



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting called –

At the April 14, 2005, meeting, it was decided to hold another meeting on **May 12, 2005**, to discuss and receive updates on the Liberty Heritage Day recruitment and the status of putting the Little Red Schoolhouse museum displays back into operation. If any new information on longer-range planning for the 2009 Bicentennial is available, it will also be discussed.

ACHGS short term goals discussed –

President Joey Wall announced at the April 14 meeting that he had been given the go-ahead by the Town of Liberty to begin redeveloping the museum displays in the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Pres. Wall indicated that he would like to utilize the resources of the museum to encourage interest in the ACHGS at Liberty Heritage Day on May 7 and asked for volunteers to operate a display table at Vance Park. A number of local residents indicated that they would volunteer an hour or two for that purpose.

Pres. Wall also indicated that he wished the museum could be open for visitation by May 7 as well but doubts that will be likely due to the amount of preparation needed. Volunteers were requested to help complete a number of tasks to get the museum back into public display. Tasks that must be completed include replacing glass in one of the display cabinets, cataloging all the museum items whether artifact, photo, or archived papers. Lines of communication have been established with appropriate experts in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to get answers to archiving/museum display questions and for general guidance on how best to set up an archive and museum.

Welcome to the ACHGS newsletter —

Welcome to the premier edition of the ACHGS newsletter. This will be issued once per quarter as currently planned, but special, abbreviated editions will be issued as needed. Please feel free to send any comments to the ACHGS address shown on the second page and on the return address on the back.

Planning for Amite County Centennial observation has begun –

President Joey Wall presented a summary of ideas he has for specific efforts that the ACHGS needs to take to ensure an appropriate and complete celebration and observation of the bicentennial of Amite County in 2009. (For some of us older folks, it's hard to believe or accept that fifty years have transpired since the sesquicentennial.)

Pres. Wall focused on those things toward which some effort needs to be made in the immediate future. His ideas included:

- creating an expanded bicentennial guide or county history book,
- giving churches, civic groups, owners of older homes, and other groups plenty of advance notice of the desire to include them in the bicentennial book and the opportunity to provide their own concise histories with photos.
- assuring that all older homes, organized churches, and other groups or entities that were not included in the sesquicentennial book will be included for the bicentennial to the degree that they wish to be.

ACHGS receives charter and non-profit status –

It was announced at the April 14, 2005, meeting of the ACHGS that the state of Mississippi has recognized the society with a Certificate of Incorporation dated July 26, 2004, and with designation as a charitable organization dated September 24, 2004. The forms for obtaining federal IRS tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization are being filed.

State dues to the Mississippi Historical Society were remitted to secure society membership.

Membership growing but more members are needed –

By mid-April, there were about 40 members of ACHGS; this has swelled the treasury coffers to just over \$1800. Everyone is encouraged to get out among your friends and neighbors and help bring in more members.

If you know of someone who might like to join but just needs a little push, let one of our officers know their name and address or phone number. Sometimes a personal invitation from someone they don't know is all it takes to bring them in.

Current membership is concentrated among locals but includes folks with Amite County ties from all over the country.

A membership application will be printed on the last page above the mailing information in each newsletter. Feel free to pass this or a photocopy on to others that may wish to apply for membership.

Membership applications and dues payment may be sent to:

**Amite County Historical and
Genealogical Society
PO Box 2
Liberty, MS 39645**

Call 601-657-8781 with any questions.

ACHGS web site being prepared —

A web site is being designed and should soon be active. Members will be notified at that time by e-mail if an e-mail address has been provided with membership registration.

Member contribution of historical and genealogical information sought –

Members are encouraged and invited to contribute original materials for both the newsletter and web site. To be acceptable for inclusion in one or both venues, contributed materials must meet the following criteria:

- be previously unpublished, original work of the member or of someone the member may speak and act for such as a parent or child;
- if copyrighted, the member must own the copyright so that permission to publish may be granted;
- be in the public domain, i.e., any copyrights have expired and are not renewable;
- be material which has not been published as part of a print document or web site on which a copyright is held by the individual that assembled, performed, or otherwise incorporated the work into a larger, copyrighted form (copyrighted collections may not be reproduced in whole or in part without consent of the copyright holder).

Such materials as:

- poems
- song lyrics
- folk songs which have meaning to the contributor or for Amite Countians
- recipes
- brief (half-page or less for the newsletter) historical or genealogical essays and anecdotes or memorials to deceased persons

will be considered for publication in one or both media.

Submit written materials to the newsletter at the following address:

**Wayne B. Anderson, Sr.
1737 Bridgers Drive
Raymond, MS 39154**

Submit any text materials that are in electronic form by either pasting the information into an e-mail message or attaching a document in txt or MS Word doc formats. Please do not electronically transmit sound files or text in forms (such as Adobe® pdf) that require interpretation and transcription. If photos are submitted electronically, use jpg, jpeg, or gif formats; if submitted in hard copy, do not send a copy that you want returned.

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Any materials that could be considered libelous or slanderous to any living persons or which promotes any political point-of-view will be rejected without further consideration in order to protect the society's non-profit corporate status.

Trivia — Can any of you identify these old buildings? Neither one is there now.



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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.

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