



## Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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WITHOUT A PAST, THERE IS NO FUTURE

**WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!**

**The next meeting will be a regular business meeting**

**Date:** August 11, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Place:** Miss K's Home Plate in Liberty

(Come early and eat breakfast with us!)

### Future Meeting Schedule

**Note:** *Time and place of regular meetings is 10:00 am in the Little Red School House unless otherwise specified.*

**Sept. 8, 2018** — Regular monthly meeting

**October 13, 2018** — Regular monthly meeting

**Nov. 10, 2018** — Regular monthly meeting

**December 1, 2018** — Annual Open House is tentatively set to be held at the McGeehee House on Pecan Road

**January 12, 2019** — Regular monthly meeting

**February 9, 2019** — Regular monthly meeting

**March 9, 2019** — Regular monthly meeting

**April 13, 2019** — Regular monthly meeting

**May 4, 2019** — Heritage Days

**May 11, 2019** - Regularly monthly meeting

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Newsletter:**

We are in need of people to write articles for the monthly newsletter. The newsletter will be of more benefit to everyone involved if we have interesting articles to read so please help us out! This is a great way to share your family's Amite County history or memories!

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

There is an upcoming field trip to the **Carter -Mixon Cemetery** either in October or November. This will be a "members only" excursion. Lunch will be provided. Further details to come.

We will be attending **Angels on the Bluff** at the Natchez City Cemetery on November 10, 2018. Plans are to attend the 7:00 PM tour. Dawn Taylor will purchase 20 tickets (\$30.00 each) and they will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis. Tickets go on sale August 1st and sell out very quickly every year. Please contact Dawn prior to July 31st to ensure a place on the tour! This is an exciting tour that takes you through the cemetery by candlelight with depictions of local "characters" who are buried in the cemetery. Actors portray the characters as they were during their lifetime and tell their interesting stories. It is well worth the trip!!!

There is a tentative trip scheduled to **Shiloh** in April 2019...details to be determined.

## AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of June 9, 2018 meeting

*DRAFT*

The meeting was held at Guapo's Barnyard restaurant in Smithdale, MS. President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. There were 20 in attendance.

**Invocation:** Bert Blalock

**Minutes:** Minutes from the January 13, 2018; March 10, 2018; and May 5, 2018 meetings were considered for approval. After minor corrections were made to delete Brenda Miera as the speaker for the June 9, 2018 meeting, Linda Honea Lea made a motion to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonja Johnson. Motion passed.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

**President:** Pres. Taylor announced that a database of CSA Veterans was compiled by Neil Randall and Greg Barron. There were approximately 700-1100 names. The graves were marked with Confederate Flags for Confederate Memorial Day in April.

Pres. Taylor announced that a database of Veterans (non-CSA) is currently being compiled by Dawn Taylor, Marcia McLaurin, and Joey Wall. This database has not been completed but at present has around 1000 names. Joey Wall is currently plotting the Liberty Cemetery veterans. There is a plan to plot the Roseland Cemetery in Gloster later in the fall. Many cemeteries were marked with American flags for Memorial Day but unfortunately, we were unable to mark all cemeteries.

**Vice President:** VP Barron reported that there was a great turnout for the Confederate Memorial Day service in April.

VP Barron announced that there will be a cemetery tour to the Carter-Mixon Cemetery in the fall.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Gay Blalock presented the report. A motion was made to accept the report by Sylvia Johnson with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Honea Lea. Motion passed.

**LRSB Committee:** Pres. Taylor reported that the list of names to contact for access to the LRSB needs to be updated. The Liberty Library has contacted us regarding access to the LRSB for their visitors.

Pres. Taylor reported that the dehumidifiers are not working.

Pres. Taylor reported that a new printer/copier is needed as the current copiers are old and not functioning properly. Guest speaker Mildred Worrell generously offered to donate a new printer/copier to the LRSB. A motion was made by VP Greg Barron to accept the donation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcia McLaurin. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** Don Simonton announced that he was publishing a book about Texas Red who was an outlaw during the depression era.

VP Barron announced that there would be a fundraiser for the LRSB repairs at his home on June 16, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This will be a trunk show of antique African glass trade beads. There will be a \$5.00 cover charge and a percentage of sales donated to the LRSB.

**Program:** Mildred Worrell, a community activist from Clinton, LA, spoke about the connection between Amite County and East Feliciana Parish families and customs.

**Election:** A new slate of officers was elected for 2018-2019 term: President Dawn Taylor, Vice President Greg Barron, Secretary Marcia McLaurin, Treasurer Gay Blalock, Council-at-Large Allen Terrell.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Allen Terrell. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Lea. Motion passed.

# The Nesmith Family Genealogy by William G. Barron

This is the story of my mother's family (Faye Anderson Barron).

After performing DNA testing on myself via Ancestry DNA and 23 and Me, I have discovered much more information regarding the Nesmith side of my family. I have a lot of family information in my personal files which has now been confirmed by DNA evidence with the assistance of Dawn Taylor.

My great-great grandmother Jane Nesmith Anderson was the wife of Benjamin Anderson. Her father, John Nesmith, IV, was a founding member of Bethany Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Frances Phares was instrumental in providing information on the founders of this church in her book on the history of Bethany and genealogy of the founding families commonly known as The Bethany Book.

The Nesmith Family was well represented in The American Revolution with fathers, sons and uncles fighting for America's Independence. John Nesmith, IV (1750-1826) was my 4th great grandfather and was said to be a guard of General Francis Marion (Marcia Gordon McLaurin's 7th great uncle).

Any Andersons descendants from Lanarkshire, Scotland who have more information... Please feel free to share and enlighten us as I can go no further back than Michael Naesmyth ca 1200.

The rest of the family tree is as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">Michael NaeSmyth Circa 1200.... I Sir James NaeSmyth, of Tweedsdale 1245 - 1306 I Michael NaeSmyth , of Netherton I Jamie NaeSmyth 1330 - 1390 I Adam NaeSmyth 1370 - 1420 I Michael NaeSmyth 1415 - 1475 I Johnne NaeSmyth 1460 - 1500 I James NaeSmyth 1490 - 1558 I Sir Michael NaeSmyth 1518 - 1609 I Thomas James NaeSmyth I James NaeSmyth, of Posso I</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Con't)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James NaeSmyth I Sir James NaeSmyth I John NaeSmyth (Old John) 1670 - 1750 I John Nesmith II 1701 - 1743 I John Nesmith III 1720 - 1750 I John Nesmith IV I Jane Nesmith Anderson I James Anderson I Myers Anderson I Faye Mannon Anderson Barron I William G. Barron</p>
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