



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 November 14, 2009 at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the library in Liberty. Final plans for the December Open House will be made so all local members are urged to attend and be prepared to offer assistance in some manner for the Open House.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of October 10, 2009 meeting

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President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 12 attendees. Jim Freeman opened the meeting with prayer with special mention of Flynn Wesley Dixon and Jan DeLee due to their health problems.

Pres. Barron asked if everyone had read the minutes of the August 9 meeting and whether there were changes to be made. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Oma Gordon and seconded by Dawn Taylor. The minutes were approved by vote of the attendees.

President Report: Pres. Barron announced that attendance at the November meeting is urged to allow for final preparations for the December 5 Open House to be made. On other matters:

- He passed around the special documentation recently prepared on the Truly Whittington artifact collection. A copy of this accounting of the collection has been presented to Ronnie Taylor at the court house and to the Board of Supervisors at their recent meeting at which time the document was entered into the Board's minutes.
- He announced that if any member has a question on the collections of historical artifacts in the society's possession it should be brought directly to the society for response.
- A copy of the report presented to the Board of Supervisors by Mrs. Vera Prestridge will be placed in the Board's library at the courthouse

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Future Meeting Schedule

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

March 13, 2010, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. Details of the quarterly program will be announced.

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

May 8, 2010, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

June 12, 2010, 10:00 am — Annual meeting with election of officers in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. Other activities or program will be announced.

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for future review by any interested parties.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor reported that the previously-approved publication of Christmas cards showing the Little Red Schoolhouse in the freshly-fallen snow is in preparation. Sets of 20 cards with envelopes will be available for sale at \$12 per set. These may be picked up in person at the \$12/set rate or purchased by mail; however, at the time of the meeting postage cost for mailing the cards was not known. Contact VP Dawn Taylor by e-mail at mystery-ofprovidence@yahoo.com to find out the cost of mailing. The cards will hopefully be available by the time of the next meeting in November but should certainly be available no later than the December 5 Open House.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock provided a printed report but was unable to be present at the meeting. The bank balance as of the date of the meeting was \$6083.49. Vera Prestridge made a motion to approve the report; Nelson Dawson seconded. The report was approved by vote of the members attending.

Committee Reports:

•WPA books – The few remaining WPA books are slowly selling out. There will be no more re-prints.

•Little Red Schoolhouse – The Welcome Center on I-55 near Osyka requested a new supply of the LRSB brochures; Mrs. Vera Prestridge responded. There were three visitors to the LRSB during the previous month.

•Old business: None, except to report that no word had been received from the MS Dept. of Archives and History on the request for approval of a marker for the LRSB.

New business:

• Pres. Barron mentioned new book donations. The first is an updated copy of the family history compiled and donated by Life Member Roger Barnes entitled: Those Who Came Before – A Family History of Malcolm Harold Barnes and Kathryn Elkins Longmire. The second is VanNorman Genealogy: Descendants of James and Elizabeth (Wybern) VanNoman, 1762-1996 donated by Oma Gordon. A copy of Mississippi Archaeology Vol. 41, No. 1 has also been given.

•A new policy allowing members to check out books from the library in the LRSB has been adopted. Members are allowed to take books for one month by signing them out through a representative of the society at the LRSB. The checkout procedure, however, does NOT apply to irreplaceable documents (such as the school records) which must remain in the LRSB at all times; such documents can be reviewed there.

Other business: The society welcomed visitor and joining member David Julian Cate and thanked him for his ancestor memorial in memory of James William Gillespie and family.

At the conclusion of business, President Barron introduced Dr. William Scarborough, a retired professor of history from the University of Southern Mississippi who is considered an expert on antebellum South, especially the plantation system and its place in the agrarian economy of the South. Dr. Scarborough both entertained and informed the attendees over the next hour or so.

The business meeting was adjourned and the group was dismissed with prayer by Dan Morgan at 11:37 am.

Reminder to Members

If you have a postal or e-mail address change, be sure to notify the society via the contact info at the top of the left column on this page.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Amite County Physicians

William Jasper Riddle MD

1. Dr William Jasper Riddle was born on 20 Jan 1877 in Louisiana. His parents were born in South Carolina. He died on 29 Jun 1951 at the age of 74. Dr. Riddle was trained as a medical doctor and veterinarian while in the service, which was probably during World War I. The Amite County census records of 1920 indicate William J. Riddle was a practicing veterinarian in Beat 2 of the county. The Riddle home is said to have been located at the intersection of Highway 24 and 48 in Old Centreville, across the road from the old C. N. Gallent home. Dr William Jasper Riddle and Lillie Jones Lee were married on 25 Mar 1909 in East Feliciana Parish, LA. Lillie Jones Lee, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Lee and Alma Winona Dunn, was born on 11 Aug 1889. She died on 25 May 1968 at the age of 78. Both were buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS.. They had the following children:

1.1. Mary Helen Riddle

1.2. William Mitchell Riddle was born about 1911 in Louisiana. William Mitchell Riddle and Coral Jean Dixon were married on 6 Sep 1956 in Amite Co, Miss.

1.3. Napoleon Bonaparte Riddle was born on 21 Dec 1911 in Hardy, LA. He died on 2 Oct 1969 at the age of 57 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. Napoleon Bonaparte Riddle and Philetus Bryant "Peepsie" Wilkinson were married on 22 Jun 1939 in Brookhaven, Lincoln Co, MS. Philetus Bryant "Peepsie" Wilkinson, daughter of John Micajah "Cage" Wilkinson and Mary Amanda McElwee, was born on 26 Sep 1921 in Amite Co, MS and died on 12 Feb 2000 at the age of 78. Both were buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS.. They had the following children:

1.3.1. Lehman Wayne Riddle was born on 23 Apr 1941 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. Lehman Wayne Riddle and Barbara Ann Klein were married on 17 Jan 1966. Barbara Ann Klein was born on 8 Aug 1946. They had the following children:

1.3.1.1. Parrish Riddle was born on 18 Feb 1967 in Louisiana.

1.3.1.2. Shelly Lynn Riddle was born on 7 Oct 1968 in Centreville.

1.3.1.3. Glen Wade Riddle was born on 6 Oct 1969 in Centreville.

1.3.1.4. Richard Barry Riddle was born on 2 Nov 1979 in Zachary, E Baton Rouge Parish, LA.

1.3.2. Donald Ray Riddle was born on 18 May 1947 in Centreville. Donald Ray Riddle and (1) Carolyn Bruce were married. Donald Ray Riddle and (2) Verna Lee Guyon were married on 17 Sep 1968 in Amite Co, MS. Verna Lee Guyon, daughter of Oscar Guyon and Rosa Burnett, was born on 6 Jan 1949 in Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, LA. Donald Ray Riddle and (3) Jackie Kay Higgins were married on 18 Dec 1975 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS. Jackie Kay Higgins, daughter of Willie James Higgins and Beatrice McKee, was born on 4 Sep 1956 in Clinton, E Feliciana Par, LA. They had the following children:

1.3.2.1. Thomas James Riddle was born on 5 Jan 1977 in Zachary, E Baton Rouge Parish, LA. Thomas James Riddle and Brandi Nicole James were married on 9 Sep 1995 in Amite Co, MS. Brandi Nicole James, daughter of Danny James and Mary Freemyer, was born on 3 Dec 1976 in Amite Co, MS. They had the following child:

1.3.2.1.1. Austin James Riddle was born in Natchez, Adams Co, MS.

1.3.2.2. Tonya Gail Riddle was born on 12 Aug 1980 in Zachary, E Baton Rouge Parish, LA.

1.3.3. Cheryl Romaine Riddle was born on 21 Oct 1949 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. Cheryl Romaine Riddle and (2) Henry Carroll Rape Sr were married on 24 Mar 1966 in Gloster, Amite Co, MS. Henry Carroll Rape Sr., son of Henry Thomas "Bully" Rape and Mary Jane Callender, was born on 19 Sep 1946 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS. They had the following children:

1.3.3.1. Evelyn Jeanette "Jeannie" Rape was born on 17 Jan 1968 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. Evelyn Jeanette "Jeannie" Rape and Roy Dale Love were married on 2 Jan 1993 in Amite Co, MS. Roy Dale Love,

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son of Roy Henry Love and Robbie Louise Hale, was born on 26 Jan 1959 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. They had the following child:

1.3.3.1.1. Jacob Allen Love was born on 28 Dec 1987 in McComb, MS.

1.3.3.2. Lisa Michelle Rape was born on 18 Nov 1969 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. Lisa Michelle Rape and (2) Randy Crawford were married. They had the following children: Chase Russell Crawford and Cheree Crawford. Lisa Michelle Rape and (2) Cecil Allen Nevels were married on 18 Mar 1989 in Amite Co, MS. Cecil Allen Nevels, son of John Wesley "Johnnie" Nevels and Hazel Vern Morgan, was born on 21 Aug 1965 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. He died on 26 Dec 2006 at the age of 41 in Tylertown, MS at his residence and was buried on 30 Dec 2006 in Blalock Cemetery, Liberty, MS. He was a diesel mechanic for Standard Gravel Company. They had the following child: Codi Nevels

1.3.3.3. Tina Cheree Rape was born on 24 Aug 1971 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. Tina Cheree Rape and (1) Charles David Woodall were married on 3 Jun 1990 in Amite County. Tina Cheree Rape and (2) Daniel Joe Meaux were married. They had the following child: Daniel Joe Meaux Jr

1.3.3.4. Henry Carroll Rape Jr was born on 10 Dec 1973 in Zachary, E Baton Rouge Parish, LA. Henry Carroll Rape Jr and Tabitha Lynn Jackson were married on 14 May 1998 in Amite Co, MS.

Tabitha Lynn Jackson, daughter of James Edward Jackson and Martha Lynn Etheridge, was born on 1 May 1979 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS..

Cheryl Romaine Riddle and (2) Charles Phillip Ott were married on 17 Jul 1998 in Amite Co, MS.

1.3.4. Mickey Riddle and Barbara Diane Lambert were married on 14 Sep 1973 in Amite Co. Barbara Diane Lambert, daughter of Lester Lambert and Helen Elaine Callender, was born on 14 May 1953 in Magnolia, Pike Co, MS. In June 2006, Barbara Diane was Ebenezer Baptist Church's "Mother of the Year". This lifetime resident of Amite County was Chairman of the Landscape Committee at Ebenezer, Sunday school teacher, Lord's Supper coordinator, assistant Church Clerk and Treasurer and shares her flowers with her church family on Sundays. They divorced. Mickey remarried Barbara on 14 September 1991 in Amite Co, MS. They had the following children:

1.3.4.1. John Michael Riddle was born on 26 Jul 1976 in Centreville, Wilkinson Co, MS. John Michael Riddle and Christie Sullivan were married. Christie Sullivan, daughter of Richard Allen Sullivan and Lisa Gay Hux, was of Liberty, MS, Oct 2008. They had the following children:

1.3.4.1.1. Cammie Riddle

1.3.4.1.2. Ethan Chase Riddle was born on 17 Sep 2008 in Southwest Mississippi Medical Center, McComb, MS.

1.3.4.2. She Jennie Riddle was of Norwood, LA., June 2006. She Jennie Riddle and Mr. Jelks were married.

1.3.5. Son Riddle died young.

1.4. Thomas Jefferson Riddle was born about 1914 in Louisiana. Thomas Jefferson Riddle and Modina Humphress were married. They had the following child: Sam Riddle.

1.5. Alma Louise Riddle was born on 15 Apr 1916 in Louisiana. She died on 22 Sep 1974 at the age of 58. Alma Louise Riddle and William Douglas Hughes Sr were married on 1 Sep 1934 in Amite Co, Miss. William Douglas Hughes Sr, son of Eugene Carroll Hughes and Sarah Minnie "Grammy" Tousinau, was born on 14 Nov 1907. He died on 3 Feb 1961 at the age of 53. Both buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS. They had the following children: William Douglas Hughes Jr and Richard Allen Hughes

1.6. Ruby Lee Riddle was born about 1917 in Florida. Ruby Lee Riddle and Wilton Allen Dreher Sr were married. Wilton Allen Dreher, Sr. , son of Lee Andrew Dreher and Lillian May Cox, died before Sep 2004. They had the following children:

1.6.1. Wilton Allen Dreher Jr and (1) Gwendolyn Tabor were married on 23 Oct 1965 in Amite Co, MS. Wilton Allen Dreher Jr and (2) Jackie Kay Higgins were married. Jackie Kay Higgins, daughter of Willie James Higgins and Beatrice McKee, was born on 4 Sep 1956 in Clinton, E Feliciana Par, LA. Wilton Allen Dreher Jr and (3) Barbara Diane Lambert were married on 16 Mar 1985 in Amite Co, MS. Barbara Diane Lambert,

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daughter of Lester Lambert and Helen Elaine Callender, was born on 14 May 1953 in Magnolia, Pike Co, MS. Wilton Allen Dreher Jr and (4) Linda C Marks were married on 31 Aug 1991 in Amite Co, MS.

1.6.2. Ginger Dreher

1.7. Lloyd George Riddle was born about 1923 in Miss. Lloyd George Riddle and Marian were married They had the following children: Alice Riddle, Jerry Riddle, Lloyd George Riddle Jr, Sylvia Riddle, Daniel Riddle, and Jenny Riddle

1.8. Robert Singleton Riddle was born about 1925 in Miss. Robert Singleton Riddle and Billeann Vine were married on 3 Apr 1954 in Amite Co, MS. Billeann Vine was the daughter of Frank King Vine and Annabe Buchanan. They divorced. They had the following children: Toni Riddle, Teri Riddle, and Rhonda Riddle.

1.9. Hurbert Hoover "Joe" Riddle was born about 1929 in Miss. Hurbert Hoover "Joe" Riddle and Nancy Baugh were married. They had the following children: Stephen Riddle and Catherine Riddle

1.10. David Leslie Riddle was born on 26 May 1933. He died on 28 Jul 1977 at the age of 44 and was buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS. David Leslie Riddle and Eva Rae Sloss were married They had the following children: David Leslie Riddle Jr., Nonnie Riddle, and Jessie Riddle



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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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