



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Welcome to the 15th 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.)

Thank you.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be a regu-
lar Thursday meeting.

Location: Amite Co. Courthouse Courtroom

Date: August 9, 2007 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Future Meeting Schedule

August 9, 2007, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly
meeting

September 8, 2007, 10:00 am — Quarterly
meeting at Library, McComb

October 11, 2007, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly
meeting

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

December 1, 2007, Time TBA — Quarterly
meeting & Open House/Membership Drive

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, 7:00 pm — Annual Membership
meeting

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of 12 July 2007 meeting
DRAFT

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the court room of the Amite County Courthouse in Liberty, MS. There were 19 attendees. President Oma Gordon asked Greg Barron to open the meeting with prayer.

President Gordon then asked if all present had reviewed the draft minutes of the March meeting. After a few moments to allow those who had not read through the draft to do so, Bill Gordon moved to approve the minutes as written. Nelson Dawson seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

President Report: Pres. Gordon thanked everyone who voted in the annual election and thanked the Nominating Committee for their assistance. She reiterated the list of officers that were reelected and pointed out that the only change in officers was that of the Executive Board at Large with Nelson Dawson replacing Robert Stratton who has moved to special legal advisor by appointment. She further reported that Mrs. Jeannine Dixon, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, will be working with the committee to reconstitute the special society committees that are needed for certain projects or

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society functions. She asked that all members please consider volunteering if asked by Mrs. Dixon or the Nominating Committee.

VP Report: VP Barron reported the following:

- The quarterly Saturday meeting schedule has been firmed up for the next year or so and includes:
 - September 8, 2007 – The society will meet in McComb at the regional library at about 10:00 am for its regular business meeting. At about 11:00 am, Gabriel Morley will present a discussion on research materials offered by the library, focusing on genealogical materials. Instead of a potluck lunch the society will assemble at Golden Corral restaurant for lunch following the meeting.
 - December 1, 2007 – Annual open house and membership drive at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Liberty Library meeting Room.
 - March 8, 2008 – The meeting will be at the Gloster Arboretum. More details will be finalized as we get closer to that date.
 - June 14, 2008 – The society's annual meeting for election of officers and other annual business will be held at the meeting room of the Liberty Library. Following the business meeting, the program will be the "Amite County Antiques Road Show" with guests available to evaluate family antiques and memorabilia.
 - September 13, 2008 – The meeting will be a field trip to Rosemont and other historical sites in Woodville.
 - December 6, 2008 – Annual open

house and membership drive at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Liberty Library meeting Room.

- The logo is being redone and put into a high resolution form for society use. VP Barron showed an example of the doubloon he would like to have made to display the logo for the Bicentennial. Although aluminum versions will be made for celebration favors to be given out to Bicentennial attendees, VP Barron would like the Society to consider whether collectible bronze versions of the doubloon should be designed and offered by subscription. He offered two examples of bronze doubloons for examination courtesy of James Allen Causey.
- VP Barron showed a picture of the old East Fork school that has been donated to the society.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock was unable to provide copies of a written Treasurer's report but reported that the society has a balance of \$6364.80 as of the day of the meeting. Pres. Causey asked a question about checks received for purchase of three books. Treasurer Blalock indicated that these checks had not yet been deposited and therefore not counted in the balance. The report was approved.

President Gordon deviated from the officer reports momentarily. She asked James Allen Causey to give his comment on the need for knowing local members' locations by section, range and township. Following his comments, she reported that the WPA books were still selling well but no decision on making another reprint had yet been made. No news has come in on Bicentennial planning. Mrs. Vera asked how many books remain and Pres. Gordon stated that 15 sets remain. Dan Morgan asked if the society is selling the Amite County landowners reference books of old maps

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that was shown several meetings back and Pres. Gordon responded that we are not selling those, they have to be purchased outside on the internet.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson discussed the following:

- Members were reminded that dues are due to be paid. As of the meeting date, more members are in arrears than those who have paid.
- At the end of July, a final accounting of paid members will be made and unpaid dues members taken off the list.

Committee Reports:

- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that Mr. Joseph Hoff, whose memory of Amite County is excellent, paid a visit. Mrs. Vera suggested that we consider inviting him to be at the LRSH on open house day in December.
- The Mississippi Welcome Center has invited us to come and present a display on a Saturday in August or September.

Old business: VP Barron reported that the banner with the logo will be made as soon as the artwork is complete; it may be ready by the time of the visit to the Welcome Center. Pres. Gordon reported that Mrs. Frances Phares has donated a genealogy book on the McKnight family to the LRSH. Mrs. Williams has donated some old fashioned blue canning jars to be displayed at the LRSH.

New business: Secy. Anderson announced that the next Descendents of Franklin Reunion and celebration will be held in Franklin, TN, sponsored by the Carter House Museum on the third weekend in October. Pres. Gordon passed on the announcement from the MDAH about the Covington Co. Historical Society publication of marriage records for the county. Mr. Kenneth Gordon asked about the McKnight book and the previous meeting program on the McKnight Family that he missed. Pres. Gordon recognized Glen Huff who spoke on his opinion that the Amite County courthouse should have a more noticeable sign, his concern that the school records collected by John H. Parker should be placed in more appropriate storage. He added that the county tax records also need to be better preserved. The county's lack of interest in preserving records was discussed at length.

After a call for any additional business, Pres. Gordon asked Kenneth Gordon to close the meeting with prayer. The society adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

Notice

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. Watch your mail in the next month for this card.

ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons

This information is not yet complete but will be printed following conclusion of all changes to committee chairs.

Annual Membership Contribution
Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society
PO Box 2
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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)

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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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