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Without a past, there is no future

### Next meeting:

The next meeting will be **August 12, 2017, at 10:00 am.** As of this publication date, the meeting is scheduled to be in the Little Red School House. See note in right column concerning plans for a program.

### AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting

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There was no meeting in July.

### Future Meeting Schedule

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

**August 12, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting in the Little Red School House.

**August 25-26, 2017** — Field trip to the annual commemoration event of Fort Mims Massacre. See article on page 5.

**September 9, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

**October 14, 2017** — Regular monthly meeting. Location TBA.

**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, 2017** — Heritage Day. Details TBA.

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

### August Meeting Program

President Dawn Taylor has made arrangements for Jim Freeman's elderly Aunt Evelyn to attend and relate some of her memories from childhood and early adult life. Plans are to treat Mrs. Evelyn to lunch following the meeting at Vine's Restaurant. Members are welcome to attend the lunch as well as the meeting.

### 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**

Beginning this month, this portion of the newsletter will feature some of Mrs. Frances Phares' genealogy information. It will be necessary to divide the information into three installments. This month features Part 1 of:

### **DESCENDANTS OF REVEREND THOMAS MERCER**

1. **Rev Thomas Mercer**, son of James Mercer, Jr and Sarah Kate Simmons, was born in 1743 in Currituck Co, NC and died on 16 Oct 1819 in Amite Co, MS. He was a private in Wilkes County GA under General Elijah Clark and was in Amite County as early as 1803/1804. Thomas compiled the first collection of hymns and laid out and named the town of Monticello, MS. **Rev Thomas Mercer** and **(1) Annis Green** were married in 1777 in Halifax, Co, NC. **Annis Green**, daughter of William Green and Ann Robinson, was born on 15 Mar 1748 in Stafford, Virginia and died in 1806 in Wilkinson Co, MS. Thomas Mercer and Annis Green had the following children:

1.1. **Jesse Mercer** was born on 16 Dec 1769 and died on 6 Sep 1841 in Halifax Co, VA. **Jesse Mercer** and **Sabrina Chivers** were married. **Sabrina Chivers** died in 1826.

1.2. **Wilson Mercer** was born in 1778.

1.3. **Temperance Ann Mercer** was born in 1780. She died on 12 Sep 1851 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS and was buried in Cheatham Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. [Cemetery is located south of old Highway 24 and west of Amite River near the old George Jones homestead No marker.]

**Temperance Ann Mercer** and **Moses Robinson** were married about 1791 in Wilkes Co, GA. **Moses Robinson** was born in 1775 in Jamestown, James City, Virginia and died on 29 Nov 1830 in Amite Co, MS, Zion Hill.

Amite County Wills, Volume 2, From 1845 to 1860 - Temperance Robinson Apr. 23, 1851, pp. 15-16.

1. **Thomas Robinson**, son, dec. left heirs
2. **Elizabeth Cheatham**, daughter
3. **Aaron Robinson**, son
4. **Hepseba Jones**, daughter, dec. left heirs
5. **James F. Robinson**, son
6. **Andrew T. Robinson**, son
7. **John G. Robinson**, son.

Witnesses: **D. W. Bonds**, **Wm. C. McGehee**

Executor: **John G. Robinson** In open court, Oct. 20, 1851

**Liberty Advocate** - dated 14 Dec 1844 - Estate of **Moses Robinson**, deceased. **Thomas R Cheatham** and **Aaron Robinson**, Executors.

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**LAND GRANTS, AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TO 1830**

Sect	Acres	\$	Name	Date	No
T2N R4E 6 W2	313		Moses Robinson	Jan 1, 1809	1305

**Temperance Ann Mercer and Moses Robinson** had the following children:

1.3.1. **Thomas Robinson** was born in 1794 in Hancock, GA. He died on 9 Jan 1838 and was buried in Gloster (Roseland) Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. **Cpl in Capt Gerald's Co Miss Mil War of 1812 Thomas Robinson and Rebecca L Berryhill** were married on 23 Sep 1815. Bk 1, p 210 No returns **Rebecca L Berryhill**, daughter of Robert Berryhill and Mary Holliday, was born on 4 Feb 1797 in GA. She died on 18 Dec 1890 and was buried in Gloster, Amite Co, MS.

1.3.2. **Hepsiba Robinson** was born in 1796 in Hancock, Ga and died in Amite Co, MS. Temperance Robinson's will noted Hepsiba Jones left heirs. **Hepsiba Robinson and James Mercer Jones** were married on 20 Oct 1812 in Amite Co, MS. **James Mercer Jones** was born in 1794 and died in 1840.

**US Census Amite County, 1805 - James Jones was listed; 1 white M + 21; 1 M -21; 1 F all ages; 3 slaves**

**James Jones was listed as an Amite County Inhabitant, 1816. Henry Harkness preceded him in the list and Thomas Puckett followed.**

**Land Records Amite County, Conveyance Book I**

<b>Jones &amp; Robinson to Gardner &amp; Jenkins</b>	Land	- 1823
<b>Jones &amp; Robinson to Harbert Frith</b>	Land	1-17-1824
<b>Jones &amp; Robinson to Iverson G. Lea</b>	Land	3-3-1824
<b>James Jones to Moses Robinson</b>	Land	3-31-1824
<b>Jones, James to E. M. Robinson et al</b>	Land	4-2-1824
<b>Jones &amp; Robinson to Saml. H. Stackhouse</b>	Land	12-11-1824

1.3.3. **Aaron Robinson** was born in 1805 in Wilkes Co, GA and died in 1863 in Amite Co, MS.

**Wealthy Person in Amite County US Census for 1850 - Aaron Robinson, 45, Farmer, \$5,000 born in Georgia.**

**Aaron Robinson and (1) Nancy Lea** were married on 25 Dec 1832 in Amite Co, MS. Bk 2, p 463 Conflict of marriage date. **Nancy Lea**, daughter of Zachariah Lea and Sabrina Clay, was born on 7 Apr 1814 in Amite Co, MS. She died on 6 Feb 1846 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Zachariah Lea Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. **Aaron Robinson and (2) Malissa Murphy** were married on 13 Nov 1846 in Amite Co, MS. **Malissa Murphy** was born in 1815 in MS. **Aaron Robinson and (3) Sarah Cavin** were married on 15 Sep 1863.

1.3.4. **Elizabeth Robinson** was born on 21 Dec 1807 in Amite Co, MS and died on 13 Oct 1856 in Amite Co, MS. **Elizabeth Robinson and Thomas Rudd Cheatham** were married on 30 Sep 1824 in Amite Co, MS. **Thomas Rudd Cheatham** was born on 7 May 1787 in Charlotte Co, Virginia. He died on 7 Jul 1856 in Amite Co, Ms and was buried in Thomas Rudd Cheatham Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

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**Thomas R Cheatham** was listed in US Census 1850 as a farmer and estate valued at \$6,000.

1.3.5. **Eli Mercer Robinson** was born in 1809 in Amite Co, MS. He died in 1835 or 1836 in Yazoo City, MS.

**The Woodville Republican, March 18, 1837 - Property of Eli M. Robinson in Choctaw County to be sold. Witness, the Hon. John Walker, Judge of the Probate Court of Amite County.**

**Eli Mercer Robinson** and **Jane Ray Frith** were married in 1824 in St Francisville, West Feliciana Parish, LA. **Jane Ray Frith**, daughter of John Edward Frith and Mary F Carston, was born about 1800 in Ms and died about 1887 in Pinckneyville, Wilkinson Co, MS.

1.3.6. **James Franklin Robinson** was born in 1810 in Amite Co, MS. and died there in 1865. **James Franklin Robinson** and **(1) Amanda Jane Jackson** were married on 15 Oct 1840 in Amite Co, MS. **Amanda Jane Jackson**, daughter of David Jackson and Celina Jane Causey, was born on 13 Mar 1825 and died on 24 Aug 1841. **James Franklin Robinson** and **(2) Letitia Ann Dyson** were married on 15 Mar 1853 in Wilkinson Co, MS. **Letitia Ann Dyson** was born in 1829 in Amite Co, MS and died in Miss.

1.3.7. **John Green Robinson** was born in 1812 in Amite Co, MS. He died on 16 Oct 1854 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Cheatham Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. This Cheatham Cemetery is about two and one-half miles southwest of Merwin just off old lower Gloster-Liberty Road, presently owned by Mrs. Fannie McLain.

**AMITE CO, MS LAND RECORDS - CONVEYANCE BOOK I**

**John Robinson to Caroline M Collins Chattel 4-18-1835, recorded in Bk 3, p 236**

**The War with Mexico (Ref: From the records of commissioned officers of the Miss Militia 1841-48, Dept of Archives and History, Jackson, MS and Source Material for Miss History, Amite Co, Vol 3, part 3, pages 163, 164) Toler's Sixth Regiment at Liberty, John P Robinson, Colonel. [P was probably abstract or typo error.]**

**From THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW a footnote in Eli Capell's The Account Book, December 25, 1946, lists the names of fifteen subscribers for the SOUTHERN CULTIVATOR: . . . . ., John G Robinson, Lewis Perkins, W L Johns, Dr Merrick, J W Anderson, and Robert Smylie. . . . .**

John Green Robinson and **Thurza (Thurse Ann) Jenkins** were married on 10 Nov 1835 in Amite Co, MS. **Thurza (Thurse Ann) Jenkins**, daughter of James Henry Jenkins and Elizabeth Talbert, was born on 2 May 1819 in Amite Co, MS. She died on 13 Sep 1851 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Cheatham Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

**The children of John Green Robinson and Thurza Jenkins, his wife, lived with Richard Ellison Bates and wife Catherine E Robinson at their home north of Liberty. Per Joseph Hoff, Jul 2009. Their fathers were brothers.**

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1.3.8. **Andrew Jackson Robinson** was born on 9 May 1816 in Amite Co, MS. He died on 20 May 1862 in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Pineville, Rapides Parish, LA. **Andrew Jackson Robinson** and **Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Jones** were married on 8 Mar 1838 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS. **Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Jones**, daughter of Henry Jones and Mary "Polly" Spurlock, was born on 26 Feb 1822 in Amite Co, MS and died on 26 Oct 1901 in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA.

1.4. **Simeon Mercer** was born in 1783.

END OF PART 1

### Ft. Mims Field Trip

President Dawn Taylor reports that plans are still in the works for the field trip and reported, "We will be staying at the Best Western in Saraland. Rooms are \$90 1-4 people (not all rooms will accommodate 4). Money for the bus **MUST** be received by meeting day August 12. **If we do not have at least 35 people we will have to cancel the bus.** A few will caravan to Ft. Mims. I am planning to go to the SW MS Genealogy Society's meeting July 29 to see how many of them want to go. I only have five people including me that are planning to go on the bus right now."

So anyone considering attending needs to finalize your decision and get the bus money (\$45.00 per person) to Dawn by August 12. Money for the motel accommodations and the entry fee to Ft. Mims should be carried with you; only the bus fee is due to Dawn. If the minimum bus occupancy is not met, prepaid bus fare will be refunded.

For planning purposes, I suggest you let Dawn know of your intent to participate and the number of people you will have with you even if you don't pay the bus fare(s) until August 12. Dawn cannot always answer her phone due to her work during the week so I suggest you either text her at **225-719-2379** or email her at **rdawnt@gmail.com**.



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