



## 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 monthly business meeting at 10:00 am at the library meeting room in Liberty on September 11, 2010. The field trip tentatively scheduled for this date could not be confirmed.

### AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of August 14, 2010 meeting

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#### Future Meeting Schedule

**September 11, 2010**, 10:00 am — The quarterly meeting field trip could not be finalized. See above.

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

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

**December 4, 2010**, 10:00 am — Annual Open House and Membership Drive. Details to be announced.

**January 8, 2011**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**February 12, 2011**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**March 12, 2011**, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. Program to be announced.

**April 9, 2011**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

**May 14, 2010**, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:07 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 16 attendees. J. Walt Gaston gave the invocation.

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented for approval. Dawn Taylor made a motion to approve; Oma Gordon seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported on the following:

- The field trip to the Vaughn House in Magnolia planned tentatively for September will be postponed due to conflicts in finalizing the schedule. Due to other events occurring in the fall and winter, the field trip may have to wait until next spring.
- The November society meeting will be an important one for finalizing plans for the open house in December. This year the open house will be held in the old Liberty Hardware Store which has been converted to offices for the Kelly Law firm. As in previous years, the open house will be on the first Saturday in December. Parking for this year's event is available on the street, behind the offices in the parking lot, and behind the court house if all other spaces are full.
- Jeannie Livingston has agreed to serve on the Cemeteries Committee for the society

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- Mr. James Allen Causey has learned that the old Westbrook Gin will be nominated by the MS Dept. of Archives and History to the National Register of Historic Places.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor suggested that the society go ahead and set the time for the open house. President Barron suggested noon until 3:00 pm. No one expressed disagreement with that schedule but it could be subject to change pending comments from the law firm or others not in attendance.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock was not present.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

WPA Books: There have been no new sales recently; however, plenty of books are available.

LRSB: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that there were no visitors to the LRSB in July but that someone had inquired about visiting in association with a class reunion. The class year was not specified but it is likely a class that graduated when the old school was still present on the site.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Frances Phares is ready to publish another volume of the Amite County genealogy information. She has a lot of information on Sylvester Dunn family. The next volume will publish in November and be ready for distribution by the next open house.
- Mrs. Phares repeated her request that members to write down childhood memories of

growing up in Amite County and submit them to her for inclusion in future issues of the newsletter. Anyone wishing to participate may send their write-ups to Secretary Anderson (see newsletter for contact info) and he will pass it on to Mrs. Phares.

Other Business: None

Announcements/Special discussions:

- President Barron announced details of the East Fork Baptist Church Bicentennial observance which will have events on September 15, 17, 18 and 19. On Sept. 15, ceremonies will be held at Chandler's Hill on the site of the original East Fork Church at the time of its founding. On Sept. 17 a media presentation on the church's history will be given. On Sept. 18, there will be a day-long open house at the church with music in the outdoor pavilion from 10 until 4, a church history display inside the church, fried catfish lunches for sale and, at 4:30 pm, a grave-side dramatic impression of one of the church members describing the early years of the church. On Sept. 19, the church will host an old-fashioned day-long service with dinner on the ground and addresses by past ministers and special guest Will Davis Campbell. For those with internet access, details of the church's history and bicentennial plans may be found by visiting <http://www.eastforkbaptistchurch.com> (all details are not on a single page, so view all the site).
- Dan Morgan gave a report on his participation in the PBS "Antiques Road Show" in Biloxi recently. Although Dan was not chosen to appear on the televised portion of the show, he said the experience was both entertaining and educational.
- Frances Phares read some selected bits of information from the collected memoir notes of Hiram McGehee, particularly the recollections of his father George McGehee. Hiram McGehee was a chemist and a lobbyist for the creosote industry in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. His sister was a Catholic nun.

# BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Merchants and Tradesmen  
Amite County, Mississippi 1921

## Ariel

Population 25; Bank town: Centerville  
L. M. Gallent (General Store)

## Bewelcome

Population 120; Bank town: Gloster  
R. D. Causey, Jr. (General Store); Geo. W. Seale (Blacksmith); S. M. Short [Mrs. W.R. Short] (General Store)

## Capell

Population 35; Bank town: Centerville  
Joseph Byrne (General Store); H. H. Jackson (General Store)

## Coles

Population 118; Bank town: Gloster  
H. I. Crum (General Store); J. N. McDowell (General Store); Poole Brothers (Manufacturer Lumber); W. J. Seale - near (General Store)

## Glading

Population - none given; Bank town: Liberty  
E. E. Anderson (General Store); P. E. Webb (Grocery)

## Gloster (Rural delivery to Cassels and Stephenson)

Population 1,486 - A banking town

W. C. Anderson (Shoes, Dry goods, & Clothes); Berry & Caulfield (Bakery & Confectioners, Groceries & Rest); F C Brown (Grocery); J. E. Brown (Jewelry); Brown & Jackson (Undertaker & Caskets); W. D. & W. V. Caulfield (Publishers); J. C. Causey - near (General Store); J. D. Causey (General Store); B F. Cruise (Dry Goods, Millinery); J. H. Day (Grocery); T. S. Denson (Coal, Fuel, & c); M. Depew (Blacksmith); Gloster Gin Co; Gloster Lumber Co. and Saw Mill (Branch--Camden, Ark.); T.W. Hill (Restaurant); E. S. Jackson (Furniture & Mattresses); B. F. Johns (Garage); K. F. Johnson - near (General Store); R. C. Johnson (Grocery); R. G. Johnson (Grocery); Max Kahn & Sons (General Store); C. L. Korman [Mrs. J. F.] (Millinery, Dry Goods & c); Korman Grocery Co. [not included]; J. L. Longmire & Co. (General Store); H. S. Lusk (Grocery Store & Farmer); J. L. McGehee (Lumber); G. P. McGehee & Son (General Store); Mrs. F. A. McLain (Millinery); McLain Brothers (General Store); McLain & Tatum (General Store); C. A. McNeil (Blacksmith & Grist Mill); O. P. McPherson (Drugs); H. B. Miller (Hotel); Planters Mercantile Co. [not inc]; J. I. Poole (Saw Mill); Mrs. Julia V. Ratcliff (Grocery); J. K. Raner (Livery & Auto Repair); William Samuels (Grocery); P. J. Smith - near (General Store); E. J. Washington (Dry Goods & Grocery); Wm. P. Webb (Drugs); T. J. Wilkinson (Grocery Store).

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Liberty (Rural delivery to Aline, Hurst, Hustler and Marshalltown):

Population 556 - A banking town

John B. Andrews (General Store); J. F. Ball (Garage & Grist Mill); R. L. Bass – 10 mi N (General Store); J. A. Beard, Sr. (Blacksmith & Grist Mill); G. E. Bradshaw (Garage); Miss Alma Causey (General Store); J. E. Cockerham (Garage); J. H. Coleman - near (General Store); Claude Cruise (General Store & Farmer); Micapoh [Micajah] C. Cruise (General Store); S. B. Day (General Store & Farmer); Alvin Felder (Blacksmith); Abe Frazier (Livery & c); Mrs. Eunyce Hinton (General Store); Hughey & Brown (Grocery); C Jackson (Grocery & c); Wallace Jackson - near (General Store); W. P. Jenkins - near (General Store); E. R. Jones (General Store); J. C. Legette – near (General Store); Liberty Mercantile Co (General Store); J. C. McGehee (General Store); H. Etta Moore [Mrs. R. D.] (Hotel); C. E. Morgan (General Store & Farmer); L. F. Morgan (General Store); E. R. Nunnery (Grocery & Restaurant); H Nunnery (General Store); M. C. Parker (Telephone); Quinn & Gordon (Drugs); W. L. Robinson Co (General Store); R. R. Short (General Store); A. G. Stratton (Publisher); T. J. Thompson (General Store); G. M. Turnipseed (General Store); Wash Bros. (General Store); W. E. Welch (Grocery); J. H. Weldon - near (General Store); E. H. Westbrook (Gin & Grist Mill); J. M. Westbrook - near (General Store); Westbrook-McGehee Co. [not included] General Store & Farmers; F. A. & Pete White (General Store); N. G. Whittington (Grocery); E. L. Wilkerson - near (Grocery & c); N. C. Wilkinson – near (Grocery); A. B. Williams (Drugs); J. C. Wilson - near (General Store); Miss Mary Wing (Millinery).

Olio (Capell P. O.)

Population 90; Bank town: Centerville

W. P. Hughes, Jr. - near (General Store); D. B. White (General Store)

Peoria (Rural delivery to Echo and Tate)

Population 45; Bank town: Liberty

J. Scott Nunnery (General Store & Farmer); A. E. Ott (General Store); Z. T. Travis (General Store); D. J. Wall, Jr. (General Store)

Smithdale (Rural delivery to Eastfork, Gardner, Leaton, Thompson and Trent

Population 150; Bank town: Summit

J. H. Chisholm (General Store); Gallaway A. Thompson (General Store); J. L. Hewitt (General Store & Farmer); L. R. Keith (Telephone); R. L. Martin (General Store); S. E. Moore (General Store); J. F. Nettles - near (General Store & Farmer); S. B. Whittington (General Store).

Stephenson

Bank town: Gloster

Foster Creek Lumber & Mfg. Co. (Branch Madison Wisconsin); Mississippi Gravel Co. (Branch Memphis, Tenn.)

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Street

Population 45; Bank town: Norwood

H. L. Jones - near (General Store & Farmer); Dr. H. L. Lewis (General Store & Farmer)

Tate (Rural delivery from Peoria)

Population 40; Bank town: Liberty

Tate & Taylor (General Store)

Trent (Rural delivery from Smithdale)

Population 55; Bank town: Summit

O. R. & R. E. Williams (General Store & Saw Mill)

Zion Hill (Rural delivery from Liberty)

Population 70; Bank town: Gloster

J. W. Aaron (General Store); I. L. Butler [Mrs. H. K.] (General Store); Mrs. M. A. Cole (General Store).

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### **ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons**

**Linda Honea Lea— Nominating Committee**

**Vera Prestridge — Little Red Schoolhouse**

**Dan Morgan — Amite County History**

**Nelson Dawson — Amite County Family History**

**Mary Pallon, Jennie Livingston, Bobby Haygood — Amite County Cemeteries**

**Linda Honea Lea — Hospitality**

**Gay Blalock — Special Events and Food**

**Greg Barron — Programs and Publicity**

**James Allen Causey — Tours and Amite County Landmarks**

Any member interested in helping should contact the committee chairman or Pres. Greg Barron.

**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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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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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