



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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WITHOUT A PAST, THERE IS NO FUTURE

**ALL IN-PERSON SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS POSTPONED
UNTIL COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED IN FULL
MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM MEETING**

VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

Date: March 13, 2021

Place: Virtual meeting for members via Zoom.

Time: 11am – 12pm Central Time (you can join meeting as early as 10:45)

Zoom Meeting info:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/91944770187?](https://zoom.us/j/91944770187?pwd=VkY3SFFwZ2RHV3J6VGhNMjhjbVUQT09)
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Announcements:

INSTRUCTIONS HERE FOR ZOOM MEETING:

Please use the link sent to you in the newsletter email if possible. If not, then use the phone number provided that is in your local area code.

LRSH:

Closed for renovations until further notice. There will be a notification about helping with renovations in the near future.

MEMBER AUTOBIOGRAPHIES:

We are asking all members who are willing to please submit a mini-autobiography to help other members get to know you! Please include where you live, your connection to Amite County, your hobbies, family information, etc. You get the drift! Include anything that would help others get to know you better! One member will be published in each newsletter! How exciting!

CAPTAIN HIRAM MORGAN CEREMONY:

We will be having a dedication ceremony for the placement of a Confederate Headstone on Saturday, April 24th, at the Morgan Gordon Cemetery on Hwy 568 in Gillsburg, MS. Time to be announced. This service is sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society. This service was very important to Greg Barron who was instrumental in getting the headstone made, having it installed by SCV member Kirk Seago, arranging for cemetery cleanup and arranging the ceremony.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

MINUTES — February 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 by Dawn Taylor. 10 were in attendance via Zoom.

Invocation: Greg Barron

Minutes: The minutes were read by Marcia McLaurin. Greg Barron made motion to accept minutes. David Cate 2nd. Motion carried. Minutes accepted as read with no changes.

President's Report: None

VP Report: Praying everything will be ok for April cemetery dedication. It should be fine outside for Covid restrictions. If we want a program, we need to get that printed. Greg Barron has permission to copy Company B from the website. There will be a donation box for Joey Wall that day sponsored by the Son's of Confederate Veterans.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand \$30,144.94.

Secretary's Report: None.

Motion to accept executive reports Neil Randall. 2nd Sylvia Johnson. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Ideas for repurposing the posts from the LRSH was to slice thin, decoupage pic of LRSH on one side and add a description on the back side. We could use them either as a Christmas ornament or as a coaster. Sam King many know someone who knows how to burn. We need to find someone who can cut the post decoratively. Debra McGehee has volunteered to paint a picture of the LRSH on these pieces of wood.

We had talked about having something on the green at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Heritage Days even if Heritage Days does not occur. This would be on the 1st Saturday of May. We will have canned drinks and water, maybe prepackaged food. We can also have a donation jar for Joey Wall at that time.

Neil Randall stated that Sam King said they should be working on the inside of the LRSH by now. Sam has new posts ordered for the LRSH and they will have to dry before being installed.

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn at 11:42. Motion to adjourn by Greg Barron. 2nd by David Cate. Meeting adjourned at 11:43.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report—May 13, 2021

BANK BALANCE ON HAND FEBRUARY 13, 2021 \$30,144.94

PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 12, 2020\$1,551.71

INCOME:

Deposit 03/02/2021

Membership (1)\$25.00

Donations in Memory (3)\$100.00

Total Deposit\$125.00

PayPal Income 03/2021

Donations in Memory (5)\$145.00

TOTAL INCOME.....\$270.00

EXPENSES:

PayPal Fees\$2.78

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$2.78

BALANCE ON HAND MARCH 13, 2021\$31,963.87

CAPTAIN HIRAM MORGAN

Captain Hiram Morgan was born on March 1, 1824, to William Joseph Morgan, Sr. and Elizabeth Gayden, here in Amite County, Mississippi. In William's will dated June 21, 1830, William stated that first, all of his debts be paid. He wanted his estate to remain and kept together on his plantation for the maintenance and education of his children, until his youngest sons William and Hiram each became 14 years of age. At that time he wanted his estate to be equally divided among his wife Elizabeth and all of his children: Phebe, Wiley, James, Fielding, Benjamin, John, Diana, William, and Hiram. He requested that Fielding have the care and management of the plantation and hands until the division took place. Elizabeth was the executrix of the will and his son Wiley was executor.

Hiram was in the Mexican War from 1846 to 1848 as a Private in the 1st Mississippi Infantry, Company B (Wilkinson Guards). His wife Augusta filed for a pension from the Mexican war in 1888. Hiram married Augusta Elna Hamilton on February 8, 1849. The 1850 Census shows Hiram and Augusta living with Elizabeth Morgan and Hiram's older brother John. The 1860 Census shows that Hiram was a planter and that he and Augusta had five children: Susan age 9, Prentiss age 7 (says Printus—male on census), Elizabeth age 4, Hiram age 2, and a 2 month old son. The 1860 slave schedule shows that Hiram owned 4 female adults, 4 male adults, one male teenager, and 6 male children. One account states that he had lost his first born son in infancy and had five surviving children, including a daughter, Augusta Rosina, who was born in 1863 either shortly before or after her father's death. Hiram and Augusta were members of Unity Presbyterian Church and there are records indicating that their daughter Prentiss Adelaide was baptized there.

Hiram appeared on the muster roll as Captain of Company B (Amite Guards) Mississippi War Battalion on April 1, 1862, and on roll as Captain of Company B, 33 Regiment Mississippi Volunteers, which was organized on April 17, 1862, until he was killed near Deer Creek Mississippi in the early phase of the Vicksburg campaign. The story goes that Hiram was returned to Amite County by one of his close friends who stole a military wagon. When his wife Augusta saw the wagon, she ran out of the house and was greeted by the words, "I've brought Hiram home." Hiram was buried at the Morgan-Gordon Cemetery on Hwy 568, just north of Gillsburg, MS.

In the 1870 Census, after the death of Hiram, Augusta is listed as head of household as A. E., with children S. S. (Susan) age 18, P. A. (Prentiss) age 16, E. A. (Elizabeth) age 13, H. S. (Hiram) age 12, G. M. age 10, ?. B. age 8 (male born 1862), and D. W. age 22.

MEMBERS WILLING TO SHARE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	FAMILY NAMES
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Blalock	Gay	gayblalock@gmail.com	601-657-8807	Spillman, Shuckrow, Weathersby, Jackson
Boyd	Susan	Susan.boyd1@icloud.com	601-660-2550	DAR specialist
Bragg	George	george.bragg@gmail.com	601-201-3617	No Amite Co ties—will help do research!!!
Bragg	Susan	susanabragg@gmail.com	601-201-3617	Day, Cole, Causey, Huff, Currie, Whittington
Buchart	Carol	cbuchert11@aol.com	337-562-3983	McAllister, Steele, Graves, Garner, Whittington, Jackson, Lusk, Whiteside, Causey
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LAST	FIRST	EMAIL	PHONE	FAMILY NAMES
McLaurin	Marcia	geemarcia@gmail.com	601-988-4077	Gordon, Butler, Newman, Burris, Barron, Causey
Parker	Marti	lipseylibrary@yahoo.com	601-320-4474	James M. Miller descendant
Parks	Tracy	tracycparks@comcast.net	901-409-7751	
Payne	Jennifer	jenpayne10@gmail.com	832-696-5973	Cain, Caston, Cunningham, Covington, Cockerham, Huff, Jones, Longmire, Moore, Payne
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If you are willing to share your contact information with other members, please let us know by emailing us at amitecohistory@gmail.com or text Marcia @ 601-988-4077 with your family names.

Annual Membership Contribution
Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Liberty, MS 39645

amitecohistory@gmail.com

Check or circle choice

- \$15.00 – Individual \$25.00 – Family \$10.00 – Senior (over 65)
 \$200.00 – Lifetime \$150 -- Lifetime, couple 70+ age \$100 - Lifetime, 70+ individual
 \$10.00 – Student (under 18) \$50.00 – Sponsor or Ancestor Memorial

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Amite County Families to whom I am related: _____

YOU MAY SHARE MY CONTACT INFORMATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS for FAMILY RESEARCH PURPOSES:

YES NO

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Zip+4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Thank you for joining the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society. Your contribution helps us continue to collect and preserve historic treasures from Amite County's past, as well as to promote family history. Membership also provides an opportunity to attend programs and participate in special events.

I am interested in helping with:

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