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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular business meeting on **October 14, 2017 at 10:00 am** in the Little Red School House.

Future Meeting Schedule

Note: *Time of regular meetings is 10:00 am unless otherwise specified.*

October 14, 2017 — Regular monthly meeting at the Little Red School House.

November 11, 2017 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

December 2, 2017 — Open House at Amite County Courthouse, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

January 13, 2018 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

February 10, 2018 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

March 10, 2018 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

April 14, 2018 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

May 5, 2018 — Heritage Day. Details TBA.

June 9, 2018 — Annual Meeting with election of officers. Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

July, 2018 — No meeting unless scheduled by Executive Committee.

August 11, 2018 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

September 8, 2018 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

October 13, 2018 — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the September 9, 2017 meeting

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Due to the absence of most of the Executive Officers and the field trip at Camp Moore, no business meeting was held.

Contributions to Newsletter

Society members and other newsletter readers who have stories, family information, or other information that might be of interest relative to Amite County history or genealogy are encouraged to share through the newsletter. Contact this editor and I will send you the instructions for how to submit your contribution.

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BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

DESCENDANTS OF REVEREND THOMAS MERCER

BEGIN PART 3. (SEE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS FOR PARTS 1 AND 2.)

1.5.2. **Reason Mercer** was born on 17 Oct 1813 in Amite Co, MS.

1.5.3. **Levi Mercer** was born on 20 Jul 1815 in Amite Co, MS.

1.5.4. **Elijah G Mercer** was born on 20 Mar 1819 in Amite Co, MS. Elijah was in the Battle of San Jacinto. **Elijah G Mercer** and **Jamima Heard** were married. **Jamima Heard** was the daughter of William J E Heard and Jamima Menefee.

1.5.5. **Teressa Mercer** was born on 21 Feb 1922 in Amite Co, MS.

1.5.6. **Lettelia Mercer** was born on 1 Dec 1827 in Amite Co, MS.

Eli Mercer and **Sarah S Menefee**, were married after Jan 1855 in TX. **Sarah S Menefee** died on 7 Dec 1872 in Egypt, TX. Probate records of Colorado Co, TX, Book D, p 160

1.6. **Asa Simmons Mercer** was born in 1792. Conflict birth date. He died in Mar 1850 in Fayette Co, TX. Jan 1, 1820 ordained to ministry at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Amite Co, MS.

In 1826 the Salem Baptist Church was constituted, near the spot where the town of Magnolia is located. The founders of this church were Rev Charles Felder, Rev Asa Mercer and Rev Shadrack Coker. Per History of Pike County, by Luke Ward Conerly, p 107.

Asa Simmons Mercer and **(1) Lucy Griffin** were married on 13 Jun 1811 in Amite Co, MS. **Lucy Griffin** was the daughter of Ferdinand "Furney" Griffin. **Asa Simmons Mercer** and **(2) Mary "Polly" Jackson** were married on 24 Jun 1832. **Mary "Polly" Jackson**, daughter of Isaac Jackson and Ann "Nancy" Richardson, was born in 1785 and died after 1860 in Amite Co, MS. .

1.7. **Raney Mercer** and **Mary Grinage** were married on 17 Apr 1817.

1.8. **Annis Mercer**

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1.9. **Martha "Patsy" Mercer** and Adam Kounce were married on 3 Dec 1806 in Wilkinson Co, MS. Book A, p 272 **Adam Kounce** was born (date unknown).

Rev Thomas Mercer and **(2) Elizabeth Jackson** were married on 11 Feb 1807 in Wilkinson Co, MS. **Elizabeth Jackson** was the daughter of Reuben Jackson and Susannah Richardson. Elizabeth was the widow of Mr Rollins of Wilkinson Co. Thomas Mercer and Elizabeth Jackson had the following children:

1.10. **James Isaac (Jackson) Mercer** was born on 14 Oct 1816 in Amite Co, MS. He died on 11 Aug 1854 and was buried in Palmer Cemetery, Ellis Co, TX. **James Isaac (Jackson) Mercer** and **Sarah Strawn (Straughan)** were married on 20 Dec 1841 in Amite Co, MS. **Sarah Strawn**, daughter of Balaam Strawn and Lucy Scott, was born on 17 Dec 1824 in MS. She died on 25 Jul 1889 and was buried in Montgomery, AR. Bates-Allen showed her name as Sarah Straughn. James Isaac (Jackson) Mercer and Sarah Strawn had the following children:

1.10.1. **Mary Elizabeth Mercer** was born on 11 Oct 1844 in Amite Co, MS and died on 12 May 1888.

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1.10.2. **Thurza (Thursday) Ann Mercer** was born on 10 Jul 1846 in Amite Co, MS. She died on 5 Jan 1931 in Boyce, Ellis Co, TX and was buried in Myrtle Cemetery, Ellis Co, TX. The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, TX, Jan 9, 1931. Thurza, an Ellis County pioneer. was injured in a fall and was an invalid at time of death. **Thurza (Thursday) Ann Mercer** and **(1) Andrew Jesse Jones** were married on 22 Feb 1877 in Clark, AR. **Andrew Jesse Jones** was born in Jan 1854 in AR. **Thurza (Thursday) Ann Mercer** and **(2) Jacob Hampton Lightsey** were married. **Jacob Hampton Lightsey** was born in 1841 in AL and died on 1 Mar 1873.

1.10.3. **John Balam Mercer** was born in Sep 1848 in Amite Co, MS and died on 9 Feb 1929 in Palmer, Ellis Co, TX.

1.10.4. **Elmira Jane Mercer** was born on 5 Feb 1851 in Amite Co, MS. She died on 14 May 1932 and was buried in Palmer Cemetery, Ellis Co, TX.

1.10.5. **Thomas Franklin Mercer** was born on 15 Jun 1853 in Amite Co, MS and died on 31 Aug 1930 in Ellis Co, TX.

1.11. **Kindred (Kindsey) Mercer.**

1.12. **Franklin Mercer.**

1.13. **Susan Mercer** and **Stephen Strawn** were married on 18 Dec 1828 in Amite Co, MS. .

1.14. **Thomas Monroe Mercer** was born on 12 Sep 1814. **Thomas Monroe Mercer** and **Elizabeth W Strawn (Straughan)** were married on 15 Sep 1836. **Elizabeth W Strawn** was born in 1813 in GA and died on 4 Jan 1874. Thomas Monroe Mercer and Elizabeth W Strawn had the following children:

1.14.1. **Lemuel Franklin Mercer** was born about 1838 in Amite Co, MS.

1.14.2. **Amanda Rowena Mercer** was born about 1840 in Amite Co, MS.

1.14.3. **Nancy E Mercer** was born about 1842 in Amite Co, MS.

1.14.4. **Frances A Mercer** was born about 1846. **Frances A Mercer** and **John Fredrick** or **Fred J Brown** were married on 26 May 1869 in Amite Co, MS. **John Fredrick** or **Fred J Brown** was born on 15 Jun 1844 in Germany. Fred's parents were born in Germany. He died on 12 Oct 1903 and was buried in John Fred Brown Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

Educable Children in Amite Co, Miss 1885- Talbert Election District. Fred Brown, parent or guardian, children: Rosa Brown, 16 yrs; Lou Brown, 14 yrs; Oula, 12 yrs (M); John, 7 yrs.

1.14.5. **Cicilia A Mercer** was born about 1848 in Amite Co, MS.

1.14.6. **Emma L Mercer** was born in 1854. She died in 1941 and was buried in New Hope Methodist Church Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. **Emma L Mercer** and **Ransom Pickett "Wamp" Whittington** were married. **Ransom Pickett "Wamp" Whittington** was born in 1850. He died in 1909 and was buried in New Hope Methodis Church Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

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