



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Welcome to the 18th issue of the ACHGS newsletter —

Please let this editor know your thoughts and suggestions on this newsletter (see e-mail and mail addresses elsewhere in this issue.)

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Thank you.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be a regular monthly meeting

Location: Amite County Courthouse
Liberty, MS

Date: November 8, 2007 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Future Meeting Schedule

November 8, 2007, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting

December 1, 2007, Time TBA — Quarterly meeting & Open House/Membership Drive. Primary function to be at the Winston Wilkinson House.

January 10, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting

February 14, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting

March 8, 2008, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting at Gloster Arboretum

April 10, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting

May 8, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting

June 14, 2008, 10:00 am — Annual Membership meeting

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of October 11, 2007 meeting

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President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the courtroom of the Amite County courthouse in Liberty, MS. There were 15 attendees. President Oma Gordon asked James Allen Causey to open the meeting with prayer.

President Gordon asked if everyone had reviewed the draft minutes of the September meeting. No one indicated that they had not. Mildred Morgan moved to approve the minutes as written. Dan Morgan seconded. The motion passed without dissent.

President Report: Pres. Gordon reported the following:

- A number of members manned an informational table at the Osyka Welcome Center on I-55 N on September 29, 2007. This seemed to be well received by both the Welcome Center staff and the visitors who stopped by.
- A combination heating/cooling window A/C unit is to be put in the upstairs room of the LRSH.
- Bobby Haygood was unable to commit to building the book shelves to house the school and tax records that will be brought over from county storage. Melvin Blalock has agreed to do the job.
- Mrs. Frances Phares has offered the donation of an old mill stone. It will be moved from her home location to the LRSH as soon as enough strong backs can be enlisted to lift it for transport.
- The Virgie Hays home artifacts may still be made available but, due to the condition of the building, ACHGS representatives will not be al-

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lowed to visit and remove artifacts. Instead, the society has been promised that salvaged artifacts will be made available to us.

- The banner was completed but has been rejected because the image of the magnolia came out in unacceptable form and coloration.
- A number of new books have been added to the library at the LRSB for member use. Most of these were either purchased or received free of charge at the MS Dept. of Archives Gift Shop sale in September.
- A meeting of all the ACHGS committee volunteers that will be participating in planning for the Bicentennial will be held Saturday, November 3, 2007, at 10:00 AM at the LRSB. It is important that everyone attend.

VP Report: VP Barron was not in attendance.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock provided a written report on the society's financial status since July. As of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$7504.81. Linda Honea Lea moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report; Ann Brumfield seconded. It passed without dissent.

Committee Reports:

- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Vera Prestridge gave another recap on the Welcome Center table presentation with a lot of people picking up the LRSB flyers.
- The bees that returned to infest the window casing at the LRSB have been treated to kill them or drive them out. Mrs. Vera has seen no bees lately, so the resealing/caulking of the window frames can commence as soon as the maintenance personnel get around to it.
- Mrs. Vera has shown the electrician the place where the H/AC unit upstairs needs to be placed.

- Mrs. Vera has sent acknowledgement cards for all the memorial donations and has sent sympathy cards as well.
- She has prepared a brief history of the LRSB for Reece Nunnery to put on the Bicentennial web site.
- The Kentwood Gazette presented an entire page of coverage of the society visit to the Welcome Center.
- WPA Books – Pres. Gordon reported that we still have 7 sets and, based on demand as we approach the Bicentennial, more copies may be ordered but that won't be decided until nearer the Bicentennial date.

Old business: No one had any items.

New business: Mrs. Vera announced that she has already committed to open the LRSB every day during the entire week of the Bicentennial observance and she will expect other members to assist in that effort. Mrs. Oma asked for members to inform her and/or the other officers if there are any activities that members think need to be done for the Bicentennial preparation. Mrs. Gerhardt asked what needed to be done to get a historical marker for the LRSB. Wayne Anderson explained the process for getting a true historical marker through the MS Dept. of Archives and History based on the SCV camp experiences in Jackson.

After a call for any additional business, Pres. Gordon recognized Mrs. Hattie Nunnery, the Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee who gave an update on the Bicentennial planning. Due to the number of specific details covered and since planning activities are in a state of change, no attempt was made to record specific details for purposes of these minutes.

Following the Bicentennial update, Dan Morgan was recognized and showed an original roster list of the 2nd Mississippi Regiment in the Mexican War which dates to 1847.

Pres. Gordon asked Gay Blalock to dismiss the meeting with prayer. The meeting closed at about 8:15 PM.

Memorial Donations Received

The Society hereby acknowledges and expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Frances Dixon Phares for her generous donations in memory of Annie Doris Aaron Hart and Ruth Haley Brown. The Society would also like to thank her for her continued donation of proceeds from the sales of her genealogy book.

This editor apologizes for this belated acknowledgement but the complete information about the donations only recently became available to me.

Notice to all members

A meeting of the Committee Chairpersons and other invited guests was held with President Oma Gordon on November 3, 2007, to discuss specific activities the Society will include as our contribution to the Bicentennial observance in 2009. The success of these activities will depend on the participation of all members in some way between now and then and/or during the celebration itself. Please be considering what you can do to help and respond to the call for volunteers when it comes. It will take the entire society working in concert to assure success of the activities. Listen and watch for further details as the plans take shape and specific assistance is needed.

Notice — update

For the first time the society will be issuing membership cards to all paid members. These cards will contain your membership type and expiration date. Due to the number of late renewals received in September, printing of the cards has not yet been done. Cards will be printed as soon as membership stabilizes for a significant period. Watch your mail for this card.

Update:

Due to a continuing printer malfunction, the cards have been delayed yet again.

ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons

Jeannine Dixon — Nominating Committee
Vera Prestridge — Little Red Schoolhouse
Dot Whittington — Archives (at the Little Red Schoolhouse)
Kenneth Gordon — Amite County History
Nelson Dawson — Amite County Family History
Bobby Haygood — Amite County Cemeteries
Linda Honea Lea — Hospitality
Gay Blalock — Special Events and Food
Robert Stratton — Special Events Publicity
Greg Barron — Programs and Publicity
James Allen Causey — Tours and Amite County Landmarks

Anyone interested in helping with one of the committees should contact the committee chairman or contact President Oma Gordon to be referred to the committee chairman.

Annual Membership Contribution
Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society
PO Box 2
Liberty, MS 39645

Check or circle choice

\$15.00 – Individual \$25.00 – Family \$50.00 – Sponsor or Ancestor 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.**

(Please print)

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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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