



# Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

## Welcome to the 34th 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 business meeting on April 11, 2009**, at **10:00 am** in the conference room of the Liberty Library. If you have any issues with the society's planned events for the April 30—May 2, 2009 period, please attend and be prepared to discuss them.

### Future Meeting Schedule

**April 11, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**May 9, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**June 13, 2009**, 10:00 am — Annual society meeting with election of officers for the next fiscal year. Other program details to be announced.

**July 11, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**August 8, 2009**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**September 12, 2009**, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting. Hopefully the field trip to Woodville cancelled last year will be rescheduled.

## AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of March 14, 2009 meeting

**DRAFT**

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:10 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 25 attendees. VP Barron opened the meeting with prayer.

Pres. Gordon asked if everyone had read the minutes of the February 14 meeting and whether there were changes to be made. Secy. Anderson reported that a correction was needed to the information on the event previously reported as being at the Library on Bluebonnet Ave. in Baton Rouge; it was actually held at the Louisiana Archives on Essene Lane. Linda Lea made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; VP Barron seconded. The minutes were approved by vote of the attendees.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock had a printed report. The bank balance as of the date of the meeting was \$5067.87 including receipts in hand but not yet deposited. VP Barron made a motion to approve the report; Carolyn Anderson seconded. The treasurer's report was approved by vote of the members.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson showed members a copy of the poster that will be placed around Liberty and other areas advertising the concert to be held on April 30, 2009, at the LRSH. He also

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asked that any members who had definite locations where they could be assured to be able to place posters to please pick up the exact number that they would need. Extra copies will be available at the LRSB for additional postings should members later find new locations.

President Report: Pres. Gordon presented notice of the society's acquisition of the book Slaves of Amite County to be placed in the society library at the Little Red Schoolhouse in memory of Mrs. Faye Barron, VP Barron's mother who recently passed away. She also recognized VP Barron who reported that he and his son Will Barron are donating a book containing information on all the Confederate soldiers from the Barron family to the society. Pres. Gordon then recognized Mrs. Emma Brumfield who presented a copy of her genealogy compilation entitled Wilkinson and Kindred Families to the society.

VP Report: VP Barron reported that the flyers for the society events of April 30 – May 2, 2009, have been printed and are ready for distribution. He recognized Dawn Taylor who passed out copies of the flyer to the attendees and also showed the proof copy of the souvenir fan that is in preparation to be sold during the society's event days. He also reported that Linda Lea is handling the arrangements for the society's float (an old-timey wagon) in which the President Gordon and some others will ride for the Bicentennial parade.

Committee Reports:

- WPA books – Pres. Gordon re-

ported that there are 31 sets left.

- Society Bicentennial Doubloons – About 30 of the bronze doubloons are left for sale; when they're gone, they're gone, no restrike.
- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that she received a nice thank-you card from the out-of-town visitors who visited in February. She also reported that she had filled out her list of volunteers to work during the three society event days of the Bicentennial and thanked all those who had signed up.
- Natchez District Marker – Mrs. Prestridge reported, and VP Barron confirmed that he marker has now been put back up near its original location on Hwy. 24.

Old business: None.

New business:

- Mrs. Frances Phares reported that she is about to complete a compilation of information on the early families of the Bethany Presbyterian Church. She expects it to be printed up by the time of the Bicentennial and will donate the proceeds of sales to the society in return for the society's promotion of the book during and after the Bicentennial.
- Dawn Taylor showed examples of some souvenir magnets (refrigerator magnets) in several designs that have been prepared and are ready for sale now.
- James Allen Causey reported that he has contacted the state archaeologist regarding use of

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property in the Homochitto area by the Camp Van Dorn military reservation when it was in operation. He discovered in the course of that investigation that there is a web site provided by the Bureau of Land Management that contains historical records of property landowners that can be publicly viewed. The web address is <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> and searching can be done by state and property owner name (at least last name).

Other business: None

Hearing no additional business, the meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am. James Allen Causey offered the closing prayer. Following a brief break, volunteers who will work on the three society event days for the Bicentennial were asked to make themselves available to discuss specific plans of how things will be set up for those days.

### **Membership Dues Notice (Dues in Arrears)**

We expect to mail ballots out in the next month for the election of officers for next the 2009-2010 society year. If you have not kept your dues current this year, even if you are receiving the newsletter, you **will not** be a voting member and will not receive a ballot. Check your records and bring your dues up-to-date if you wish to vote either by mail or in person at the annual meeting in June.

### **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 (provide maps/directions)  
Hospitality/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 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.

I am interested in helping with:

Archives    Membership    Programs    Newsletter    Other (specify):

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