



## Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be a **regular meeting on October 10, 2009**; however, a special presentation by Dr. Wm. Scarborough on "Plantation Economy" will be given. The meeting will begin at the usual 10:00 am time but will likely run well more than the usual one hour due to the presentation. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

**Due to the field trip in September, there are no minutes for this issue.**

### BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Amite County Physicians

#### THOMAS JEFFERSON SPURLOCK MD

1. Dr Thomas Jefferson Spurlock was born on January 17, 1830 in Tennessee. He died on January 21, 1915 and was buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, East Fork, MS. The 1850 US Census District 8, Madison county, Tennessee shows G. Spurlock, born about 1806 in Virginia and Ann born about 1804 in Tennessee. G. Spurlock was a farmer; the value of Real Estate owned was \$2,000. Children listed were: Eliza J. Spurlock, born abt 1832; John Spurlock, born abt 1833; Henry Spurlock, born abt 1835; William Spurlock, born abt 1837; Julia Spurlock, born abt 1839; James Spurlock, born abt 1842; and Angeline Spurlock, born abt 1854. All children were born in Tennessee. G. Spurlock and Ann believed to be the parents of Dr. Spurlock were not found in Madison county, Tennessee census of 1860. US Census 1860 shows Dr. T. J. Spurlock in Amite County. He is abt 30 yrs, a physician, Real Estate valued at \$6,000 and Personal Estate valued at \$17,000; Amanda Spurlock was 18 yrs. and Ann Spurlock 57, born in Tennessee, believed to be the Ann Spurlock, his mother, of the 1850 Census taken in Madison County, Tennessee. Dr. Spurlock spent two years in professional studies under the direction of Rhodes and Hardin of Somerville, Tennessee, and graduated from the Electric Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Spurlock was a beloved doctor in Amite county for many years. He was married to Amanda Jane "Mandy"

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#### Future Meeting Schedule

**October 10, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. Dr. Wm. Scarborough to speak on "Plantation Economy."

**November 14, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**December 5, 2009**, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm — Annual Open House and membership drive. Details to be announced.

**January 9, 2010**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**February 13, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**March 13, 2009**, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. The subject of the quarterly presentation will be announced later.

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Robinson (daughter of James F Robinson and Amanda Jane Jackson) on April 14, 1859 in Amite Co, MS. "Mandy" was born on August 18, 1841 in Amite County. She died on October 18, 1906 and was buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. They had the following children:

1.1. Thomas Jefferson Jackson "TJJ" Spurlock was born on July 1, 1862 in Amite Co, MS and died on May 10, 1936 in Amite County. "TJJ" was a farmer and county supervisor. His resident was located in Amite County known as Guy. He was married to Janie (Jannie) Blanche Denman (daughter of James Richard Evander Denman and Amanda Marsalis) on September 10, 1884 in Amite County. Janie Denman was born on May 30, 1864 and died on January 10, 1934. Both were buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, East Fork, MS. They had the following children:

1.1.1. James Marvin Spurlock was born on August 13, 1887 in Guy, MS. He died on January 20, 1936 and was buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, East Fork, MS. They resided on Summit, MS RFD. James Marvin was married to Myrtis Powell on October 1, 1916. Myrtis Powell was born on April 11, 1890 and died on August 17, 1938.

1.1.2. Amanda Juanita Spurlock was born on July 4, 1889 in Guy, MS. She died on June 15, 1979 and was buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. She was married to Alfred James Rimes on January 5, 1921. They were the parents of four children. Alfred James Rimes was born on March 19, 1888. He died on January 18, 1964 and was buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. They had the following children: Alfred James "Jimmy" Rimes Jr., Blanche Rimes, William Lee "Billy" Rimes, and Annie Clyde Rimes, who was married to Robert Hugh Brumfield MD.

1.1.3. Kirby Lee Spurlock was born on April 6, 1893 in Guy, MS and was married to Ann Cook on June 4, 1918. They resided in Summit, MS.

1.1.4. Carey H Spurlock was born on June 15, 1895 in Guy, MS. He died on May 14, 1980. Carey was married to (1) Erma Lee McKnight (daughter of Charles M "Charlie" McKnight and Rentz E Callender) on November 10, 1913 in Amite County. Erma Lee was born in 1895 and died of cancer September 1954. Both were buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. They had one child: Julia Lee Spurlock, was born on July 19, 1920 in Amite County and was married on December 14, 1945 in Amite Co, MS to Billy Shurley (son of William Arthur "Bill" Shurley and Martha Alah McManus). Billy was born about 1918 in Amite County and is deceased. In 2009, Julia was residing in Baton Rouge, LA. They had two sons: Richard E. Shurley and W. Carey Shurley. Carey (Carrie) H Spurlock was married to (2) Vera Mae Williams on March 2, 1955 in Amite county. Vera Mae was born in 1906 and died in 1968. Vera's first husband was Mr. Hewitt.

1.2. Julia May Spurlock was born on May 21, 1867. She died on January 16, 1894 and was buried in East Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. Julia May was married to John W "Johnny" Frith Jr (son of John W. Frith and L. A.) on November 21, 1888 in Amite Co, MS. "Johnny" was born about 1866. One known child: Mable Frith. was married to Elijah E Jackson (son of David E Jackson and Victoria Palestine (Catharine) Seale).

## **DOCTOR AARON FRANK STRAWN**

1. Dr Aaron Frank Strawn, son of Balaam Strawn and Mary "Polly" L Strawn, was born about 1830 in Amite Co, MS and died in 1878 at the age of 48 of yellow fever in McComb, MS. The Strawn surname is also shown in records as Straughan. His known siblings were John B Strawn, Louisa Strawn, Edwin H Strawn, Mary Strawn, James Strawn and Martha M. Strawn. Amite Census 1860 - No 441 shows A Frank Strawn, 29 yrs, a doctor in the household of Thomas L Harrell, a merchant. Dr. Strawn was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church, Amite Co, MS. Dr Aaron Frank Strawn and Victoria Adeline Frith were married on 26 Oct 1860 in Amite Co, MS. Victoria Adeline Frith, daughter of William Frith and Amanda Melvinda Simmons, was born

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on 25 Sep 1836 in Amite Co, MS. She died on 5 Jul 1862 at the age of 25 and was buried in the Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, MS. Victoria's first husband was James F. Anderson, son of John C. Anderson and Mary Parsons. Victoria had one child by her first marriage, who died in 1860. Dr. Strawn and Victoria had one child:

1.1. Martha E "Molly" Strawn was born abt September 1861 in Amite County. The 1878 enumeration of educable children in Amite county shows "Molly" residing in Talberts Election District Martha E "Molly" Strawn and Russell McDowell DIXON were married on 3 Dec 1878 in Amite County. Russell McDowell DIXON, son of Charles Tillman DIXON MD and Nancy McDowell, was born abt September 1854. Russell M Dixon was a farmer. Their children were:

1.1.1. William T "Willie" DIXON was born January 1882.

1.1.2. Frank Eugene DIXON was born on 30 January 1885. He died on 19 October 1918 at the age of 33 and was buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, Miss. Frank Eugene DIXON and Nannie JONES were married on 20 Dec 1916 in Amite County

1.1.3. Fannie A DIXON was born Oct 1887. Fannie and Benjamin "Ben" E Priest, son of Benjamin E Priest and Ella Hoff, were married on 22 Sep 1918 in Amite County. "Ben" worked on the railroad. No issue.

1.1.4. Russell McDowell DIXON Jr was born about Sep 1892.

1.1.5. Thomas Frith "Tom" DIXON was born on 20 Oct 1894 in Gloster, Amite Co, MS.

1.1.6. Mary Alice DIXON was born on 18 Dec 1895. She died on 10 May 1896 and was buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, MS.

1.1.7. Charles S DIXON was born in Mar 1898.

Dr Aaron Frank Strawn married (2) Elizabeth C "Lizzie" Hamilton, daughter of William K Hamilton and Eliza J Chandler, "Lizzie" was born about 1847 in Amite Co, MS. Dr Aaron F. and Elizabeth C "Lizzie" Hamilton were married on 14 Jan 1874 in Amite Co, MS. No known issue.

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

**Check or circle choice**

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