



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 2nd Thursday nighttime meeting. The particulars of the meeting are:

Location: Courtroom in the Amite County Courthouse in Liberty.

Date: October 12, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm

New President for remainder of fiscal year...

President Joey H. Wall, who had been re-elected to that office in July, submitted his resignation effective on September 5 citing personal circumstances that prevented him from effectively doing the job. In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, the Executive Board met in the hour prior to the September 9 meeting and chose Mrs. Oma Gordon to serve as President for the remainder of the fiscal year. This action was presented to the general membership present in the meeting for ratification which was approved unanimously.

Future Meeting Schedule

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 7th issue of the ACHGS newsletter —

In keeping with the announcement made in the last issue, it has been decided to start printing the newsletter more frequently when the previous month's business warrants the publication of lengthy minutes.

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...

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

Moses Jackson gathered a group of local militia from around Amite County and traveled to Woodville where he joined forces with a contingent of US Army to suppress and disband a large group of black revolutionists who were attempting to prevent the rebirth of the Democratic Party in the area by murdering all the local party organizers.

Do you know?

What month and day was Amite County officially created in 1809?

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**AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**
Minutes of 9 September 2006 meeting
DRAFT

Vice President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM in the meeting room of the Library, Liberty, MS. There were twenty-five attendees. Gay Blalock was asked to open the meeting with prayer.

VP Barron moved to the special urgent business topic, announcing that President Joey Wall had tendered his resignation as President of the society effective 5 September 2006 due to changing circumstances in his personal life. VP Barron asked Mr. James Causey to read the resignation letter to the assemblage. VP Barron then reported that the Executive Board in session just prior to the meeting had approved the appointment of Mrs. Oma Gordon as President for the remainder of the term in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. He further reported that Mrs. Gordon had accepted the appointment contingent upon the assemblage ratifying the recommendation of the board. VP Barron made a motion to ratify the action, Robert Stratton seconded. The motion to ratify passed unanimously.

VP Barron then turned the chair over to President Gordon for the rest of the meeting.

President Gordon asked if all present had reviewed the draft minutes of the August meeting. After a few moments to allow those who had not read through the draft to do so, Pres. Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Robert Stratton seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

President Report: Pres. Gordon had no report of activity in that office but indicated that she would have information to present in the committee reports.

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

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson reported that due to the requests from distant members for copies of the minutes and other news in forms other than by e-mail or web site visits, the society newsletter will become a monthly publication and will include the draft minutes from the previous meeting. The first of the monthly newsletter has already been issued as the September 2006 issue. Secy. Anderson also reviewed the trivia question asked in the last issue and gave the answer since none of the assemblage would hazard a guess. received the latest newsletter issue. Although some members who receive 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 \$7625.47 (this is prior to paying for the WPA books reprint, see Committee Reports below).

Committee Reports:

- WPA Book Reprint – Pres. Oma Gordon report that 83 sets of the books have been sold and 3 more sets have been requested by attendees. The additional reprint of 50 books has been done and cost \$3432.15, all of which can be financed by the profits already received from previous book sales.
- Bicentennial Committee – Pres Gordon reported that the county committee has met again and decided that the official celebration of the bicentennial will be held in the period 27 April 2009 through 2 May 2009. She read off a list of society volunteers that she has given to Mrs. Hattie Nunnery, the committee chair.

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These volunteers will work with the non-society volunteers in various aspects of the overall committee planning efforts.

- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that the volunteer group that will open the LRSH for visitors is ready to begin; however, the brochure advertising the LRSH has not yet been finished by the printer due to more time-critical print jobs that must be finished first. Consequently, there has not yet been widespread notice given to the public on the LRSH being available for visits.

Old business: There was no old business requiring discussion beyond that covered in the committee reports.

New business:

- VP Barron indicated that it was time to finalize plans for the December open house and membership drive. This event will be held at the Little Red Schoolhouse as it was last year unless a member has another historic location that can be used. He stated that any proposals on another location had to be presented to him within the next month (by 10 October 2006); any other site will have to be a near certainty on availability and have adequate space and functionality to handle the expected attendance.
- Pres. Gordon related the concerns of member Glen Huff who has e-mailed the society indicating that school records and tax records that have been retained by the county are being stored in locations that contribute to their rapid deterioration. She indicated that other members locally have already inquired about this and will be trying to work with the county officials to either get the records moved to better storage or given over to the society so that we may do so.
- VP Barron asked if the society was aware that an addition was being planned for the courthouse structure. Since most members present had not heard about this, VP Barron passed out diagrams of what the additions to the existing structure will look like. There are plans to add to the building on the east end, extending the structure into the area once occupied by the old jail building.

Following a closing prayer offered by Bobby Haygood, the business meeting adjourned at about 10:55 AM.

A program on the Camp Van Dorn museum was then presented by Mrs. Sandra Freeman. She focused on the details of how the property for the camp was obtained and what was done with the property when the camp was closed after World War II. She had also set up a display of primary information about the camp at the back of the room available for viewing following the meeting.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Bill Gordon gave a blessing and the group had lunch. Following lunch those that wished to remain visited the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Copies of the two-volume WPA books reprint are still available for purchase at \$125.00 for the set (plus \$8.00 S/H if mailed). Contact President Oma Gordon or one of the other officers or write to the society at PO Box 2, Liberty, MS 39645.

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- Archives Membership Programs Newsletter Other (specify):

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