



Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

Welcome to the 36th 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 **the Society's Annual Meeting on June 13, 2009**, at **10:00 am** in the conference room of the Liberty Library. In addition to the regular business meeting, there will be an informal program music by Wayne Anderson while the balloting for the election of officers for the next fiscal year is completed. All members in good standing should have received a ballot for voting and if you have not returned a voted ballot by mail, you should plan to attend this meeting if you wish to vote.

Future Meeting Schedule

June 13, 2009, 10:00 am — Annual society meeting with election of officers for the next fiscal year. See other program details above.

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.

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

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of May 9, 2009 meeting

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President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:06 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 15 attendees. Bro. Walt Gaston opened the meeting with prayer.

President Report: Pres. Gordon thanked everyone for making the society's Bicentennial observance so successful. Since it was so soon after the Bicentennial, there was little else to report.

VP Report: VP Barron reported that he had visited the antiques display held at the Harrison Bldg. during the Bicentennial and discovered an original roster of Confederate soldiers that had been placed on display. He inquired as to who owned this document and was directed to Mrs. Preston (Gwen) Jones. VP Barron then introduced Mrs. Jones who showed the roster as well as four original pre-war land grants. VP Barron then announced that

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Mrs. Jones was donating the roster document to the society for preservation and display and was loaning the land grants as well.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson thanked everyone who came out and worked or attended the society events during the Bicentennial.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock provided a printed report. The bank balance as of the date of the meeting was \$5502.91. Secy. Wayne Anderson made a motion to approve the report; James Allen Causey seconded. The report was approved by vote of the members attending.

Committee Reports:

- WPA books – Pres. Gordon reported that a few were sold during the Bicentennial but that she did not have an exact count.
- Little Red Schoolhouse – Mrs. Vera Prestridge thanked all the volunteers who worked in the LRSH guiding visitors. She reported that 1013 visitors had formally registered by signing the log book although quite a lot more

probably visited without formally signing.

Upon being reminded that the last meeting's minutes had not been dealt with, Pres. Gordon asked if everyone had read the minutes of the April 11 meeting and whether there were changes to be made. Vera Prestridge made a motion to approve the minutes; James Allen Causey seconded. The minutes were approved by vote of the attendees.

Pres. Gordon recognized Mrs. Jeannine Dixon for a report from the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Dixon reported that the voting for officers for the next fiscal year would be held at the June 13 meeting, which is designated as the "Annual Meeting" by the Constitution and By-Laws. The persons recommended for officers for the coming year are:

President:	Greg Barron
Vice President:	Dawn Taylor
Secretary:	Wayne Anderson
Treasurer:	Gay Blalock
Exec. Committee:	Oma J. Gordon

Secy. Anderson announced that ballots would be mailed out as soon as possible after the meeting so that all members in good standing could cast ballots either by mail or in person at the next meeting.

Old business: None.

New business: None.

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Other business: Secy. Anderson reported that he had received an e-mail from Jed Marum thanking the society for having him perform at the Thursday, April 30 concert and apologizing for departing so quickly afterward. Pres. Gordon reported that the society's float (covered wagon) won the 1st place parade prize for a non-motorized entry.

James Allen Causey closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.

Membership Dues Notice

All dues for the next fiscal year are due for payment by **July 1, 2009**. If you have not paid dues for the next year (and many have already paid), you will be allowed a month or so grace period to get your dues current. If you fail to do so, you will be dropped from the active member rolls.

When paying dues, **please complete a new copy of the membership application** (see following page) so that we can assure that all information is kept current for the coming year. Note that the Post Office will not deliver to addresses not showing at least a 5 digit zip code; therefore, **please include you zip code** even if you think it would be understood from the rest of your address. This is particularly critical for those of you receiving mail at PO Boxes since the Post Office sometimes assigns a different 5-digit code to box mail compared to that delivered to house addresses. Also, if you provide a phone number, **please assure that the 3-digit area code is shown**.

ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons

Jeannine Dixon — Nominating Committee
Vera Prestridge — Little Red Schoolhouse
Dot Whittington — Archives (at the LRSB)
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)

All contributions are tax-deductible.

Please make checks or money orders payable to **Amite Co. Historical and Genealogical Society**.

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Address: _____

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E-mail address: _____

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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