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Without a past, there is no future

Welcome to the 27th 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 a regular monthly meeting.

Location: Library Meeting Room, Liberty, MS

Date: August 9, 2008 Time: 10:00 am

Future Meeting Schedule

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. There will be a charge of \$10.00 per person attending. The exact time of assembling for the tour will 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 Jonah Ford home in eastern Amite County. Time and other details to be announced.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *Minutes of July 12, 2008, meeting* Draft

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Greg Barron made a motion; James Allen Causey seconded to approve minutes as amended. The motion passed without dissention.

- President Report: President Gordon reported on the acquisition of artifacts from the Virgie Hays home and thanked Vickie Netterville, Cathy Jaecke and her husband, Dan Morgan and Scotty and Dot Whittington for volunteering to move the materials from the Hays home to the Little Red Schoolhouse. She then asked for anyone who will have some time on July 14 to please come help inventory and catalog the collected materials..
- VP Report: VP Barron reported the following:
 1. He briefly discussed the Amite County-style "Antiques Road

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- Show" held in June and remarked that it was a big success. He thanked all those who participated
2. He reported that the donation jar for raising money to pay for the piper to attend the Bicentennial events next year had received a sizeable accumulation of money from those attending the June meeting and that we were well on our way to securing the piper.
 3. The doubloons were received as expected; distribution will begin at the open house in December. Members may reserve their doubloons by preordering the number they wish to have and pre-paying via check or money order payable to the society beginning July 19. Preorders may be sent to Linda Lea, VP Barron, Pres. Gordon or Jeannine Dixon either at their home addresses or the society address of PO Box 2, Liberty, MS 39645, Attention: Oma Gordon. Members wishing to have doubloons delivered by mail should check with the society prior to placing their order so that the additional S/H charges can be determined.
 4. He reminded members that the September meeting will be a field trip to Rosemont, childhood home of Jefferson Davis, in Woodville with later visits to other Woodville historical sites for those that wish to go.

- Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson reminded attendees that everyone needs to sign in on the attendance roster upon arrival at the meeting so that we can keep an adequate record of attendance. He further acknowledged an error in the last newsletter wherein the host for the December open house, Dr. Jonah Ford, was erroneously called Joel Ford; that will be corrected in future newsletters.
- Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock presented a written Treasurer's report. The balance on hand as of the meeting day was \$2051.77. The balance declined due to payment of the cost of the doubloons following their receipt. Ann Brumfield made a motion to approve the report; Carolyn Anderson seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

Committee Reports:

- WPA Books: Only one set of books was sold in June
- Bicentennial Committees: Pres. Gordon has combined some committees due to overlapping activities and has made other changes due to requests from involved individuals.
- Little Red Schoolhouse: Vera Prestridge was not present to provide a report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Other Business: It was pointed out that James Allen Causey is celebrating his 82nd birthday. (In the course of discussion, it was learned that several other members present are also past eighty. All were asked to assemble following the meeting to be photographed and to receive the first pieces of birthday cake provided in Mr. Cau-

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sey's honor.) Mrs. Frances Phares pointed out that Bethany Church will be celebrating its 200th year in a special observance on October 25.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 AM. Treasurer Gay Blalock closed the meeting with prayer.

Notes regarding Doubloons

Although the doubloons have been received, they will not be distributed until the December 6, 2008 open house. Members reserving doubloons for pickup may get them at the event. Members reserving doubloons for delivery by mail will be sent their orders beginning December 8, 2008. No doubloons will be sold to non-members via early reservation or at the open house until all members have acquired theirs.

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 (will help provide maps/directions but will not be able to actively participate in tours)
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.

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