



## 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 January 14, 2017, in the conference room of the Liberty Library. A program by David Dreyer will follow the meeting.

### Future Meeting Schedule

**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. Filed trip to grave of Col. Thomas Hinds in Jefferson Co. following meeting.

**March 11, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**March 18, 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.

**June 10, 2017** — Annual meeting with election of officers in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**July 2017** — No meeting.

**August 12, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**September 9, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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

### AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The December meeting was the traditional open house event so there was no business meeting.

The Open House was held at the home of which is across Hwy. 569 from the Library and Little Red Schoolhouse. The current house incorporates the original structure occupied by Rev. Milton Shirk when he was operating the school on the property where the Little Red Schoolhouse is located.

Pres. Dawn Taylor reported, "the weather was not what we had prayed for but we still had about 60 folks brave the cold and wet to join the fun!"

Thanks to all who helped make the day a success and to all those who visited.

### January Meeting Program

The program following the January business meeting will be entitled "The Passing of the Torch 1920." The presenter is David Dreyer. No further information was provided to this editor.

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## March 18, 2017 Battle of 1812 Adventure

Fixed Cost- \$67 + \$14 Buffet =\$81/person

Estimated additional cost= \$70 (cocktails, shopping funds and dinner)

Come celebrate the military heritage of Amite County, Mississippi and our ancestors' contributions to these UNITED STATES during the War of 1812! The Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society has planned an exciting day trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. We will depart McComb at 7am on a luxurious Motor Coach from Bus Supply Charters, Inc. of McComb and travel to Spanish Plaza-The Dock for the Creole Queen Paddle wheeler- for their morning cruise which boards at 9:30am. "Focusing on the critical Battle of New Orleans, this cruise offered twice daily, is narrated by a costumed re-enactor who takes guests on a journey through the history of the city as we sail downriver to the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and the historic Chalmette Battlefield. Highlights of the tour include the founding of the city by the LeMoynes brothers, the expansion of the city into the "French Quarters" of the Tremé and Marigny, the Louisiana Purchase, and the Battle of New Orleans. A one-hour shore excursion at the battlefield features a guided tour and talk by National Park Rangers." The cruise offers **Inclusions:** Narrated cruise, visit to battlefield, cash bar, taxes. **Add-ons:** Full Creole lunch buffet at \$14/person and à la carte options available for additional cost reservations for the buffet are encouraged.



Basic Information:

### MORNING CRUISE

- 9:30am - 10:00am Boarding
- 10:00am - 10:30am Sails to Chalmette
- 10:30am - 11:30am Battlefield excursion
- 11:30am - 12:30pm Return to Spanish Plaza

Upon returning to Spanish Plaza we will make our way to the bus for the short drive into the French Quarter. Our first stop will be the tour of Cabildo (\$6/person) that is rich in artifacts related to the Battle of New Orleans. St. Louis Cathedral is right next door and always a beautiful addition to a tour. We will walk off our lunch by strolling a few blocks to the next tour stop is Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar. The building has remain unchanged since it was built in the early 1700's. Once there we will lift a pint to the man who is credited with saving the American forces. Legend holds that in 1814, as the British lay at the mouth of the river, Lafitte rushed powder, flint, and troops to General Jackson at Chalmette. Rather than a poorly supplied, out-manned force, the British stepped into a screaming hell of pirates, woodsmen, Indians and free people of color, under cover of dense fog. The British were routed thanks to Lafitte's good deed. The "hero" headed out to sea and more familiar deeds.

Those who wish may explore Jackson Brewery and the Shops of the French market. After all that walking we will be ready to wind down the day with an early dinner at Deannie's Seafood just a block or two off Jackson Square. The bus will pick us up at Deannie's to whisk us back home in style. We plan to arrive back in McComb between 8 and 9pm.

Exact times other than departure, cruise time and return of no later than 9pm are not yet firmed up. The cost of the trip will include a booklet featuring the Amite County Connections to the War of 1812. Mary Pallon is heading up this project and most of you know from her Facebook posts she is an excellent researcher. If you have an ancestor from Amite or Pike County that was in the War of 1812 please email the information to Mary Pallon at [mlpgeneva@gmail.com](mailto:mlpgeneva@gmail.com). She plans to join us for our excursion to find Colonel Thomas Hinds grave in Jefferson County on February 11, 2017. Details of this trip are being finalized and you are definitely invited. Keep checking the ACHGS Face Book Page for more information. We will depart from the Liberty Library Parking lot.

## March 18, 2017 Battle of 1812 Adventure

### Summary and Reservation Form

Date: March 18, 2017

Boarding Time 6:30 am

Departure 7:00 am

Return no later than 9:00 pm.

Cost: Payable in advance- \$81 which includes

Bus- \$30 includes tip for driver

Cruise-\$31 (for group of 25 or more)

Buffett-\$14 (Reservations are encouraged but not necessary)

Cabildo ticket -\$6

Additional Costs: À la carte lunch (if you don't pre-order the buffet)

Cocktails on board the Creole Queen

Your drink of choice at Lafitte's Blacksmith Shoppe Bar

Shopping and incidental money

Dinner at Deannie's Seafood

Complete and return this portion of this form with your \$81/person payment (\$67/person without the Buffet) if you wish to be a part of this exciting trip! Mail to: ACHGS, P.O. Box 2, Liberty, MS 39645. You may pay in two or three payments but email Dawn Taylor at [rdawnt@gmail.com](mailto:rdawnt@gmail.com) to make those arrangements. Checks should be payable to ACHGS.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ # Buffets \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address- Street/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code and State \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Cash amount \_\_\_\_\_



# BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

## News from January 1917

What was happening a 100 years ago (insofar as newsworthy events)? I decided to see what the first issue of the *Southern Herald* for 1917 had published. I was expecting a typical summary report on the main news of the previous year and a what-the-new-year-holds-in-store article but found that the January 5, 1917 issue of the paper limited its summary of events in 1916 to a discussion of what happened in professional baseball and a discussion of a billiards proficiency contest to determine the best billiards player in the US. I guess sports took the attention of the public earlier than I thought.

In addition to the advertisements for patent medicine, automobile sales, mercantile products, and farm supplies that were typical of the era, there were a variety of articles featuring fiction, do-it-yourself projects for home and farm, and other subjects that could be considered filler material as opposed to matters of current attention. Below are some scans of articles that were interesting if not informative.

**Can you believe these short articles were front page material?**

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**GOAT A FLAMING METEOR**  
Plunged Through Farms, Leaving Trail of Fire—Ignited Fields and Barns.

Bowling Green, Ky.—Careening madly over the countryside, every hair of his coat ablaze, a goat recently applied the torch to fields and buildings near Bowling Green, Ky., leaving in his wake a blazing trail that brought volunteer fire fighters out in force.

Twenty-five acres of grass, two big stock barns and a large amount of fencing were ignited. Then Billy, wearied by his headlong flight and suffering from the flames that were rapidly roasting him, keeled over in the midst of the conflagration he had started and died.

Fifteen acres of grass on the farm of Miss Ethel Hunt were destroyed, as were several acres on adjoining pieces of property. The barns were saved by neighbors.

How the goat's coat became ignited may never be known. The secret of his flaming career died with him, although it was suspected that he ate

a box of matches and washed them down with kerosene.

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**Puss Becomes Wildcat.**  
Weston, Ore.—When a fire warden shot a strange animal on Mount Emily's peak, near La Grande, and didn't know what it was, but realized it resembled a large house cat, he slew a pet tabby that strayed from a mountain cabin in that vicinity almost five years ago. In its response to the call of the wild it had wintered ten feet of snow, escaped coyotes and predatory animals, hunters and trappers. The isolation doubled its size and made it a wild beast. J. H. Blumentstein, a mountaineer, identified the carcass as that of his lost kitty.

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**"Star Boarder" in Bad.**  
Evansville, Ind.—Al Steiner, "star boarder" at the house of Charles Stuart, made the mistake of taking sides with Mrs. Stuart in quarrels with her husband. The last attempt to make peace resulted in Stuart killing Steiner.

The Liberty White RR  
Schedule

**Liberty-White R. R.  
SCHEDULE**

Sunday only

45 Leaves McComb at 7:20 a. m.  
arrives at Liberty 8 35 a. m.

47 Leaves McComb (Sunday evening) at 2:50 p. m. arrives at Liberty 3:55 p. m.

46 Leaves Liberty 9:00 a. m.

Arrives So. McComb 10:15 a. m.

48 Leaves Liberty 4:10 arrives at McComb 5:20 p. m.

(DAILY)

41 Leaves McComb at 6 15 a. m.  
arrives at Liberty 7:30 a. m.

42 Leaves Liberty 9:45 a. m.  
arrives South McComb 10:55 a. m.

POSTED—All of the Lands belonging to the undersigned, and also the land known as the "Harreil place," and all trespassing, fishing, or hunting with gun or dog, or guns or dogs, either, both or neither, is strictly forbidden.

R. D. VAN NORMAN,  
Liberty, Miss.

Mrs. Howard McMillian and children of McComb were the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Webb Monday last.

Mrs. "Tot" Van Norman and children and Miss Cecil Tracy of Vicksburg spent last week, the guests of T. H. Van Norman and family.

Mr. H. M. Bates of Springfield Ill is mingling with old time friends, it being fourteen years since here. Time seems to have dealt gently with him.

RUB-MY-TISM—Antiseptic Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

**Do you see an ancestors in the local personal news?**

A merry New Year to all.

Miss Willene Weathersby spent the week-end in Magnolia.

Mr. W. R. Jacobs was a Liberty visitor Thursday.

Mr. Aubry Pate has returned to A. & M. to resume his studies.

Mr. Willie Terrell of Belzoni was the guest of home folks here last week.

Mr. Jack Causey of Summit was the guest of friends and relatives last week.

Begin the new year by subscribing for the Herald \$1.00 only in advance.

Mr. Tom Van Norman Jr. of Gunvison is the guest of home folks this week.

Rev. S. E. McFadden has returned from a pleasant visit to his home in Tennessee.

Mr. Louis Griffin who has been working in North Dakota spent the Xmas holidays at home.

Messrs. Robert and Henry McGehee of Clarksville, Tennessee, spent the Holidays at home.

Miss Louise Robinson has returned to Marion Ala. to resume her studies at Judson college.

Mr. Loui Weathroob was the guest of friends and relatives in and around Liberty last week.

Mrs. E. A. Causey of Summit was the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ratoliff last week.

Misses Ester and Irene Havis of Vicksburg were the guests of Mrs. A. B. Williams last week.

Mr. Henry Lea has returned to A. & M. College after spending the Xmas holidays with home folks.

Miss Minnie Turnipseed who spent last week with her parents has returned to Holmesville to resume her work.

Mrs. Cooper and daughter Miss Jessie of New Orleans have returned home after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Dickey.

Mr. Anderson Butler has returned to resume his studies at Millsap College after a pleasant visit to home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jenkins of McComb were the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Russ Van Norman last week.

Mrs. Ophelia Brown and little grand daughter, Annie Webb Dunman has returned from a pleasant visit to Winona.

Thursday p. m. about 2:30 or 3 o'clock Fred Beard garage in the west end of town was discovered to be on fire. And had gained such a headway before it was discovered and it was impossible to save a ny of his tools, it was a complete lose. Had the wind not been blowing from the north the entire block would have been swept. The building is being rapidly rebuild.



# Ireland First Country to Require Surnames; Here is What Some of Them Mean

The fact is not generally known that Ireland was the first country in modern Europe to enforce the adoption of surnames by law. The act prescribing their general use was passed more than 100 years before the Anglo-Norman invasion, whereas surnames did not come into general use in England until the days of Queen Elizabeth, nor in Wales till late in the seventeenth century.

There are some interesting meanings attaching to the most well-known Irish names. Here are a few, with the curious changes of spelling that have come about since the names first originated:

Murphy came from O'Murphy, Morpheu, and Morphew, meaning "superior."

Kelly came from O'Kelly, Klély, Keeley, meaning "for war."

O'Connors is derived from Connors, Conerty, meaning "helper."

Dougherty from O'Doherty, Doherty, Daughaday, meaning "destroyer."

All Irish names at the first stage in their history had "O" before them, the first change consisting of dropping that "O." It will not be necessary, therefore, to repeat the name with the "O" before it.

Sullivan was originally Sullifant and Sullivant, meaning "quick-sighted."

O'Donnell and McDonnell and all combinations of that name were Denald, Daniel, Dona, meaning "dark chief."

Moloney was O'Mulowney, Meloney, Mullany, meaning "thoughtful."

McCormack was O'Cormac, McCormac, McCormick, meaning "son of the crown."

Flynn was Flann, meaning "red."  
Flannigan was Finnegan, meaning "Druid."

Boyle was Boylan, Boland, Bolan, Boylin, meaning "benign."

O'Brian was Bryan, Bryant, Brines, Bryon, meaning "author."

Brady was McBrady, meaning "ship captain."

Macaulay was O'Cawlew, McGawly, McAuly, McAuliff, Cawley, meaning "echo," or literally, "son of the rock."

## To Revive After Shock.

An effective means of resuscitation after an electric shock is said to be a sharp blow on the soles of the feet without removing the shoes. In all cases, however, it is necessary to pull the tongue from the throat, as the action of the current is to cause a contraction of the muscles and the tongue is drawn back into the throat, completely sealing the air passage. Part of many first-aid equipments consist of a device which will grasp the tongue and hold it in a distended position so that the throat is open to permit of artificial respiration.

## A Substitute for Gelatin.

A substitute for gelatin is being made in the Philippines from a kind of seaweed. The native women use it to produce desserts similar to those made elsewhere from gelatin. It is similar to the dried substances brought into the islands from Japan and China, after being extracted from various kinds of seaweed by the Japanese and Chinese, dried and marketed in the form of bundles.

1,000,000 in British Navy.

The working forces of the British navy, afloat and ashore, include more than 1,000,000 men.

### 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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