



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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WITHOUT A PAST, THERE IS NO FUTURE

Speaker for August 10th Meeting - H. Grady Howell

Author of: "Going to Meet the Yankees: A History of the 'Bloody Sixth' Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A."; "For Dixie Land I'll Take My Stand! A Muster Listing of All Known Mississippi Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines"; and "Mississippi Rifles: A Muster Listing of All Known Mississippi Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who Served in the Mexican War, 1846-1848".

Mr. Howell will be showing a Power Point presentation about the Battle of Shiloh!!!

This will be an exciting event that will prepare us for the September field trip to Shiloh which is set for September 20-22, 2019. We will be asking for a \$5.00 donation at the door which will be used for LRSB restoration. Please see the June meeting minutes for details regarding the field trip. Our latest book, "The Men From Amite County, MS: The Battle of Shiloh" is available for \$15.00. All proceeds will go to the LRSB restoration fund.

The next meeting will be a work day to prepare the downstairs at LRSB for interior restoration.

Date: July 13, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Little Red Schoolhouse, Liberty, MS

Lunch: El Dorado in Liberty (if it has opened)

Marcia McLaurin's house for burgers on the grill if the restaurant isn't open as scheduled.

443 E. Main St., Liberty

Announcements:

Angels on the Bluff - Natchez:

November 9, 2019. Deadline for tickets is mid-July. Cost \$55 per person for bus and tour. Contact Dawn Taylor for tickets and information. (Probable dinner at Monmouth not included in price.)

LRSB:

Closed until further notice for renovations.

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE !!!!!

If you have not sent in your payment, please do so ASAP!

We need to mail out membership cards and we would like as many people to have paid as possible before this can be done.

Dues may be mailed in to: P. O. Box 2, Liberty, MS, 39645

Please make checks or money orders payable to: Amite Co. Historical and Genealogical Society.

Please send PayPal payments to:
amitecohistory@gmail.com

Please fill out a new form regardless of payment type so that we may have your correct contact info!

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:

August 10, 2019: Author Grady Howell will be giving a Power Point presentation about the Battle of Shiloh. \$5.00 donation to the LRSB fund at the door.

September 14, 2019: No meeting due to Shiloh field trip September 20-22.

October 12, 2019: Regular business meeting

Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

Meeting Minutes June 8, 2019

The meeting was held at the Liberty Baptist Church Family Life Center. There were 12 in attendance. Meeting was called to order at 10:14 by Dawn Taylor, President.

Invocation: Sam King

Minutes from May 11, 2019 were passed out for all to read: Motion to accept by Sam King. Second Gay Blalock. Minutes accepted as written.

President's Report: Dawn Taylor

There was a request from Don Norris about photographing the old houses in our area. Letter from Don Norris read aloud by Dawn Taylor. We will attempt to assist Mr. Norris in contacting the owners of each home. Neil Randall and Joey Wall are working on a list of people to add to the memorial monument in front of the courthouse. Several people were left off this monument. This list was presented to Fred Miller with the American Legion. He will go to the board of supervisors to try to get approval for the addition of their names. The next steps would be to find out the cost and any other issues related to adding the names. Dawn would like to see us maybe copy some information from scrapbooks from people in the area in order to show more variety of happenings in the Amite County area. If anyone would like to head up this project, please let us know. Neil Randall is planning to get Grady Howell to come to speak to us about Shiloh prior to the field trip September 20-22. A bus is too expensive so we will be carpooling to Corinth. Neil has reserved a block of 10 rooms at Hampton Inn Corinth, MS for around \$95 per night. We would leave early Friday morning, tour Corinth that afternoon, spend Saturday at Shiloh and come home Sunday. More details to come. Shiloh books are for sale at the LRSH for \$15 each. Heritage Days was a bad turn out due to the rain. Gay Blalock has suggested that we hold open house at the Winston Wilkinson House this December. Gay will discuss this with the family who owns the house. We need someone to volunteer to head this committee.

VP Report: None

Treasurer's Report was read by Gay Blalock. \$14,321.24 is our current balance on hand. When we started the society, we decided that \$5,000 would be held aside for the society and other funds will be used for projects. Sonja Johnson motion to approve. Second Neil Randall. Motion to approve carried.

Old Business: Sam King reported about the progress on the LRSH preservation. The next step is getting the walls inside stripped down up to 5'. We need to pack up some more things this afternoon. Stairs are made and will try to get them installed next week. (Were installed as scheduled). They will be offset 2' from where they were. We may possibly need to raise money in the fall. Sam suggested to have open house in the winter during the day then go to Lonesome Dove afterwards for some type of musical performance/hoedown. He has contacted Lori and Robbie Bass and Robert Johnson regarding this possibility. We need someone to head this committee as well. We may possibly need to get Ernest Herndon involved. Dawn suggested tying it into Halloween due to the fact the house has many haunted house stories.

New Business: Election for new officers. 41 votes cast yes for all officers nominated. There were no "no" votes. The slate of officers was elected as nominated. Dawn Taylor President, Greg Barron Vice President, Gay Blalock Treasurer, Marcia McLaurin Secretary, Neil Randall member at large. Allen Terrell had requested to be removed as member at large.

Motion to adjourn at 11:02. Neil Randall motion to adjourn and Bert Blalock second. Meeting adjourned.