will be a fund raiser, but we don't yet have a price. Neil Randall has agreed to organize a trip to Shiloh probably in June or July dates will be set by the May meeting. This will be a caravan trip as the bus for three days and two nights was just too expensive.

**New Business:** Discussion of going back to a monthly newsletter was entertained. Communication with members that don't have Email or Facebook is lacking. Neil Randall made a motion that we have a one-page announcement type newsletter every month and a longer newsletter with a nice article once per quarter. Second by Sylvia Johnson all in favor said Aye Motion Carried.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mary Ann Gerhardt, Second Neil Randall. Motion carried

**Announcement:** Sylvia Johnson announced the restoration work on Founder's Cemetery in Tylertown is almost complete. They hope to have approval of the language for the state historic marker in the next week or so and there will be a ceremony to celebrate the placement in the next few months.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Membership:**

The Facebook page membership list has been purged of non-members. Only society members can post and comment. Non-members will be able to view the posts.

### **Newsletter Change:**

The large newsletter has been changed from monthly to quarterly. It will be published in January, April, July, and October each year. We will send out a monthly minutes and announcements so that information can be imparted to members sooner rather than later. Any contributions or submissions to the newsletter can be sent/given to any board member, mailed to P. O. Box 2, Liberty, MS 39645, or forwarded to our email address amitecohistory@gmail.com.

### **LRSB Hours:**

The LRSB began opening regularly every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 2-4 pm on September 11, 2018. At this time, Greg Barron is our primary volunteer for this endeavor. We welcome and encourage other members to help Greg on these days. He can teach you what you need to know about the LRSB, the Courthouse, the library, and Amite County in general, in order for you to be able to assist visitors with their research. Thanks to Sonja Johnson for helping out the last few months!

### **LRSB Restoration Progress Information:**

We will be boxing up all the pictures and artifacts in preparation for removal of the paneling and plaster from the walls on May 4. Help is WELCOME and ENCOURAGED!

### **Thank you!**

Thanks to all who have made contributions to the restoration fund for the LRSB! Progress is being made!

**Annual Membership Contribution**  
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