



## Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

### Welcome to the 31st 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 the annual society open house on December 6 at the Felder-Richmond home on Smiley-Honea Road in eastern Amite County. A variety of events are planned as shown in the flyer which accompanied last month's newsletter.

### Future Meeting Schedule

**December 6, 2008** — Annual open house at the antebellum Jonah Ford home in eastern Amite County. Time and other details to be announced.

**January 10, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**February 14, 2008**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**March 14, 2008**, 10:00 am — Quarterly society meeting with program and activities to be announced.

**April 11, 2008**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

### AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

#### Minutes of November 8, 2008, meeting Draft

*(Due to the absence of Secretary Wayne Anderson, Dawn Taylor took notes from which these minutes were compiled. Thanks to Ms. Taylor for helping.)*

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:05 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. President Oma Gordon asked Ann Brumfield to open the meeting with prayer.

President Gordon asked if everyone had read the minutes of the previous meeting and whether there were changes to be made or a motion to approve. Vera Prestridge made a motion to approve the minutes; Jeannine Dixon seconded. The minutes were approved by vote of the attendees.

President Report: Pres. Gordon reported the following:

- President Gordon gave the Treasurer's report for Gay Blalock as Mrs. Blalock was unable to stay for the regular meeting. The total balance on hand was \$3,641.85.
- She reported that there are approximately 40 copies/sets of the WPA Books still available for purchase.
- There are 142 Doubloons still available. Greg Barron reminded everyone that the funds from the sale of the doubloons will go directly into the general fund.
- Pres. Gordon brought a recommendation from the executive committee that Wayne Ander-

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son's request that any additional funds raised at the open house be used to pay a band from Texas that is interested in performing for the bicentennial celebration in May.

VP Report: VP Barron reported that preparations for the open house are continuing and going well. Mr. Jimmy Honea has recruited many of his friends and associates to lend a hand with the day's events. Red, white and blue balloons will mark the route to the Felder-Richmond home on the day of the open house. Members are asked to be at the home between 10:30 and 11:00 and to carpool if at all possible to ensure plenty of parking will be available for guests. The society will provide brisket and rolls rather than a cake this year as well as the two-liter drinks and ice.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson was not present.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave her report to Pres. Gordon before the meeting and was not present. See the President's report above.

Committee Reports: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported the following:

- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Prestridge reported that she had conducted a tour of the LRSH and the visitors were very impressed.
- Natchez District Marker -- She also reported that her special project -- the restoration of the Natchez District marker -- is progressing nicely and the marker should be back in place on Hwy. 24 by Thanksgiving. The county is to pay for the pole since their work crew broke the original one.
- Open House -- Mrs. Prestridge asked that Carolyn Anderson and Ann Brumfield assist her at the registration table for the open house on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to accept the Executive reports was made by Nelson Dawson seconded by Carolyn Anderson.

Old business: Members were reminded to sign up to bring food for the open house.

New business: There was no new business.

Other business: Mrs. Francis Phares reported on the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Clinton, LA last month. She then introduced her guest Mrs. Shirley Ricketts of Clinton, LA and reported on their morning's cemetery outing here in Amite County.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by VP Barron and seconded by Vera Prestridge. Pres. Gordon asked VP Barron to dismiss the meeting with prayer.

#### **ACHGS Bicentennial Committees**

Little Red Schoolhouse – Vera Prestridge  
Genealogy Research – Nelson Dawson and Eva Frances Phares  
History of County – Kenneth Gordon and Glen Huff  
Cemeteries – Bobby Haygood and Mary Pallon  
Artifacts (Upstairs in LRSH) – Greg Barron and Dot Whittington  
Military & War Between the States – Dan Morgan & Joey Wall  
Tours of Homes & Landmarks – James Allen Causey (provide maps/directions)  
Hospitality/merchandise sales) – Linda Honea Lea  
ACHGS Membership – Jeannine Dixon  
Special Events (incl. food/drink) – Gay Blalock  
Entertainment – Wayne Anderson

#### **ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons**

**Jeannine Dixon — Nominating Committee**  
**Vera Prestridge — Little Red Schoolhouse**  
**Dot Whittington — Archives (at the LRSH)**  
**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 should contact the committee chairman or contact President Oma Gordon to be referred to the committee chairman.



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**Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society**  
**PO Box 2**  
**Liberty, MS 39645**

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