



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be a brief business meeting on May 7, 2016 at 8:30 am in the conference room of the Liberty library. The only business will be the submittal of the Nominating Committee's recommendation of the slate of officers for the election at the June meeting. Heritage Day activities will follow.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Draft

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 16 members attending. Bert Blalock gave the invocation at Pres. Taylor's request.

The draft minutes of the March 12, 2016, meeting were taken up. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gay Blalock and seconded by Frances Phares. The motion carried.

Future Meeting Schedule

May 7, 2016 — Brief meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS, with Heritage Day activities to follow.

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.

December 3, 2016 — Annual Open House. Details to be announced.

President Report:

Nancy Martin has been appointed Chair of the Nominations Committee with Jim Freeman and Mary Ann Gerhardt continuing as members of the committee. Anyone wishing to nominate candidates for society offices for the next fiscal year should communicate that information to Nancy before May 7th.

There will be a brief business meeting in the conference room of the Liberty Library at 8:30 am on May 7th prior to commencement of Heritage Day activities to finalize/close the nominations and set the slate of candidates for the election of officers for the next fiscal year.

For Heritage Day on May 7th genealogy researchers will be on hand to in the conference room of the Liberty Library from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm to share their Amite County Family research and assist new researchers to get started. Eva Frances Dixon Phares is heading up this effort. Volunteers are needed to give

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tours of the Little Red Schoolhouse and to share genealogy research. Well known Amite County historian and former ACHAGS President Joey Wall will have his collection of "scrapbooks" available also.

Vice President Report: VP Greg Barron had no report

Secretary Report: Sect. Wayne Anderson was not present.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave the Treasurer's report. Due to lack of activity, the current account balance for the society remains at \$11,269.97. Sue Severson made motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Mary Ann Gerhardt seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEES: No reports,.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: Pres. Taylor announced the receipt of the copy of a Xerox copy of the Archibald (Buchanan) Steel family papers, dating from 1830-1897, currently archived at LSU. It includes a copy of his store ledger - listing many familiar Amite County names. We hope to have these papers in shape for sharing on May 7th.

Announcements: Mrs. Frances Phares shared that she had served as tour guide to Lisa Roark Haner and her family from North Carolina as they visited Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Little Red Schoolhouse. They have Amite County roots. Mrs. Roark is interested in contacting anyone who might have information on the families of Thomas Jefferson Roark and his wife Jane E. Forrest Roark or their son Eldridge Waldo Roark and his wife Nancy Jane Coventry Roark.

The meeting adjourned to the program at 10:24 am. Sue and Ralph Severson presented the Amite County Family Bible archive they are compiling and information about the www.familysearch.org website. The program closed at 11:15.

From the *Southern Herald* April 23, 2016

Heritage Day, May 7, Amite Historical & Genealogical Society members and friends will welcome researchers and visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the library meeting room and Little Red Schoolhouse.

Amite County family researchers, who have books, booklets, papers and other memorabilia, are requested to be present at 9:00 a. m. for the setup.

Don't miss these opportunities - beginners to begin their family tree and others to add to their family tree. You will have a chance to share with others the rich history of Amite County and see what is happening in The Little Red Schoolhouse.

Contributions

If members have information they would like to contribute, please feel free to offer it by contacting me at one of the addresses shown in the box on page 2. I will not be able to accept/use just anything submitted. If information is sent by e-mail, it must be in the body of the message, in a *MS Word* document, or in a PDF document. If images of documents are sent they must be in JPG format so that I can attempt to convert them to text via an optical character reading application. If information is sent by postal mail, it should be in typewritten text, not handwritten, and should be a copy that doesn't have to be returned. Since about half our members receive the newsletter by print copy and the copying process will not adequately display photos, I cannot illustrate text write-ups. If photos are sent, do so only by electronic files in JPG format but don't assume the photos will appear in the newsletter. Photos sent in this manner may sometimes be put on the society's Facebook group page if they are likely to have wide appeal. I realize these criteria may prevent the sharing of some information; however, I must place some limits on the amount of time I devote to the newsletter each month since I have other projects including another monthly newsletter that I work on periodically.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

This month we go back 98 years to May 3, 1918, to see what was happening as reported in the *Southern Herald*.



World War I was raging in Europe so page one was mostly war-related. For example:



THREE MILLION MEN ARE BADLY NEEDED	AMERICANS HOLD HUNS FROM PARIS
GREAT BRITAIN TELLS UNITED STATES PRESENT PLANS FOR SOLDIERS INSUFFICIENT.	THE FRENCH BATTERIES UNDER HEAVY FIRE TAKEN OVER BY FRESH AMERICAN TROOPS.
PRESIDENT IS CONCERNED	ANXIOUS TO GET IN ACTION
Administration Is Combing Seas for Vessels to Transport Required Troops to France—Italians Are Asked for Bottoms.	Confident They Will Give Good Account of Selves When the Huns Attempt a Drive—Occupy Rolling Terrain.

WILL DRAFT MEN AS THEY REACH 21	DISCONTENT GROWS BEHIND HUN LINES
LAST YEAR'S AVAILABLES WILL BE CALLED FIRST—TO REGISTER MEN REACHING 21.	TEUTON PEOPLES ARE WEARY OF WAR BURDEN AND RULERS ARE QUARRELING.

OUR BOYS "OVER THERE" ENJOY TOASTED CIGARETTES.

Through the patriotism of the citizens of this country thousands of smoke kits are being distributed to American soldiers in France. Authorities agree that men in the trenches need cigarettes almost as much as food and munitions.

Doctors, nurses, and commanding officers all join in the demand which has awakened in this country a great movement to keep our boys supplied with smokes.

Millions of the famous LUCKY STRIKE Cigarettes are "going over" all the time. There's something about the idea of the *toasted* cigarette that appeals to the men who spend their time in cold, wet trenches and billets.

Then, too, the real Kentucky Burley tobacco of the LUCKY STRIKE cigarette gives them the solid satisfaction of a pipe, with a lot less trouble. Adv.

At left is an advertisement for cigarettes masquerading as a news article about which cigarette brand is enjoyed by soldiers.

At right is ad for a patent medicine which uses the same advertising method. Shown is the headline hierarchy and an illustration to grab attention; a moderately lengthy article followed below the illustration.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

HURRY, MOTHER! REMOVE POISONS FROM LITTLE STOMACH, LIVER, BOWELS.

GIVE CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS AT ONCE IF BILIOUS OR CONSTIPATED.



Below are two more patent medicine ads disguised as articles

PROVEN SWAMP-ROOT AIDS WEAK KIDNEYS

The symptoms of kidney and bladder troubles are often very distressing and leave the system in a run-down condition. The kidneys seem to suffer most, as almost every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to more dangerous kidney troubles.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root which, so many people say, soon heals and strengthens the kidneys, is a splendid kidney, liver and bladder medicine, and, being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed in most cases by those who use it.

A trial will convince anyone who may be in need of it. Better get a bottle from your nearest drug store, and start treatment at once.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

THIS WOMAN SAVED FROM AN OPERATION

By taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, One of Thousands of Such Cases.

Black River Falls, Wis.—"As Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved me from an operation, I cannot say enough in praise of it. I suffered from organic troubles and my side hurt me so I could hardly get up from my bed, and I was unable to do my housework. I had the best doctors in Eau Claire and they wanted me to have an operation, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me so I did not need the operation, and I am telling all my friends about it"—Mrs. A. W. BINSER, Black River Falls, Wis.

It is just such experiences as that of Mrs. Binzer that has made this famous root and herb remedy a household word from ocean to ocean. Any woman who suffers from inflammation, ulceration, displacements, backache, nervousness, irregularities or "the blues" should not rest until she has given it a trial, and for special advice write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.



Then there are the small block ads that say very little.

Boys and Girls Clear Your Skin With Cuticura
Soap 25c. Ointment 25 and 50c.

WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC

Sold for 50 Years. FOR MALARIA, CHILLS AND FEVER. Also a Fine General Strengthening Tonic. At All Drug Stores.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
A toilet preparation of merit. Helps to eradicate dandruff. For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray or Faded Hair. 50c. and \$1.00 at Druggists.

DROPSY TREATMENT. Gives quick relief. Soaps removes swelling and short breath. Never heard of its equal for dropsy. Try it. Trial treatment sent FREE by mail. Write to DR. THOMAS E. GREEN, Bank Bldg., Box 20, WATSWORTH, GA.

Success, Power You lead, others follow. Be a leader. Particulars free. Educational Information Bureau, 201 W. 162nd St., New York

Annual Membership Contribution
Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society
PO Box 2
Liberty, MS 39645

Check or circle choice

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

All contributions are tax-deductible.

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

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Telephone(s): _____

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:

- Archives Membership Programs Newsletter Other (specify):

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