



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: January 11, 2007 Time: 7:00 pm

The annual open house, membership drive and hospitality day was held at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Saturday, December 9, 2006. Festivities and events kicked off about 1:00 pm. Although the public turnout was not as large as it was for the 2005 event and not as many presenters came, a sizeable group did attend. Sales of WPA books and other items brought in over \$1000. Eight new members joined, four books were donated along with some artifacts and more were promised. Although the wind stayed moderate this year, the temperature was a bit chilly which probably discouraged some attendees. Also, the Liberty Christmas parade was held at about 2:00 pm and some people who might have otherwise attended the open house were occupied in dealing

Future Meeting Schedule

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 9th 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.

with floats and other participation in the parade. For those with access to the internet, a number of pictures of the day's events and attendees have been put on the ACHGS website (check the news page at www.achgs.org.)

Last time we asked...

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

The answer: Building a monument to Confederate soldiers from the county

Do you know?

Why could the Liberty White train not run on the existing tracks running north and south through McComb?

Cheryl Rape, past Executive Board member at large and ACHGS member, has offered to begin providing some Amite County history trivia questions for the newsletter. I expect her trivia feature will begin with the next issue in place of the trivia

I have been including.

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**AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Minutes of 9 November 2006 meeting
DRAFT

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the courtroom, Amite County Courthouse, Liberty, MS. There were 18 attendees. James Allen Causey 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, Nelson Dawson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lessie McCarstle seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

President Report: Pres. Gordon reported that VP Greg Barron and Mrs. Vera Prestridge had recently made presentations on the efforts at the LRSH to the Liberty High School Class of 1932 reunion and to the Liberty Chamber of Commerce. She reported that more WPA books had been sold, though she did not have the exact count with her; she announced that the Bicentennial Committee would meet on November 16. She indicated that she would have other information to present in the committee reports.

VP Report: VP Barron reported that on October 25 the Mississippi Tourism Office approved the LRSH brochure to be placed in all the Mississippi Welcome Centers. He then went over plans for the December 9 open house/membership drive. Mrs. Vera Prestridge added that some members had requested that more parking for handicapped persons be provided; it was decided to temporarily flag two or three general parking place in front of the library as temporary handicapped spots.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report other than to again ask if everyone was receiving a copy of the newsletter now that it was being published monthly. One member that re-

ported in November that e-mail versions of the newsletters were not getting through asked that future newsletters and other notices be sent by postal mail.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock provided Treasurer's report that the society has a balance of \$4856.72 with \$1022.30 cash in hand yet to be deposited. President Oma Gordon asked for a motion on approval of the Treasurer's report. Greg Barron made a motion to approve; Bill Gordon 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.
- 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 reported that:
 1. The brochure advertising the LRSH are being distributed in a variety of locations where they will be seen by the public.
 2. The postcards are selling for \$1.00 per card or \$5.00 for the 7-card set (plus tax).
 3. The window blinds approved at the October meeting have been installed on the first floor windows.
 4. A verbal report about the donation (loan) of the upright piano was given (see the November newsletter).
 5. Bobby Haygood was thanked again for the bookcases he installed on the first floor of the LRSH.
 6. Quinn Toney has donated an old adding machine and typewriter that once saw use in the hardware store to the LRSH for display.
- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Lessie McCarstle reported that:

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1. Blinds and new glass for the artifacts showcase upstairs in the LRSH are being obtained.
 2. An anonymous donor has contacted the society through Mrs. McCarstle offering to donate his family genealogy records. That is being pursued.
- Standing ACHGS Committees – Due to requests from members about the makeup of the committees, President Oma Gordon re-read the list of chairpersons for the various committees that have been established to perform specific society functions. 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.

Old business: Mr. James Allen Causey asked for an update on what had happened with the request from the Hughes family regarding the old one-room schoolhouse. Various persons reported that the Hughes family had been put in touch with the appropriate persons in the MS Dept. of Archives & History to pursue what can be done about restoring/preserving the old building.

New business: Mr. Causey reported that the Vergie Hays' house, abandoned since her death a number of years ago, was being demolished due to a severe termite infestation that made restoration unwise. Mr. R.E. Barnes' letter to the society regarding research into the Perkins family line was read. President Gordon thanked the society and the members for the expressions of sympathy upon the death of her mother.

Following a closing prayer, 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

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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
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I am interested in helping with:

- Archives Membership Programs Newsletter Other (specify):

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