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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting: The next meeting will be regular meeting at 10:00 am on October 8, 2011, in the conference room of the library in Liberty.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of September 10, 2011 meeting

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Future Meeting Schedule

October 8, 2011, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. An in-house presentation on exploring the records in the LRSB will be given.

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

December 3, 2011, 10:00 am — Annual Open House and Membership Drive at the Decatur Butler House.

January 14, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

February 11, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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

April 14, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

May 5, 2012, 10:00 am — Meeting and activities to coordinate with the Heritage Days activities.

June 9, 2012, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. See program announcement on page 2.

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:05 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 20 attendees. Gay Blalock gave the invocation.

To accommodate the needs of the speaker, USAF Col. James L. Hendrickson, Ret., the program was moved to the beginning of the meeting. Following an introduction by Mrs. Frances Phares, Col. Hendrickson gave an overview of all the work that he and others have done researching and documenting the land ownership and age of older dwellings in the town of Jackson, LA.

At the conclusion of the program about 10:55 am, the business meeting resumed. The draft minutes from the August 13, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Villar pointed out that her last name in the draft was spelled incorrectly with only one "l." Secretary Anderson noted the correct spelling for the final minutes. Linda Lea made a motion to approve; Dan Morgan seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

President Report: Pres. Barron commented that he had nothing specific to report.

Vice President Report: Pres. Barron present VP Dawn Taylor's report since she could not be present:

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The Decatur Butler House will be the site of the society's Open House on the first Saturday in December.

The Open House will be held from 12 noon until 3:00 pm. A bluegrass band has been lined up to provide music. A sign-up sheet for members agreeing to bring food will be circulated as soon as possible but no later than the November meeting.

Raffle tickets are still available for sale and members are encouraged to pick up tickets to sell to friends and relatives. See Dawn Taylor to either buy tickets or pick up tickets for sale. If any members have sold tickets already, please give the money and ticket stubs to Gay Blalock.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had noting to report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave a written report. The society account currently stands at \$4989.02. Vera Prestridge made a motion to approve the report; Wayne Anderson seconded. The report was approved without dissention.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that there had been no visitors in the last month.

Old Business: If any of the members that are handy with needle and thread want to sew on the quilt, please contact Dawn Taylor to arrange a work session.

New Business: New business included: Pres. Barron recognized Mr. Isaiah Selmon and Mr. Jerome Selmon. They indicated that they were wanting to form a society focused on Black history and genealogy. They asked that anyone wishing to give advice on how to go about such a venture to please

get in touch with them.

Mrs. Laramore related details on her first dealings with David Dreyer when he was researching the Hansberry family.

David Dreyer reported that there will be an observance in the near future of the 150th anniversary of the alleged slave rebellion that took place south of Natchez around Kingston.

Jim Freeman donated a book, Natchez Before 1830.

President Barron donated two books, Pictorial History of the Second World War, Vols. I and III.

Guest speaker James Hendrickson donated a copy of Journey to War's Eve, An Antebellum History of Jackson, LA.

Jan Villar showed an old insurance policy certificate from 1921 issued by the Heralds of Liberty. She wants to know if anyone knows any details of the history of the company or the sale of insurance in the local area.

Mrs. Frances Phares announced that the program in October will be about exploring what information is in the files and records in the LRSH.

Mrs. Vera Prestridge announced that volunteers are needed to do additional work identifying and indexing records in the LRSH.

Other Business: None

Mrs. Irene Van Norman gave the closing prayer and the business meeting was adjourned at about 11:30 am.



But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

B. W. Hatch

This letter was contributed for research by Twyler Smith Chaney, Clinton, LA, who has genealogical roots in Copiah County, Mississippi. The letter was found in the Copiah County, Hazlehurst, Mississippi historical records. Letter to W. W. Cook and from B. W. Hatch

Clinton, La,

Oct. 14th, 1853

W. W. Cook

Dear sir. As I have a little time to spare to day I have concluded to drop you a few lines. We have at this time a fearful epidemic of the yellow fever a raging in out town at this time. Tho our town is quite deserted our population heretofore was between 1900 to 2000 there is now only about 250 left. They have fled to the country or are dead. We have treatment at this time and some of them must certainly die. We have had 4 new cases in the last 24 hours; but none for the last 12 hours. None of my family has been sick yet but I do not know how soon they may. Some familys (sic) has been nearly all cut off. Those that has suffered the most was those that flew to country and could not get medical aid. The preachers and the religious part of our community has entirely left. We have not a praying man or woman left but our Masonic Brethren and Odd fellows are doing all they can. Business has entirely ceased in our town. We have a physician and three nurses from New Orleans sent by the Howards. Also a doctor from Woodville in your State who are doing all they can. The epidemic has nearly ceased in Woodville, Batton (sic) Rouge, and at Bayou Sarah (sic) and Port Hudson and I hope and pray that it will not last many more days in this place. We have had rain this morning and the air is much cooler. Oh that these would cause frost. Since I commenced this I hear of two new cases and one death. There is one feature new in the disease -- that it takes mostly the German population. But there is know (sic) telling where or when it will stop. Times can only tell. Mr. Ally (?) has your deed ready for you but from your silence upon the subject you do not want it as I Have written to you several times concerning it. I would like much to hear from you. I would have left this place but I came to the conclusion that was more safety in remaining than in leaving. Amongst those that is in town there is less alarm now than when it first broke out for most all the alarmist have left. Frances was a good bit alarmed at first but she has got quite over it and we are all well and in fine spirits tho it is hard for us to get enough to eat as the country people will not come or send to town. I got some chickens the other day by sending a boy to the country. They caught the chickens and bought out into woods and laid them down and the boy waited until they left and got them. The country people are completely panick (sic) stricken. They will not let a person from town come near them. Frances and the children send their love to all. Give my respects to Morris? and love and all the rest. I must go and attend to the sick.

Yours truly,

B. W. Hatch

Note: Punctuation inserted by the transcriber since very little could be seen on the copy.

Transcribed by: Sue Nell Travis, Box 509, Clinton, Louisiana 70722 from a copy of the original on June 17, 1991.

Fact Sheet - B. W. Hatch, a tailor, was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, July 2, 1802 and died October 26, 1853 of yellow fever and was buried in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, LA .

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B. W. Hatch received Masonic Degree in Quitman, Mississippi in 1834. His wife, Frances A was born in North Carolina in 1811. Their children: Mary was born in Mississippi in 1836 and Emily in 1843 in Louisiana

Sources: Malcom Cain and Betty Lou Cain, Clinton, Louisiana from Masonic Records in their files. 1850 Census East Feliciana Parish compiled by D. W. Johnson on file at Audubon Regional Library, Clinton, LA.

Additional research by Frances D. Phares -

Others in the B W Hatch household were: F W Ward, a tailor, 32 years old, who was born in New York and his wife, Catharine Ward, 26 years old, who was born in Germany,. Their child, Frances Ward born 1 Jan 1849 in LA died 25 October 1853, probably of yellow fever.

Also, John W Alley, 49 years old, who was born in Virginia. John Alley, a cabinet maker, may have been Mr. Ally mentioned in this letter . Per US Census 1850 East Feliciana Parish, LA

Yellow Fever Victims buried in the Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, LA (Recently the name has been changed to Clinton - Confederate Cemetery, since Confederate veterans are said to be buried in the area.)

John Killian was born on 25 Aug 1804 in MS and died on 9 Oct 1853 of yellow fever and was buried in Clinton Cemetery. John was a tavern keeper. John Killian and Sarah Wheat were married on 10 Feb 1827 in St Helena Parish, LA. Sarah Wheat was born on 8 Dec 1804 in Louisiana. She died on 21 Nov 1865. Both were buried in Clinton Cemetery, E Feliciana Parish, LA They had the following known children:

1.1. Martha E Killian was born in 1828 in St Helena Parish, LA. Martha E and Henry Skipwith Jr were married about 1844. Henry Skipwith Jr, son of Henry Skipwith and Ann Robertson, was born on 13 May 1816 in Virginia. He died on 18 Dec 1894 and was buried in Clinton Cemetery. They resided in Clinton and were members of the Episcopal church ,

1.2. Eliza Jane Killian and Edmond B Pettis were married on 27 Jan 1848 in E. Feliciana Parish, LA. Edmond B Pettis died before Mar 1871.

1.3. S Eudora Killian and Mr Barnes were married. Mr Barnes died before Mar 1871.

1.4. Mary Amanda Killian was born about 1833 in LA. Mary Amanda Killian and (1) Spencer Pettis were married on 13 Dec 1851 in E Feliciana Parish, LA.

1.5. Alexander H Killian was born on 17 Oct 1834. He died on 9 Oct 1853 of yellow fever and was buried in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, LA.

1.6. Sarah A Killian was born about 1835 in LA.

1.7. Victoria E Killian was born about 1839 in LA.

1.8. Nirah (Nicha) L Killian was born about 1841 in LA.

1.9. Plannah Alice Killian was born on 14 Nov 1843. She died on 23 Oct 1853 of yellow fever and was buried in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, LA.

1.10. Zoe Ida Killian was born about 1849 in LA.

The following were buried in the Clinton Cemetery, Clinton and probably died of yellow fever..

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Anna Silliman died 27 Oct 1853

Caroline Wharton died 1 Oct 1853

Benjamin Butler died 3 Oct 1853, 45 yrs, native of Edinburgh, Scotland

Mary Ann Hopporton, wife of Benjamin Butler died 25 Oct 1853, aged 40, native of Edinburgh, Scotland.

R. L. Bell, born 31 Jul 1816 and died 9 Oct 1853

Emily C wife of Francis K White born East Feliciana Parish, LA 6 Oct 1835, died 29 Sept 1853.

Caroline daughter of K & C Koch, born 17 Aug 1852 died 15 Oct 1853

Thomas J Montgomery, native of Penn. died 10 Oct 1853

James Gair, native of Ross Shire, Scotland, born 15 Feb 1810, died 10 Oct 1853. Per East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana Cemetery Inscriptions, by Mary Ann Smith Sagely, 1970.

Share your genealogy and Amite County stories by sending to Frances Phares, PO Box 1639, Clinton, LA or phrances@att.net Your corrections and additional information solicited.

October Program:

October 9, 10:00 in the Conference Room of the library -

Getting Acquainted with the Historical & Genealogical Treasures Housed in the Little Red School House. You will be exposed to the Filing Cabinets??? Is your family history in the files??? Don't miss this opportunity to have a PEEP!!!!

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

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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.

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