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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting: The next meeting will be the annual meeting with election of officers for the coming fiscal year. The meeting will convene at 10:00 am in the conference room of the Liberty Library. **Don't forget to vote either by mail or in person.**

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of May 3, 2014 meeting

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President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order about 9:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and to see if anyone wished to make nominations from the floor. Pres. Taylor recognized Linda Lea, chair of the Nominating Committee, who reported that the Nominating Committee recommended that the current slate of incumbents be proposed for reelection for another year. No other members offered any alternative nominations. The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted by unanimous vote of members present. Pres. Taylor then adjourned the meeting so that preparations for Heritage Day could be finalized.

Future Meeting Schedule

June 14, 2014, 10:00 am — Annual membership meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

July 2014 — Traditionally, no meeting is held in July.

August 9, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

September 13, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

October 13, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

November 8, 2014 — Commemoration of the Battle of Liberty on its 150th Anniversary. There will be no regular membership meeting in November.

December 13, 2014 (Tentative) — Business meeting. Due to Battle of Liberty event in November, no public Open House event will be scheduled. Information will be updated as plans are finalized.

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ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons

Due to changes in membership and in makeup of committees, the Standing Committees are being reevaluated and reformed. Once this process is complete, a new list will be posted.

Letter to President Dawn Taylor from John Shivers, President Liberty CoC

Date: May 9, 2014

To: Dawn Taylor, President
Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society

From: John Shivers, President
Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce

Ref: 36th Annual Heritage Days Festival

Dawn,

On behalf of Liberty Heritage Days Committee members and The Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce I would like to Thank You and all your members for all of your support and hard work on setting up and staying the "Long Haul" with us through the event. The displays and tents outside was a much needed addition to Heritage Days. Just would not have been the same without the Historical Society and your display of "Tent City". I call it the "Big Dog Do".

My only regret is that I did not spend as much time with you and the Historical Society that I wanted and intended. This was my first year overseeing this event. I was not aware of how much time, energy and effort that was demanded personally. My objected was to make sure that everyone that came out to visit enjoyed and will want to come back next year. We had more vendors this year (over 50) and more classic cars for the car show (44). The crowd held strong for much of the day. I have received all positive comments about this years Heritage Days.

We will be having our final Heritage Day committee meeting next week to discuss what worked and what didn't and what we can do to improve from here. We feel that we have the much needed momentum now, to move forward to grow this event whereas people will be wanting to know the day of next years Heritage Days. We will be making plans through out the year and not 3 months before the events like in the past. I hope that the Historical Society will be right beside us every year to reach this goal.

Finally, please pass along to your members just how viable the Historical Society is in helping Liberty Heritage Days put on a successful event every year. I truly hope that I and the Heritage Days committee members made this a pleasant experience for all of you and that you will be back with us for #37 in May 2015. Please give me any feed back (good or bad) on things we could improve on or if we "dropped the ball" with your expectations or made anything a struggle for the Historical Society. **I welcome any constructive criticism.** My feelings on this is – "How we improve"!.

Now that I have some things off of my plate for a change, I am ready to carry out any assignments the Society gives me and the Chamber to help the Historical Society have an exceptional 150th Battle of Liberty. Please do not hesitate to let me know what assistance is needed from me and the Chamber.

Best Regards,



John Shivers, President
Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Johnathan P. Dunn

Note: No researchers have been able to connect the Johnathan Dunn family to Sylvester Dunn family of Amite County.

1. **Johnathan (Jonathan) P Dunn**, son of Isham Dunn and Eliza Bunchley, was born abt 1807 and died in 1845. **Jonathan** and **Martha Ellen Andrews** were married on 28 Jan 1830 in Amite County.. **Martha Ellen Andrews**, daughter of Matthew and Mary Andrews , was born on 27 Aug 1809 in Darlington, South Carolina. She died on 26 Oct 1888 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery I, Amite County. Their children were:

1.1. **William Lewis Dunn** was born in 1830 in Louisiana and died in 1868. **William** and **Sarah Elizabeth Smith**, born about 1842 in TN, were married. Their children were:

1.1.1. **Willie Dunn** was born in 1860.

1.1.2. **George Thomas Dunn**, born in Aug 1861 or 1862, was a farmer and resided in Beat 2 of Amite County. He died Nov 1955 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery. **George** and **(1) Matilda Elizabeth "Tillie E" Gunby** were married on 23 Dec 1886 in Amite County. **Tillie E**, daughter of William Hudson Gunby and Jennette "Jennie" J Perkins, was born Mar 1860 in Amite County and died Mar 1913. Both were buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery. Their children were: **William Lewis** , **Carrie Mary**, **George Thomas II**, **Jennet Elizabeth** , **Fannie Lucile** , **Clifford Kinabrew**, and **Lewis Gunby George Thomas** and **(2) Annie Ophelia Smiley** were married on 8 Apr 1915 in Amite County and had no children. **Annie Ophelia Smiley**, daughter of Nathaniel Francis Smiley and Martha Anne Andrews, was born on 8 Apr 1872 in Amite Co, Ariel. She died on 24 Apr 1973 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery I. They lived in Lake Village, AR

1.1.3. **Carrie May Dunn** was born in 1867 and died in 1942.

1.2. **Mary E Dunn** was born on 15 Apr 1832. She died on 22 Aug 1837 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery III.

1.3. **Mathew Andrew Dunn** was born on 15 Dec 1833 in East Feliciana Parish, LA Abt 1855, Mathew married Virginia Lenora Perkins, daughter of Dalcho Perkins and Sarah Ann Hunt. **Lenora**, was born on 17 Nov 1839 in Amite County and died there on 26 Apr 1935. After marriage, they lived in East Feliciana Parish until 1858. In 1859, they moved to Amite County and on August 25, 1859, Mathew bought a farm containing 320 acres in the county.

US Census Amite Co, MS 1860 - No 411, Matheus (Mathew) Dunn was 25 years old, planter, real estate valued at \$1500; Elnora Dunn was 20 yrs; Jane was 4 yrs; Mary was 3 yrs; Susan was 1 yr; No 410 was Wm C Phares; No 412 was Jefferson Anderson. 1860 Census Slave schedule shows Mathew A Dunn with 4 slaves.

At Liberty, Mississippi, on March 1, 1862, Mathew enlisted as a private in the Confederate Army - joining the Amite Defenders, Company K, Thirty-third Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers. He was granted a furlough from 13th day of May to the 1st of June, 1862, at which time he was to rejoin his Regiment at Grenada, Mississippi. Furlough papers were signed by Capt Moses Jackson and D. W. Hurst.

During the war, Dunn wrote regularly to his wife and in some of letters, she is addressed as "Stumpy". His letters are of particular interest because they were written wholly from the viewpoint of an enlisted man. The letters were published in Journal of Mississippi History, Volume I, January - October 1939, pages 110 - 127. [Contributed from Betty Lou Cain papers.] These letters will be republished in Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter.

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Their children were:

- 1.3.1. **Laura Dewilda Dunn** was born on 25 Oct 1856 in Amite County and died there on 2 Jun 1883. **Laura** and **Rev Richard James Shaw** were married on 16 Jan 1873 in Amite County. **Rev Shaw**, son of Richard Dowsley Shaw and Mary J Gillespie, was born on 12 Oct 1849 in Amite County and died on 6 Jul 1926 in Altus, Jackson Co, OK. Their children were: **Richard Mathew, Amanda Elizabeth, Eva Eleanor, Albert Sidney Johnson, and Mary Lenora**
- 1.3.2. **Aletha Eleanor or Ellen "Dink" Dunn** was born on 7 May 1858 in Amite County and died there on 12 Aug 1868.
- 1.3.3. **Milton Cary Dunn** was born on 12 Mar 1860 in Amite County and died there on 17 Aug 1937. **Milton** and **(1) Rebecca Spencer** were married. **Rebecca**, daughter of John Spencer and St Helena Strickland, was born in 1860 and died in 1884. They had an infant born and died in 1884. **Milton** and **(2) Josephine McNulty** were married. **Josephine** was born in 1867 and died in 1899. Their children were: **Ruth, Hattie Lee, Luther, and Carey**. **Milton** and **(3) Ida Anding** were married. **Ida** was born in 1867 and died in 1924. Their children were: **Louise, Durwood, and Grace**
- 1.3.4. **Hollis Green Dunn** was born on 19 Mar 1862 in Amite County and died there on 15 Mar 1944. **Hollis** and **Mary Esther Matthews** were married. **Mary** was born in 1856 and died in 1930. Their children were: **Hollis Green II, Norman, Ruby, and Donald Perkins**

1.4. **Martha A Dunn** was born in 1833 and died in 1850.

1.5. **George Washington Dunn** was born in 1835 and died in 1866. **George** and **Elizabeth Taylor** were married. **Elizabeth** was the daughter of James Monroe Taylor and Sarah Chance.

1.6. **John R Dunn** was born on 20 May 1837. He died on 15 Aug 1837 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery Amite County.

1.7. **Harriet Jane Dunn** was born on 19 Aug 1838 in E Feliciana Par, LA and died there on 18 Apr 1880. **Harriet** and **Levi Doughty Chance** were married on 10 Jan 1854 in E Feliciana Parish. **Levi**, son of John Chance and Zilpha Doughty, was born on 15 Nov 1824 in E Feliciana and died there on 18 Nov 1901. Both were buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery I. Their children were:

- 1.7.1. **Reuben Chance** was born on 23 Aug 1855 and died on 8 Nov 1932. **Reuben** and **Theodosia Amanda "Theo" Jackson** were married on 16 Dec 1891 in Amite County. **"Theo"**, daughter of Stephen Jackson and Amanda Melvina Jenkins, was born on 22 Jun 1858 and died on 31 Mar 1901. Both were buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, MS. Their children were: **Earle Doughty, Ruby Lee, Otho Merritt, and Mary Ellen**
- 1.7.2. **Henry Chance** was born on 7 Oct 1857. He died on 13 Oct 1947 and was buried in Masonic Cemetery, Clinton, LA. He resided in Mississippi and Clinton, LA. **Henry Chance** and **Ella De Courtville Oswald** were married on 28 Jan 1886 in Amite County. **Ella**, daughter of Daniel S "Dan" Oswald and Mary Adeline Perkins, was born on 30 Jul 1862. She died on 5 Oct 1931 and was buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. Their children were: **Hattie Jane, Mary, Samuel Perkins "Sam", Alphas Gholson or Golsen, and Henry Oswald**
- 1.7.3. **Levi Doughty Chance** was born on 6 Sep 1859 and died on 12 Jan 1880 at the residence of G C Rollys, Uvalde, TX. He was buried in Boon Cemetery, Sabinal, TX.
- 1.7.4. **Harriet Jane Chance** was born on 21 Feb 1862 in E Feliciana Par, LA. She died on 25 Aug 1892 in Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish and was buried in Williamsport Cemetery, St Stephens Episcopal Church, near Ennis, LA. **Harriet Jane Chance** and **Stanhope Posey Cain** were married on 29 Dec 1885 in E Feliciana Parish. **Stanhope**, son of Christopher Columbus "Bud" Cain and Martha Gordon "Kay" Maxwell, was born on 11 May 1855 in Amite Co, MS. He died on 27 Jun 1917 in Clinton, LA and was buried there in Rosehill Cemetery. Stanhope resided in Pointe Coupee' Parish, LA. Their children were: **Gordon Dunn, Hattie Willie, and Kenneth Malcolm**

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1.7.5. **Mary Constance "Mamie" Chance** was born on 4 Feb 1864 in E Feliciana Parish and died on 18 Jan 1948 in Uvalde, TX, where he was buried. **Mary** and **Need Byron Pulliam** were married on 26 Nov 1895. **Need** resided in Uvalde, TX. Their children were: **Lenore, Harriet Gladys, Needham Byron, Mary Constance, and Eustace**

1.7.6. **Eleanor Ellen Chance** was born on 18 Nov 1866 and died in 1950. **Eleanor** and **Earnest Platt** were married. **Earnest** resided in Lettsworth, LA.

1.7.7. **Matthew Dunn (Matt) Chance** was born on 16 Jan 1869 in E Feliciana Parish. He died on 19 Dec 1954 in Gloster, MS and was buried there in Roseland Cemetery. **Matthew** and

S Adeline (Addie) Gunby were married on 12 Mar 1908 in Amite County. **S Adeline**, daughter of William Hudson Gunby and Jennette "Jennie" J Perkins, was born in 1869 at Rosehill, Amite Co, MS. She died in 1950 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery. Their child was: **Marion Donald**

1.7.8. **Margaret "Maggie" Chance** was born on 14 Mar 1871 in E Feliciana Parish and died in 1956.

"Maggie" and **Hugh Montgomery Hawthorne** were married. Their child was: **Hugh Montgomery II**

1.7.9. **John M "Little Johnnie" Chance** was born on 28 Mar 1873. He died on 13 Aug 1874 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery I.

1.7.10. **Georgie Chance** was born on 16 Jun 1875 and died on 23 Jan 1918. **Georgie** and **John Beuford Powers** were married. **John** was born on 22 Jan 1909 in Plaquemine, Iberville Parish and died on 10 Oct 1989. Their children were: **Margaret** and **Edith "Baby Sis"**

1.7.11. **Milton Chance** was born on 23 Jul 1878 in E Feliciana Parish and died on 12 Jun 1957. He resided in Chamberlain, W Baton Rouge Parish, LA. **Milton** and **Elvira Janette "Elva" Kent** were married on 25 Sep 1910 in E Feliciana Parish. **Elvira Janette**, daughter of William Carol "Pompey" Kent and Mary Jeannette "Pug" Robins, was born on 30 May 1883 in E Feliciana Parish and died on 9 Jul 1957. Their children were: **Mildred, Milton Carrol, and Wallace Kent**

1.8. **Thomas J Dunn** was born on 3 Nov 1840. He died on 1 Sep 1841 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery III.

1.9. **Elisha Thaddeus "Tad" Dunn** was born in 1843. He died on 8 Feb 1892 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery I, Amite, MS. **Elisha** and **Elizabeth Witherington Dixon** were married on 8 Jun 1871. **Elizabeth**, daughter of Benjamin Franklin Dixon and Jane Elvira Silliman Norwood, was born on 18 Nov 1849 and died on 21 Dec 1931. They had the following children:

1.9.1. **Thomas Andrews Dunn** was born on 20 Jan 1873 and died on 20 Jun 1944 **Thomas** and **(1) Mary O'Malley** were married before 1894. **Mary** was born in 1871 and died in 1906. Their children were: **Mary Elizabeth, Katheine, Ruth Andrews, and Thomas Thaddeus**

Thomas Andrews and **(2) Elizabeth Hannah "Lizzie" Caulfield** were married on 25 Feb 1910 in E Feliciana Parish. **Elizabeth**, daughter of William Perkins Johnson Caulfield and Izabella "Belle" White, was born in 1878 and died in 1974. The had the following child: **Mildred Ione**

1.9.2. **Norwood Dixon Dunn** was born on 21 Oct 1874 and died on 12 Jul 1882.

1.9.3. **George Bunyan Dunn** was born on 5 Apr 1878 and died on 9 Nov 1956. **George** and **(1) Maude Seaman** were married. **Maude** was born on 4 Jan 1880. They had the following child: **Beulah Dunn** **George** and **(2) Dorothy McCaa** were married. They had the following child: **J B Dunn**

1.9.4. **Harriet Jane Dunn** was born on 15 Jan 1881 and died in 1967. **Harriet** and **Charles Edward Bauer** were married in 1899. **Charles** was born on 17 Nov 1859 and died on 25 Jun 1959. Their children were: **Charles Dunn, Marjorie Lucille, Philip Lamar, and William Cecil**

1.10. **Lavinia A B Dunn** was born in 1844 and died in 1850.

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If you have information that you think would be of interest to the society and are willing to share, please snail mail or e-mail the information to the address below.

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