



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:

Location: Courtroom in the Amite County Courthouse in Liberty.

Date: November 9, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm

Little Red Schoolhouse Museum receives donation of piano:

The LRSH museum has received on long-term loan an upright piano donated by Miss Jordan Brady. This piano is three generations old and was originally used in the Methodist Church in Gloster. Miss Brady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darden Brady.

Reminder:

The annual open house, membership drive and hospitality day will be held at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Saturday, December 9, 2006. Festivities and events will kick off about 10:00 am. We expect to again have a variety of historical and genealogical exhibits along with a bit of music

Future Meeting Schedule

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 8th 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.

(weather permitting) and food (in the Library meeting room). The Little Red Schoolhouse Museum will also be open. Copies of the WPA books as well as a number of other books and souvenir items will be available for purchase.

If you would like to contribute to the hospitality or food, contact William G. Barron at 601-684-3018 (e-mail to williambarron@hughes.net) or the hospitality, food or special events chairpersons of the standing committees shown on page 3 of this issue.

Last time we asked...

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

The answer: February 24

Do you know?

In what publicly-funded endeavor was Amite County the first to act out of all the Mississippi counties?

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**AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Minutes of 12 October 2006 meeting
DRAFT

(Secretary note: The various items of business shown below were not necessarily taken up in the order shown; however, everything presented and discussed has been included but in the order of the agenda.)

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the courtroom, Amite County Courthouse, Liberty, MS. There were twenty-one attendees. VP Greg Barron was asked to open the meeting with prayer.

President Gordon asked if all present had reviewed the draft minutes of the September meeting. After a few moments to allow those who had not read through the draft to do so, Linda Honea Lea made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kay Fleming seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

President Report: Pres. Gordon reported that Bobby Haygood had finished making and installing the bookcase shelving in the Little Red Schoolhouse and that it was an excellently-made item and would offer a large volume of storage space while being a very attractive furniture addition to the LRSH. She indicated that she would have other information to present in the committee reports.

VP Report: VP Barron reported that new life member Mr. R.E. Barnes had donated a copy of his genealogy book to the society and would make additional copies available for sale to ACHGS members at about one quarter the cost normally charged. Any members interested in obtaining a copy of the book can check with one of the officers for details on how to contact Mr. Barnes and on the cost of the book.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report other than to ask if everyone was receiving a copy of the newsletter now that it was being published monthly. One member that is supposed to receive the newsletter by e-mail said that it had not been coming. VP Barron suggested that her e-mail ISP may be stripping the newsletter attachment from the

e-mail before delivering the carrier message, in which case the delivery failure could possibly be corrected.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock provided a written Treasurer's report and reported that the society has a balance of \$3990.04 as of October 1, 2006, with one check for receipt of \$20.00 not having cleared to be added to the account. President Oma Gordon asked for a motion on approval of the Treasurer's report. Mildred Morgan made a motion to approve; Ann Brumfield seconded; the motion passed without dissention.

Committee Reports:

- WPA Book Reprint – Pres. Oma Gordon reported that all 100 sets of the initial printing have been sold.
- Standing ACHGS Committees – President Oma Gordon read the list of chairpersons for the various committees that have been established to perform specific society functions. The list, as read, is attached hereto. Since the list may change, members are urged to check with committee chairs or President Gordon before assuming that the list is still valid in the future.
- Bicentennial Committee – Pres Gordon reported that the county committee was meeting at the same time as the society and society members on the committee were attending that meeting instead of the society meeting; therefore, any report of business from that committee would have to be postponed until next month.
- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Vera Prestridge and VP Barron reported that:
 1. the brochure advertising the LRSH has been finished by the printer and is ready for distribution which will be accomplished during the next month.
 2. a second lock has been added to the LRSH so that it now requires two keys to enter.
 3. the postcard printing job has also been completed and the cards are available for sale at \$1.00 per card or \$5.00 for the 7-card set. The society has been informed that it does have to collect and remit sales tax on items sold, so tax of 7% will be added to postcard sales beginning immediately.
 4. the society is in the process of having prints made of the charcoal drawings showing four views of the LRSH in an earlier era (artist unknown). A very limited number of copies will be produced in a single series not to be repeated. This should help to make the set of

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- prints hold value or increase value in the future.
5. Along with the prints, note cards are also being made up using reduced size images of the four views on the prints. A total of 500 sets of 4 cards will be printed initially and sold in sets of 4 although it is hoped that purchasers will want more than 4 cards in each purchase. These will provide a unique set of note stationary for those who still write notes and letters.
 6. Ms. Lessie McCarstle has agreed to take over administration of the artifacts at the LRSH museum. She was recognized and offered comments on the status of artifacts currently being held there, primarily on the second floor. She indicated that since the museum wishes to show a variety of artifacts from different eras, the main need now is for older household appliances
 7. President Oma Gordon reported that the executive board had agreed to proceed with two projects primarily destined for the LRSH. The first is acquiring a banner/sign showing the ACHGS logo and name in a large format. The banner can be used both in the LRSH as well as taken to other locations when recruiting tables are operated elsewhere. The second projects is acquiring venetian blinds for the windows in the LRSH to mitigate the sunlight and help shadow papers and pictures that may fade in direct light. She found blinds of a suitable size and appearance at Lowe's in Baton Rouge and asked if the main society membership had any objection to her following through on acquiring the blinds as approved by the board. No objection was made.

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

New business: The only item of new business was introduction of guests, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, who were attending to ask for society assistance in determining how they could go about contacting the appropriate authorities to assist in preserving the only known remaining example of a one-room rural schoolhouse that taught black students in the early to mid-twentieth century. The building is near Springhill Baptist Church on the Berwick-Cassells Road.

Following a closing prayer offered by James Allen Causey, the business meeting adjourned at about 8:00 PM.

ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons

These chairpersons will pick a committee to assist them. Feel free to offer your help.

Committee	Chairperson(s)	Contact info
Amite County History	Kenneth Gordon	601-657-8352
Archives (LRSH)	Lessie McCarstle	601-657-5888
Cemeteries	Bobby Haygood Jennie Livingston	601-657-486 601-276-7127
Family History	Nelson Dawson	601-657-9208
Food	Lois Bates	601-657-4176
Hospitality	Ann Brumfield	601-684-2031
Membership	Jeannine Dixon	601-657-8915
Programs	Greg Barron	601-684-3018
Publicity	Melanie Hubbs Robert Stratton	601-684-2003
Special Events	Kay Fleming	580-747-5218
Tours	James Allen Causey	601-657-8412

Annual Membership Contribution
Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society
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Liberty, MS 39645

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.

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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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