



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Welcome to the 23rd issue of the ACHGS newsletter —

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and suggestions on this newsletter (see e-mail and
mail addresses elsewhere in this issue.)

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if you wish to change the manner (e-mail or regular
mail) in which you receive this newsletter.

Thank you.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be a regular monthly meeting but at our new time and day on the second Saturday at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty Library.

Location: Library Meeting Room, Liberty, MS

Date: April 12, 2008 **Time:** 10:00 am

Future Meeting Schedule

April 12, 2008, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting at Liberty Library meeting room.

May 10, 2008, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting

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

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of February 14, 2008 meeting

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President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the meeting room of the library in Liberty, MS. There

were 18 attendees. President Oma Gordon asked Greg Barron to open the meeting with prayer.

President Gordon asked if all had read the minutes. Hearing no questions, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Lea made a motion; James Allen Causey seconded. The motion passed without dissent.

- President Report: Pres. Gordon recognized visitors and spouses of members but had no formal report.

- VP Report: VP Barron reported the following:

1. The doubloons discussed and approved for purchase at the previous meeting are being made and should be available by the time of the December Open House meeting.
2. The Open House in December, 2008 will be at the old home owned by Jonah Ford (the site of the first open house in 2004 and otherwise known as the old Felder plantation).
3. The quarterly meeting for September will be the field trip to Rosemont in Woodville.

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4. The quarterly meeting for June (the society's annual meeting) will include the localized version of "Antiques Road Show" with local antiques dealers being available to look at any items members or guests wish to have analyzed.
 5. Members should remember that the society will now meet on Saturday at the Library every month so the April meeting will be on April 12 at 10:00 am.
- Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.
 - Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blacklock had no formal report; however, there have been no checks written on the society account since the February meeting so the bank balance should remain unchanged.

Committee Reports and Other Business:

- Mrs. Vera Prestridge thanked volunteers who recently helped out with activities at the Little Red Schoolhouse.
- Pres. Gordon pointed out that the new society banner has now been hung at the Little Red Schoolhouse.
- Pres. Gordon reported that another printing of 50 sets of the WPA books should be completed and available by the April meeting. Only one set of

the original printing remains unsold.

- Pres. Gordon reported that pricing on canvas tote bags to offer for sale at the Bicentennial is being pursued. Hopefully an estimate of cost can be finalized by the April meeting so we can decide whether to proceed with purchase. Are considering one style with the society logo and, if not too expensive, another with the LRSH image. The LRSH version may be more popular for Bicentennial visitors that are not affiliated with the society.
- Pres. Gordon reminded the society that the LRSH has been in need of repair on the gable end of the building for some two years now and that any action to cause the repair to be done has not been forthcoming. As a result, Pres. Gordon would like all members who are available on March 25 to come to the Bd. of Supervisors meeting to support the society's request that this repair be made. Mrs. Vera questioned whether we would be allowed to speak to the board without being on the formal agenda; Pres. Gordon indicated she would check on that point.
- Pres. Gordon asked for members to be considering whether the society will participate in any activities on Heritage Day (May 3) and, if so, what will be do and who will volunteer to help.
- Two books have been donated to the society. One came via mail from a Mrs. Liz Burgess in Alamo, TX, and is a copy of a genealogical record on

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the Ginn Family of Amite and Pike Counties. The second book was purchased by donations from society members as a memorial to Susan Anderson Barnes, life member, who recently passed away. This book is titled Andrew Jackson's Campaign Against the British of the Mississippi Territory in the War of 1812.

Quarterly Program: VP Barron introduced member David Dreyer who presented a program on the Gloster arboretum and the families who contributed to its having been set aside for that purpose

Following the presentation, the meeting adjourned about 11:10 am and members reassembled at their cars for the trip to Gloster.

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 LRS) – Greg Barron and Dot Whittington
Military – Joey Wall
War Between the States – Dan Morgan
Tours of Homes & Landmarks – James Allen Causey
Hospitality (incl. 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 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
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Liberty, MS 39645

Check or circle choice

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

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