



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Welcome to the 26th 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.)

Please notify this editor by the best means 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.

Location: Library Meeting Room, Liberty, MS

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

Future Meeting Schedule

July 12, 2008, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

August 9, 2008, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

September 13, 2008 — Tour of Rosemont in Woodville, MS. Details to be announced.

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

November 8, 2008, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *Minutes of June 14, 2008, meeting* *Draft*

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM in the meeting room of the library in Liberty, MS. There were 32 attendees. President Oma Gordon asked James Allen Causey 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. Vicky Netterville made a motion; Ann Brumfield seconded to approve minutes as amended. The motion passed without dissention.

- President Report: Due to the program following the meeting, Pres. Gordon indicated that the business meeting would be kept as short as possible. She indicated that the program should prove to be a popular event attended by a number of guests. The news media, particularly the Enterprise Journal, had been very helpful in getting out the word on the program.

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- VP Report: VP Barron reported the following:
 1. He presented a program recently at the Clinton, LA library on making rubbings of tombstone inscriptions using a waxy type of crayon on to a fabric medium. He indicated that he would present the same basic program to the society at the July meeting.
 2. He pointed out the donation jar for raising money to pay for the piper to attend the Bicentennial events next year. He will present pipe music at the living history display as well as at the special ceremony planned at the Confederate monument.
 3. Arrangements have also been made to have a tintype photographer available adjacent to the living history display on the main day (Saturday) of the Bicentennial. He will be making glass plate photos using the same techniques and type of equipment used in the 1850s and 60s. All members and guests dressing in period costumes will be encouraged to patronize the photographer and get an image made that will have the look of an authentic 140 year old image.

4. The doubloons are expected to be delivered on Monday following the meeting but will be locked away for safekeeping until sales begin at the open house in December. Members are encouraged, however, to reserve their copies as soon as notice is given for prepayment and reservation-taking

- Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson reminded attendees that anyone not yet casting their ballot for officers needed to do so before the polls closed following the meeting.
- Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blacklock presented a written Treasurer's report. The balance on hand as of the meeting day was \$4081.17. Teresa Kelly made a motion to approve the report; James Allen Causey seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

Committee Reports:

Little Red Schoolhouse: Vera Prestridge reported that the LRSH was recently visited by Conway Bates, Jr.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Other Business: None

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 AM. VP Greg Barron closed the meeting with prayer.

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At about 11:00 AM, the panel of antiques experts was introduced by VP Barron and the Amite County-style "Antiques Road Show" began. About 75 persons including members signed up to have artifacts and keepsakes evaluated.

**Membership Notice
Dues Reminder**

For all membership categories other than Life Members, member dues are payable each year by July 1 in order to keep your membership and voting privileges active. If you haven't paid dues within the last year, now's the time. A brief grace period will be allowed to make the membership list current for last-minute renewals. Members remaining unpaid after the end of August will be suspended from the member list.

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 – 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 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 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)

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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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