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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular business meeting on February 13, 2016 at 10:00 am in the conference room of the Liberty library. A program on the George A. McGehee family will also be presented.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting

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President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:14 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 12 members attending. Allen Terrell gave the invocation.

Future Meeting Schedule

February 13, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

March 12, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

April 9, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS

May 7, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS

June 11, 2016 — Annual meeting with election of officers in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS

July 2016 — Traditionally the society has not met in July. If this should change, appropriate changes will be made in this schedule.

August 13, 2016 — Regularly monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS

September 10, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS

October 8, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS

November 12, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS

The draft minutes of the November 14, 2015, meeting were taken up. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Ann Huff and seconded by Greg Barron. The motion carried.

President Report:

The Open House on December 5 was a fantastic event with a large group of participants. VP Barron will have more on the event in his report.

Heritage Day will be on May 7, 2016. The society needs to begin planning soon for this event. Pres. Taylor's initial thoughts are to focus on having a genealogy research table as the primary society effort.

Vice President Report:

VP Barron thanked everyone who helped with the preparations and the activities of the Open House at the William Gardner house on December 5. There were about 325 attendees in addition to the volunteers working that day.

The Lee-Jackson Banquet sponsored by the Stockdale Rangers SCV Camp will be held on January 16, 2016, at the Tangipahoa Baptist Church beginning about 6:30 pm. The SCV will provide the primary meat dishes and at-

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tendeers should bring a covered dish of vegetables, casseroles, or desserts. The event is otherwise free to all. There will be both a speaker and a band featured.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported we have \$11,417.86 as balance on hand. Wayne Anderson made a motion to approve the report; Greg Barron seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary Report: No report.

Pres. Taylor interjected an addendum to her report reminding members that if they don't have a membership ID badge (the clip-on stiff plastic type), notify Pres. Taylor so that she can see that badges are made. We would like for all members to wear ID badges at meetings and society events.

COMMITTEES:

Little Red Schoolhouse Committee: The LRSH has gotten a bit cluttered with materials out-of-place. We need to have a work day to get materials re-filled and otherwise put back in place and need to do a bit of cleaning, particularly on the 2nd floor. It was suggested that interior work on the files be done following the February meeting and any outside work done after the March meeting, weather permitting.

Old Business: None

New Business: There have been several Confederate soldiers identified that (probably) died in the War but who were not listed on the Confederate Monument next to the Presbyterian Church. The society would like to see if anyone would like to assist in researching those names and any others that might have been overlooked with the intent of ultimately adding an additional marker near the monument to list the additional names.

Other Business: None

Announcements:

VP Barron made an announcement of an event not sponsored by or affiliated with the ACHGS. There will be a rally in Jackson on January 19

in support of the current state flag which was adopted in 1894. The rally will begin about 10:00 am on the south side of the Capitol in Jackson; about midday several speakers will be featured.

President Taylor reported that a tentative date of March 5 has been set for a clean-up day at Rodney. Several members has participated in this project in the past and a group will likely go up this year. (After the meeting but before these minutes were drafted, Pres. Taylor was informed the date of the clean-up has been rescheduled to April 2.)

James Allen Causey reported that he had recently attended a reunion of his military unit at the World War II Museum in New Orleans. The museum extends invitations to groups such as the society for arranging group tours of the museum if we should ever want to plan a field trip.

David Dreyer announced that on February 26 Natchez will host an event featuring Bill Farris at 9:00 am, a program on Colonial Natchez at 11:30 am, and possibly a presentation by author and Natchez resident Greg Iles.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Members, friends, Amite County researchers and George A. McGehee family members are invited to attend the Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society meeting on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 10 AM in the Liberty library meeting room.

"Early 20th century life of an Amite County family: musings of a granddaughter."

A 1980s recording by Robert G. McGehee of Annie McGehee Simpson provides the framework of a portrait of George Addis McGehee and Josephine Amazon Cotten McGehee.

Cousin Annie who lived with her grandparents at the turn of the 20th century reflects on the work and family life. The presentation by Trish McGehee Sargent is based on the recording and collected stories of other family members who knew them and loved Amite County.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

GEORGE A. MCGEHEE Family

George Addison McGehee, the son of **Mumford McGehee** and **Sarah Ann Wilkin-son**, was born on 1 Jan 1842 in Amite Co, MS and died there on 4 Jan 1924. His paternal grandparents were George McGehee and Rebecca Buckholtz and his maternal grandparents were Daniel Wilkinson and Mary L Langford. His paternal great-grandparents were Samuel V McGehee and Olivia Muse and his maternal great-grandparents were Samuel McGehee Jr and Sarah Elizabeth "Sallie" Ferguson.

George was an educator and religious leader whose career is said to have begun at the age of 11 when he taught his first pupil, a slave carriage driver, to read. His first school was the New Zion school, where he boarded in the home of Doc Sharp. The next was Hebron, where he boarded with Cecil Parker. When his parents moved to California in 1853, he lived with his grandmother in Amite County. After their return, he moved to Natchez with his parents and attended the Natchez Institute and graduated from Oakland Presbyterian College, Alcorn, MS.

George cast his first vote against secession, and in April volunteered under the Liberty Guards, Co. E. 22nd Miss, organized in the town of Liberty April 29th, 1861 with Samuel J. W. Nix elected captain. July 25, 1861. George was a Corporal CSA in 1861 and on April 6, 1862 he was in the Battle of Shiloh, Company going in with 68 men and having 35 killed and wounded. He was wounded at Shiloh, having an arm broken, and at Corinth, a flesh wound in his right arm. He was a Sgt in 1863 and was taken prisoner July 5, 1864 and taken to Camp Douglas near Chicago where he was released by taking the oath on June 16, 1865 (Over eleven months)

George Addison McGehee and Josephine Amazon Cotten were married on 4 Jan 1866 in Amite County. **Josephine Amazon Cotten**, daughter of Asa B Cotten and Demarius McGehee, was born on 29 Nov 1847 in Amite County and died in Liberty on 5 Apr 1920. Both were buried in Liberty Cemetery, All their children were born in the Liberty area. Their children were::

1. Joseph Addison McGehee was born on 11 Sep 1866. He died on 17 Aug 1867 and was buried in Samuel McGehee Cemetery.

2. Leila Olivia McGehee was born on 10 Dec 1868 and died on 8 Apr 1932. **Leila Olivia McGehee** and **Samuel Hansford "Red Neck Sam" McGehee** were married on 26 May 1887. **Samuel Hansford** was born on 8 Jun 1851 in Amite County, where he died on 23 May 1911. Both were buried in Parker Cemetery. Their children were: **Kenner A, Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" , Josephine Amazon "Amie" , George Addison, Maggie Lelia, Hiram M, Robert Morton, Cornelia (Cornie) , Samuel Hansford "SH", Jr, Ace C, Mamie Marie**

3. Thomas Samuel McGehee was born on 2 Jan 1870 and died on 23 Jul 1952 in Pineville, LA. **Thomas Samuel McGehee** and **Mary Adeline "Addie" Temple** were married on 23 Dec 1890 in Wesson, MS. **Mary Adeline Temple** was born on 3 Oct 1869 in Franklin Co, MS and died on 26 Mar 1934 in Baton Rouge. Both were buried in Liberty

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Cemetery. They had the following children: **Annie Bell, Lillian Louetta, Abner Leroy, Ettace Cornelia, Carey Columbus, Ethel Mary, Hiram Temple**

4. Sarah Frances "Fannie" McGehee was born on 3 Oct 1871 and died on 4 Nov 1939 in Amite County. **Sarah Frances McGehee** and **Julius Scott Nunnery** were married on 12 Dec 1899 in Amite County. **Julius Scott Nunnery** was born on 17 Mar 1873 in Amite County and died on 3 Feb 1957 in Greenwood, MS. Both were buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery.. They had the following child: **Irma McGehee**

5. John Clinton McGehee was born on 25 Aug 1873 and died on 11 Feb 1949 in Veterans Hospital, Gulfport, MS. **John Clinton McGehee** and **Adella Mourning "Della" Gardner** were married on 28 Sep 1899 in Amite County. **Adella Mourning Gardner** was born on 1 Jul 1877 in Amite County and died on 28 May 1951 in Liberty. Both were buried in Liberty Cemetery. They had the following children: **Ruth, Ruby Etta, Clinton, Winnie, Dolly, Mary, James Marion "Jim", Ivy, Bettie, Clara Barton, George Addison II**

6. George Hiram McGehee was born on 5 Aug 1875 and died on 12 Aug 1940. **George Hiram McGehee** and **Ellen Keller "Nellie" McElwee** were married on 24 Dec 1896 in Jackson, E Feliciana Parish. **Ellen Keller McElwee** was born on 21 Feb 1880 and died on 12 Jan 1942. Both died in Magnolia and were buried in Liberty Cemetery. They had the following children: **Harry Addison, Josephine Eleanor "Lena", Hugh Clinton, Shirley, Myrtis Isabel, Mayme Bates, Mary Ellen, Alwyn (Alvin) Bennett "Boots", Van Craig, Tommie Lamar, George Randall, Rita Stuart, Van Craig, Arthur Wesley**

7. Cornelia Marguerite McGehee was born on 4 Oct 1877 and died there on 30 Oct 1945. **Cornelia Marguerite McGehee** and **Joseph Kenner Harvey** were married on 16 Sep 1897 in Liberty. **Joseph Kenner Harvey** was born on 2 Feb 1876 in MS and died on 28 Sep 1943 in Liberty. Both were buried in Liberty Cemetery. They had the following children: **Reba Inez, Early Gray, George McGehee, Elijah Thomas "ET", Marjorie Josephine "Margie", Thelma Geneva, Alice Day, James Kenner, Jr, Elizabeth Cornelia, Byron Alvin "Sonny"**

8. William Jacob Buckholtz "Jake" McGehee was born on 19 Aug 1879 and died on 9 Nov 1971 in Amite County. **William Jacob Buckholtz McGehee** and **Ella Williams** were married on 23 Nov 1902 in Gillsburg. **Ella Williams** was born on 8 Apr 1883 in Gillsburg and died there on 9 Jan 1946. Both were buried in Old Gillsburg Cemetery.. They had the following children: **Gladys, Cade Drew, Robbie Lee, George A, Dorothy Laura, William Davis, Virginia Helen**

9. Mary Estelle McGehee was born on 16 Aug 1881 in Liberty and died there on 20 Nov 1936. **Mary Estelle McGehee** and **Benjamin Franklin "Ben" Butler** were married on 7 Oct 1913 in Liberty. **Benjamin Franklin Butler** was born on 15 Aug 1872 at Zion Hill and died on 5 Apr 1961 in Gainesville, FL. Both were buried in Liberty Cemetery. They had the following children: **Benjamin Harris, George Bergen, Mary Elizabeth, Josie Nell**

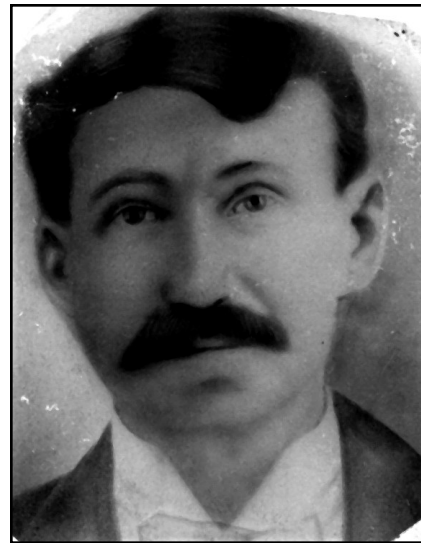
10. Edward Charles McGehee MD was born on 11 Sep 1886 and died on 22 Dec 1949. **Edward Charles McGehee MD** and **Ola Berryhill** were married on 22 Dec 1907 in Amite County. **Ola Berryhill**, was born on 13 Feb 1888 in Merwin, near Gloster and died on 30 Jun 1984. Both died and were buried in Ashland, KY. They had the following children: **Mary Josephine, Hattie Louise, Mildred Clare**

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11. Dr Robert Marshall McGehee was born on 11 Sep 1888 and died on 11 Dec 1977 in McComb. **Dr Robert Marshall McGehee** and **Wessie Eula Brumfield** were married on 29 Jun 1920 in Tylertown. Both were buried in Liberty Cemetery. They had the following children: **Dr Ralph Marshall, Rev Joseph Albert, Rev Vernon Brumfield, Rev Robert Grafton**

1.12. **Rev James Henry McGehee** was born on 12 Sep 1890 and died on 2 Aug 1977 in McComb,, MS. **Rev James Henry McGehee** and **Sarah Scott Epperson** were married on 29 May 1918 in Clarksville, TN. **Sarah Scott Epperson** was born on 2 Sep 1893/4 in Clarksville, TN and died on 22 Sep 1976 in McComb. They had the following children: **William Bringhurst, Lulu Bringhurst**



WHO ARE THEY?

Although I don't usually post images here since they don't copy well for the newsletters that are sent in printed form, I'm making an exception here. (I need to fill some space.) Both of these images were scanned from larger photos that were in the possession of my uncle, Leon Bryant, at the time of his death. There is no ID on the photos. It has been suggested (by a Whittington) that the photo on the left may be of a Whittington man and wife. I've had no one speculate on the other. If you have any idea as to who these people might be (based on something more than a wild guess, please), contact me via the postal or email addresses below and let me know. Thanks.

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