



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be the first of the quarterly Saturday meetings. The particulars of the meeting are:

Location: Meeting room in the library in Liberty.

Date: September 9, 2006

Time: 10:00 am

The agenda will include a business meeting if needed in the morning. A pot-luck lunch around noon. After lunch, a program on the Camp Van Dorn museum will be presented by James Allen Causey. The Little Red Schoolhouse will be opened for a time after lunch as well.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish of food suitable for the lunch and to provide their own beverage. Ice and cups will be made available at the lunch.

Note that the date of the meeting is a correction from what appeared in the last newsletter which listed the date as the 10th.

Future Meeting Schedule

Thursday, October 12, 2006, 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 9, 2006, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 9, 2006, 10:00 am

Thursday, January 11, 2006, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 8, 2006, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 10, 2006, 10:00 am

Thursday, April 12, 2006, 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 10, 2006, 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 9, 2006, 10:00 am

Thursday meetings will be in the courtroom of the Amite County Courthouse. The location and time of Saturday meetings will be determined by the activities planned. Members will be given ample prior notice of changes.

Welcome to the 6th issue of the ACHGS newsletter —

Due to the number of requests from members unable to attend meetings regularly and who wish to read the minutes from meetings, it has been decided to start printing the newsletter more frequently when the previous month's business warrants the publication of lengthy minutes. This issue will begin that near-monthly issuance. Note the reference in the masthead will now refer to the month in which the issue is sent out.

In any month that this newsletter is sent out, the postcard notices of the meetings will not be sent to avoid duplication of effort.

Since this will increase postage costs, it is important that members give feedback on whether they prefer issues this frequently. Please let this editor know your thoughts on this (see e-mail and mail addresses elsewhere in this issue).

Thank you.

Last time we asked...

Workers who moved and loaded timber used a specialized tool that had a unique name. Do you know what it looked like and what it was called?

The tool was a long-handled pry bar that had a curved hook-like metal piece hinged a foot to a foot and half above the metal prying end. This hook was used to grip logs to the bar so that they could be levered about. The tool had several names though the most common around the

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country was the "peavey" (perhaps for the inventor).

Do you know?

What ex-Confederate from Amite County was instrumental in helping the authorities quell the "Wilkinson County Riot"?

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AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Draft Minutes of 10 August 2006 meeting

President Joey Wall called the meeting to order a bit after 7:00 PM in the courtroom of the Amite County Courthouse, Liberty, MS. There were seventeen attendees. Mr. James Causey was asked to open the meeting with prayer.

President Wall asked the new members and guests that had not attended meetings before to introduce themselves. Those offering introductions were Jennifer Livingston and Bobby Haygood. Mr. James Allen Causey introduced a visitor, Mr. Benjamin Earl Dunn, who had come to visit the Camp Van Dorn museum and was one of the soldiers who had been trained there during the war.

President Wall asked if the attendees had reviewed the draft minutes of the 13 July 2006 meeting that had been made available. A moment was allowed for late arrivers to review the written draft minutes. Pres. Wall called for a motion to approve the minutes as written; Mrs. Hubbs made the motion and Mrs. Oma Gordon seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

President Report: Pres. Wall read a thank-you card received from the Southwest Mississippi Genealogical Society expressing their gratitude for the hospitality shown by the ACHGS on their recent visit to the county. He also read a brief note concerning the scheduling of a workshop on Louisiana Genealogy and the law (in LA).

VP Report: VP Barron reported that he would offer comments later during the discussion of an old business item.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no formal report but asked if members had received the latest newsletter issue. Although some members who re-

ceive the newsletter by e-mail had not yet read the latest issue, it was confirmed that it had been delivered.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock provided a verbal Treasurer's report and reported that the society has a balance of \$6314.90.

Old business:

- Vera Prestridge, chair of the LRSH committee, gave a report on the finalization of plans to open the building for visitors. She reported that:
 1. Eight volunteers have been confirmed to be available to open the LRSH to visitors who call for arranging visits.
 2. Each volunteer has been given a key for access. The keys are not to be passed on to anyone not already confirmed on the volunteer list.
 3. Each volunteer will sign in by name, date and time immediately upon opening the LRSH. (The visitors will also be asked to sign the guest register.)
 4. A copy of the contact information on the volunteers will be posted so visitors who do not prearrange an appointment to visit can seek to be admitted.
- Mrs. Prestridge also discussed the results of the quote on printing a 4"x9" flyer or brochure to help advertise the LRSH. Of the choices given on the printer's quote, the board decided to recommend the printing of 1500 copies of a brochure with glossy color on one side, B/W on the other. Greg Barron had assisted with the discussions with the printer and indicated the quoted cost for this choice would be \$459 and the final cost should be this +/- a few dollars. These brochures will be placed in all the state welcome centers (13) and in libraries, businesses, city hall and at the courthouse in addition to being sent to various other organizations including the media to get as much publicity as possible.
- Mrs. Prestridge and VP Barron also discussed the results of the previously authorized investigation into having souvenir post cards printed. A total of 10 pictures were evaluated, three color and seven B/W. The board decided to move forward with recommending that the seven B/W images be printed on cards. These seven will constitute the first set in a series of cards with images of historical interest in Amite County. The quoted cost for 500 copies of each B/W is \$113.00, making the total cost of the first set (of seven cards) \$791.00.
- Mrs. Oma Gordon requested the society's approval to place an order for a second printing on the WPA books. About 80 of the first printing of 100 have been sold. A second printing of 50 sets should provide enough books to enable us to keep a supply available for sale to impulse buyers who visit various Amite County locations and learn of the books for the first time. On a motion made by

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Joey Wall and seconded by Mrs. Mildred Morgan, the society approved a second printing of 50 sets at an estimated cost of \$3431.13.

- It was pointed out that the date listed in the newsletter for the scheduled September meeting (which will be the first of the day-time quarterly meetings) was incorrect and should be shown as September 9, 2006.

New business:

- Pres. Wall discussed information received from the Mississippi Archaeological Association and suggested that the society join the Association as institutional member at a dues rate of \$20 per year. This was approved by consensus with the minor amount of the dues not appearing to need a full vote.
- Mrs. Vicki Netterville mentioned the Mississippi Tourism Association and suggested that the society may wish to look into joining it so that additional advertising of Amite County's tourist attractions could be obtained, particularly in the Mississippi Magazine. This will be investigated further before a decision is made. Additionally, Mrs. Melanie Hubbs agreed to take over the chairmanship of the society's Publicity Committee which will look into ways to better advertise Amite County.
- Mrs. Jennifer Livingston was asked to tell the group a little about the Amite Cemeteries web site which she has been instrumental in creating. She and others have visited a large number of cemeteries in the county and photographed each headstone. These have been added to a special MSN Group web site and is available for review by anyone with internet access. Anyone who wishes to be more involved that just occasionally visiting the site may join the MSN Group. Mrs. Livingston will welcome help from any and all in completing a photographic inventory of all the cemeteries.

Following a closing prayer offered by Bobby Haygood, the meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm.

**If you haven't gotten your copy of the WPA books, they're still available.
See the order blank below for details.
If you're interested in Amite County history, you need these books!**

The WPA County History Reprint Project

The Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society is still taking orders for copies of the reprint of the WPA Books on Amite County. You may use the order form below or create your own facsimile of it if you do not wish to cut this page. Please provide all the information requested below when ordering.

Order Form

Mail completed form to: **Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society**
PO Box 2
Liberty, MS 39645

Make checks payable to the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

I wish to order _____ sets @ \$125.00 per set for a total cost of \$ _____

I wish to have _____ sets mailed to me @ \$8.00 per set for a total of \$ _____

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____

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Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society
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Check or circle choice

- \$15.00 – Individual \$25.00 – Family \$50.00 – Sponsor or Memorial
 \$200.00 – Lifetime \$10.00 – Student (under 18) \$10.00 – Senior (over 65)

All contributions are tax-deductible.

Please make checks or money orders payable to **Amite Co. Historical and Genealogical Society**.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Zip+4: _____

Telephone(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

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.

I am interested in helping with:

- Archives Membership Programs Newsletter Other (specify):

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