

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 regular business meeting at 10:00 am on August 13, 2016, in the conference room of the Liberty Library. A program on "The Great Sweet Potato Raid" will follow the business session (see details on page 2).

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the June 11, 2016 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:19 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 9 members attending. Greg Barron gave the invocation.

Future Meeting 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.

January 14, 2017 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

February 11, 2017 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. Field trip to grave of Col. Thomas Hinds in Jefferson Co. following meeting.

March 11, 2017 — Field trip to New Orleans to visit Chalmette Battlefield and other sites.

April 8, 2017 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

May 6, 2017 — Heritage Day. Society activities to be announced. No regular meeting.

President Report:

The society had a good day on Heritage Day.

The Bethany book compiled by Frances Phares has been reprinted.

Vice President Report: VP Barron reported the following field trip and event plans:

Arrangements have been made for interested members to visit the Hughes house following the meeting.

In the fall, the society will visit a slave cemetery on Greensburg Road; the slaves buried there are not documented and attempt will be made to see if any can be identified.

On February 11, 2017, a field trip to visit the grave site of Colonel Thomas Hinds, Commander of Hinds Dragoons in the War of 1812 under which a number of Amite Countians served. The grave is in Jefferson County.

On March 11, 2017, the society will take a bus trip (all day affair) to visit the Chalmette Battlefield area (War of 1812) where Hinds Dragoons fought the British. After lunch visits to Jackson Square and the St. Louis Cathedral are planned.

In December 2017, the society Open House will be held at the Amite County Courthouse. Plans are being made to have a ceremony officially dedicating a historical monument to the Amite

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Countians who participated in the War of 1812.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave the Treasurer's report. The current account balance for the society is \$11,497.27. It was unclear who made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and who seconded. The motion carried.

The draft minutes of the brief May 7, 2016, meeting were taken up. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg Barron and seconded by Gay Blalock. The motion carried.

COMMITTEES: The Little Red Schoolhouse had one visitor, a Mrs. Robinson, who was interested in Black History.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Announcements:

Gay Blalock acknowledged the donation to the society of framed copy on the Constitution dating to the 1940s.

The SCV Camp in Crystal Springs will be putting on a living history exhibition at the McRaven House in Vicksburg on June 25.

The meeting was paused while the annual election of officers (counting of ballots) could be completed. A total of 59 ballots were cast; all incumbents were returned to office for another year.

The meeting adjourned to the program at 11:35 am.

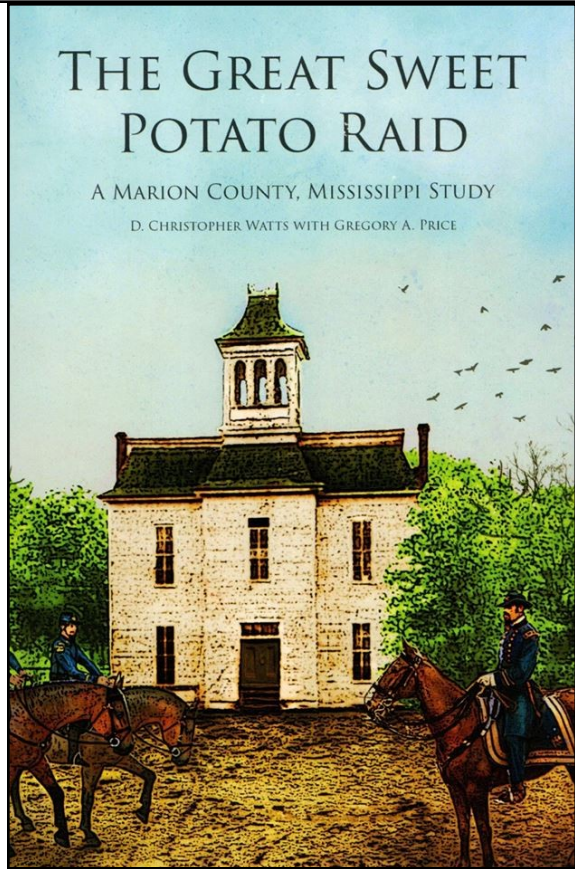
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→ **Important Notice** ←

To all members with books from the LRSB Library:

Please return all books in your possession to Greg Barron by the time of the August 13 meeting. These books need to be properly tagged and inventoried.

August Program



Society member Jim Freeman has arranged for Chris Watts to come and present a program on his new book The Great Sweet Potato Raid. He will have his books for sale at the meeting! They are \$25.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

While browsing some old copies of the Southern Herald newspaper on the "Chronicling America" web site sponsored by the Library of Congress I ran across an issue that raised a matter of history that I'd never heard about. Apparently in the late 1800s, although the county was divided into districts much as it is today, the Board of Supervisors did not assume responsibility for maintaining all the public roads in the county. I have not been able to determine which roads the supervisors did maintain, the following article appears to show that certain roads were kept up by the local residents according to a published list of responsible parties and the portions of the roads assigned to each. While this will obviously not be of interest to everyone with respect to road information it presents, it does provide a long list of residents living in the county on the publication date of April 2, 1887. Some of you might find it interesting to review the names for those of your ancestors. Other items are from the same issue.

Amite County Road Overseers.
MARCH 1887 TO MARCH 1888.

District No. 1.

Public Road No. 1. H M Faust, overseer; commencing at girdle of town of Liberty and ending at Rocky Springs.

2. Frank Thompson; Rocky Sp's to top hill beyond McMillan bridge.
3. C M Day; top hill beyond McMillan bridge to Hollis lane.
4. J V Day; W H Montgomery's to Holmesville road
5. G F Jones; forks road at F C Harrington's to T W McGeehee place
6. Marshall Gray; T W McGeehee place to district line
7. T M Fleming; Meadville road to Canady's creek
8. Zub Andrews; Canady's creek to Franklin county line
9. J E Nunnery; G B Whittington's to cross roads at J A Jenkins'
10. D W Jones; Summit road east Zion Hill church to center Reeves bridge
11. T R Beall; center Reeves bridge to Meadville road
12. J B Jenkins; Meadville road to Jackson road
13. Marcus Dunn; cross roads at J A Jenkins' to 3 mile post
13. J B Ternipseed; 3 mile post to girdle town of Liberty
14. W Z Lea, Jr; girdle town of Liberty to 5 mile post
15. W F Love; 5 mile post to Lowry's creek
16. M A Brashears; Jackson road to center Chandler bridge
17. T H Dixon; G B Van Norman's to 3 mile post
18. Chas Hinson; Zion Hill road to 5 mile post

18. Iverson Day; 5 mile post to Gardner's gate
19. W A Lea; district line to I G Lea's
20. S Gardner; Chandler bridge to Lowry creek
21. Robt Smiley; 3 mile post to Lowry's creek
22. T J Webb; 3 mile post to girdle town of Liberty
23. A H Webb; Summit road east Brumfield lane to Bates mill
24. C D Causey; center Travis bridge to 3 mile post
25. W H Causey; 3 mile post to girdle town of Liberty
26. F G Wren; girdle town of Liberty to 5 mile post
27. W F Easley; 5 mile post to center Hurst bridge
28. S C Weathersby; Batchelor bridge to top hill near Mrs R Cox's
29. Allen Drummond; top hill near Mrs R Cox's to W L Davis place
30. John Davis; W L Davis place to Neilson place
31. Wm Maxwell; girdle town of Liberty to 3 mile post
32. Anderson Bates; 3 mile post to top hill north Z P Butler's
33. Louis Dixon; top hill north Z P Butler's to Woodville & Osyka road
34. C C Faust; forks Clinton and Woodville road to center Mill creek bridge
35. D B Kinabrew; intersection old Woodville road to center Mill creek bridge, and Clinton road from new Liberty and Woodville to old Liberty and Woodville road
36. E C Cain; Natchez road near G M Brashears to Joe Nunnery place
37. David Taylor; E A Bates apple orchard to Green Lea old place
38. T Brabham; Green Lea old place to Greensburg & Liberty road
39. J N Barwick; Dr Butler's to edge swamp east pie nie grounds near Louis McGeehee's

40. O D Newman; Jno Nunnery, Jr, place to Jackson road
41. K L Butler; Natchez road to Bates bridge

District No. 2.

Public Road No. 1. Tobell Hughes, overseer; commencing at intersection old Liberty and Woodville road and ending at creek Dr Jackson's lane

2. J C Causey; Dr Jackson's lane to center Beaver creek bridge
3. W H Nelson; center Beaver creek bridge to 14 mile board
- 4-4. C D Wren; 14 mile board to Wilkinson county line, Midway church to Wilkinson county line, Bayou Sara road to Wilkinson line
5. E F Anderson; old Centreville to 50 mile board
6. Isaac Haynes; Midway church to Mrs McElwee's
7. Alfred Simmons; old Liberty and Woodville road to 6 mile board on Clinton road
8. W R Callendar; 6 mile board to Osyka road
9. C A Young; McElwee ditch to state line
10. A W Jones; Liberty and Clinton road to old Lake road
11. D F Dixon; old Lake road to Osyka road
12. C N Street; center Batchelor bridge to McElwee ditch
13. P P McCoy; McElwee ditch to Rocky hill at forks Jackson and Woodville road
14. E S McCoy; Rocky hill to Rose Hill
15. V V Cardwell; Rose Hill to State line
16. R D J Smith; forks road at Rocky hill to Hudson's old store
17. Jas Anderson; Hudson's old store to Liberty and Woodville road near old Centreville

18. W I Causey; precinct line to Dr Jackson's

19. S A McElwee; Dr Jackson's to Liberty and Jackson road

20. Alex Kirkland; Oayka road to Clinton road

21. Thos Crawford; near Bethany Institute to Jackson road

22. Norwood Smith; Jackson road near Rose Hill to Clinton road near State line

District No. 3.

Public Road No. 1. J C Anders, overseer; commencing at Liberty and Gloster road and ending at J C Anders place

2. Robt Foreman; J Day's place to 15 mile board

3. R Stubbs; 15 mile board to county line

4. R C McManus; county line to Hollis lane

5. E T Toler; Gardner's gate to Perry Johnson's sign board

6. John Cox; Perry Johnson's sign board to Ratcliff's lane

7. Austin Jones; Claughton's old place to forks road near L C Byrd's

8. Wm Parker; Claig's hill to McNeil's road

9. A J McDowell; Baker's hill to Wilson road

10. T J Dye; J Jackson place to Gloster City

11. D W Lusk; J C Anders place to J Day's place

12. W L Whittington; J M Whittington's to Foreman's mill

13. Polk Talbert; Foreman's mill to Natchez road

14. C A Porter; Drummonds mill to 9 mile board

15. H L VanNorman; 3 mile post to Drummonds mill

16. W L Caston; Beaver creek to Natchez road

17. T D Jenkins; Merwin to Beaver creek

18. Arthur Jackson; 9 mile board to H H Ratcliff lane

19. J B Reese; Gloster City to Baker's hill

20. Douglas Day; McNeil road to Wilson Ferry and McNeil road

21. T D Mayhall; Merwin to Pool bridge

22. R H Jackson; J Day's old place to W H Montgomery place

23. Dempsey Whittington; Bunkley ferry road to King ferry road

24. W A Wilkinson; Kahnville to Gloster

25. S A Oneal; river bridge to Gloster

26. R L Clark; Natchez road to Natchez road

27. Louis Ratcliff; Ratcliff lane to Gloster

28. D Hutchinson; county line to Brushy creek

29. J S Crumb; Brushy creek to Wilson road

30. H Walker; Gloster City to county line

District No. 4.

Public Road No. 1. J T Cockerham, overseer; commencing center Chandler bridge and ending half mile west Mrs Mary Butler's place

2. T J Gordon; half mile west Mrs Butler's to forks road near Dr Spurlock's place

3. Jas Powell; forks road near Dr Spurlock's to Pike county line

4. J H Wilson; forks road near Dr Spurlock's to Pike county line

5. C J Everett; B M Wilson place to Pike county line

6. H B Butler; center Marsalis bridge to B M Wilson place

7. J D Denman; center Marsalis bridge to Jackson road

8. Joe Mingo; Lowry's creek to 11 mile post

9. J L McKnight; 11 mile post to Dickey creek

10. J H Parsons; Dickey creek to Pumpkin Patch creek

11. T G Johnson; Pumpkin Patch creek to Lincoln county line

12. L H Garner; center Dixon bridge to Garner's creek

13. T N Jackson; Garner's creek to Pike county line

14. D McMillan; J D McDowell's to Spurlock place

15. W R McDowell; center Dixon bridge to 13 mile post

16. Wm Young; 13 mile post to C Young's place

17. T R Burris; W J Marsalis place to Arnold bayou

18. J J Wilson; Marsalis place to Summit road

19. W H Baden; Arnold's bayou to Lincoln county line

20. S C McMorris; Lincoln county line to Pike county line

21. S J Westbrook; C Young's place to district line

22. E C Cockerham; Summit road to center Hominy creek bridge

23. J H Moore; Jackson road to district line

24. D C Wilson; T L Moore place to Ike bayou

25. J E Kirkland; Ike bayou to Summit road

26. W C Hughey; edge swamp east picnic grounds to Jackson road

27. J Garner; Greensburg road to 14 mile post

28. W B Sudduth; Liberty and Meadville road to half mile west Mrs Moore's place

29. W D Reynolds; Jackson road to Summit road

District No. 5.

Public Road No. 1. I. Varnado, overseer; commencing at forks road near Wilson fields at ending at Lea's creek

2. N Q Easley; Lea's creek to county line

3. M N Bond; forks road near Lea's creek to Mrs Easley's

4. Eli McDaniel; cherry tree near



Mrs Enasley's to county line
 5. W H Bates; center Travis bridge to forks road near Wilson fields
 6. S Mixon; forks road near Wilson fields to branch near C J Naul's
 7. I F Waller; branch near C J Naul's to Wilson mail box
 8. Z T Travis; Wilson mail box to 200 yards west 17 mile board
 9. R F Williams, Jr; 200 yards west 17 mile board to Breeland place
 9j. Jerry Newman; Breeland place to county line
 10. John Hurst; 20 mile board to Breeland place
 11. J M Wall; center Hurst bridge to pinewoods pond
 12. John Stewart; pinewoods pond to center Hurricane creek bridge
 13. J N Tate; center Hurricane bridge to center Tickfaw bridge
 14. J H Walker; center Tickfaw bridge to 20 mile board
 15. M Been; Osyka road near Mrs Stewart's to State line
 16. J Carraway; Osyka road to Magnolia road
 17. C L McCoy; Travis old place to Williams old place
 18. M T Andrews; center Hominy creek bridge to Obed Mixon's gate
 19. J T Branch; Mixon's gate to first hill east F M Carter's house
 20. M F Mixon; first hill east F M Carter's house to county line

21. W L Naul; corporation Gilbertburg to State line
 22. C L Guy; 14 mile board to county line

I received the following in an email. I'm passing it on in case there's interest. I cannot vouch for the usefulness of this publication or for the authors or publishing company.

My co-author Rhonda Clark and I wanted to let you know that we have just published a new book called *Fostering Family History Services: A Guide for Librarians, Archivists, and Volunteers*. This is not a how-to genealogy title, rather a guide for those of us who work with other genealogists. A variety of topics are covered including how to conduct a genealogical reference interview, planning programming, oral history projects, dealing with old photographs, providing good collection access, digitization projects, and more. This is the first book to cover this subject.

Further information on the book can be found online. A short video explaining how this writing project began can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/fosteringfamilyhistoryservices/>
 A review from Library Journal is here: <http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2016/05/books/nonfic/soc-sci/professional-media-social-sciences-reviews-june-1-2016/>

Excerpts can be found both on Amazon and Google Books. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Thanks for your kind attention,
 Nicole (Nicole Wedemeyer Miller)

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