



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 January 8, 2011.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of November 13, 2010 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 17 attendees. Pres. Barron gave the invocation.

After recognition of visitors, the draft minutes from the previous meeting were presented for approval. A correction to the draft information on this year's Christmas card sales was reported. Ann Brumfield 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:

- As discussed in previous meetings, the society Open House will be held December 4, 2010, at the Kelly Law Offices (the old hardware store across Main St. from the Courthouse). The hours will be from noon until 3:00 pm. Members are asked to park behind the offices in the parking lot to leave street parking open for visitors. Anyone wishing to contribute food for the event should see VP Dawn Taylor.
- The society will be receiving a donated set of county abstract maps which should arrive in the next few weeks.

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Future Meeting Schedule

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

June 11, 2011, 10:00 am — Annual Society meeting with election of officers and program to be announced.

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

August 13, 2011, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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

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Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor reported on the following:

- The sign-up sheets for the food for the Open House have been lost so a new sign-up will need to be done.
- The Christmas ornaments will be ready soon and both the ornaments and the Christmas cards will be on sale at the Open House.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave a written report with one additional change to the account balance reported that is not in the report. After paying for the printing of the Christmas cards, the society account currently stands at \$4043.30. Wayne Anderson made a motion to approve the report; Vera Prestridge seconded. The report was approved without dissention.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that

- Mr. and Mrs. Brock from Gautier visited during the month.
- The LRSH was opened from 9:00 am until 10:30 am one day to allow for a tour by a class reunion from the old Liberty Consolidated School; however, no one ever showed up.
- When the Christmas cards came in from the printer, a card folding session was held to prepare the cards for sale.
- A "baker's rack" has been obtained to display the various society articles that

are for sale. This will replace the small table that has been used for several years.

Old Business: None

New Business: The following were discussed:

- The society received a thank you card for the society's expression of sympathy upon the death of Mr. Dent.
- David Dreyer announced that the National Park Service is having a coordination meeting for the Civil War Sesquicentennial at the Franklin County Historical Society meeting on November 18 at 10:00 am.
- Frances Phares announced that the next family genealogy book in the series is now available for \$10.00.

Other Business: An announcement was made that a reenactment of Wirt Adam's raid will be held at Jefferson College, Washington, on November 13 and 14.

The business meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Oma Gordon and second by Dawn Taylor at about 10:45 am.

Editor's Note Regarding Society Web Site

A program has finally been located that will allow the society web site to be rebuilt, hopefully in a form that is more protected from hackers. A lot of the old files from past years will not be added back to the site simply due to the time it will take. Rather, newer information, including pictures, will be uploaded.

If anyone has photos of the Open House in December to share, please e-mail them to sitemanager@achgs.org and I will try to get them uploaded to the site.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

THE SOUTHERN HERALD
Liberty, Miss., August 9, 1889

Mr. Ben Fox has been visiting friends in Liberty this week.

On Monday last Mr. Willie Lambert sent us the first open boll of cotton of the season.

Misses Mary and Lottie Fox, of Brookhaven, are visiting friends in our town, and are the guests of Mrs. Waring.

Preaching may be expected at the Presbyterian church in this place, at 11 o'clock on Sunday next, by the Rev. R. S. McAllister.

Our young friend Hiller Sharp, after several months residence on the I. C. Railroad, has got back to Liberty, we hope to remain permanently.

Thanks to friend D. B. White for a lot of very superior peaches, equal to any we have seen during the present season, and we have been favored with some of the finest varieties, none better than this lot.

Gloster, August 6, 1889

Editor Herald --- Please announce to the readers of your paper that Rev. Joe J. Jones and his singer will be at the Sam Jones camp meeting August 10th and remain six or seven days.

M. H. Moore, P. C.

We are requested to say that Mr. T. H. Dixon will, if desired, run a first class hack from Liberty to the Sam Jones Camp Ground during its coming session whenever the number of passengers will justify a trip. His terms will be reasonable and the conveyance thoroughly safe and pleasant.

Mr. Frank Barkdull died at his residence, a few miles west of liberty, on Friday morning last. It gives us pain to announce this death, not only on account of the deceased, but for his bereaved family. Frank was a farmer and good citizen, and will be much missed in his neighborhood. He leaves a wife and several children in sorrow on account of his death. Peace to his remains.

Notes from Unity Neighborhood.
August 5th, 1889

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Editor Herald -- We are still having too much rain for farming operations. Grass is still plentiful, but crops are generally in a splendid condition otherwise. "Fodder pulling" time is on hand, but from present indications very little fodder will be saved. In fact the rains have spoiled the fodder before the corn was matured sufficiently to admit of the fodder being pulled.

We have had a vast quantity of melons, and fruit, some very good, but a great deal of inferior quality. Fever comes next.

We have had very little sickness so far. A case or two among the children.

We are sorry to have to note the death of our friend Frank Barkdull, which occurred on last Friday morning. A kinder heart never beat within the breast of a man. He was a hard working man and a successful farmer. He leaves a large family and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Our school is still in a flourishing condition We now have 52 on roll. The children are advancing in their studies at a rapid rate and also show marks of improvement in every respect, which is very gratifying to the patrons of the school. This is the result of the untiring energy and patience of our teachers.

Mr. Hugh Wing is up again after several days of fever. Mr. Alley Wing, of Rapides Parish, La., is visiting among us in search of better health.

The members of Bethel church have organized a Sunday School at the church building. They also have Bible reading days. Mrs. Bates, of Liberty, met with them on yesterday, and assisted them in their services.

Protracted meeting will begin at Unity on Thursday before the third Sunday (15th inst.) And continue several days. Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Baton Rouge, and several other ministers from a distance are expected to be present. The session of the church has decided to invite one more minister of each denomination represented in the community.

Mr. Powell failed to meet his appointment at Unity Yesterday.

A protracted meeting has been conducted at Ebenezer church lately

Miss Mary Page?, of Jackson, La., has been spending some time among us, and we were sorry when the time arrived for her to return to her duties at the Insane Asylum, where she occupies a responsible and important situation.

A Card to the public

I shall attempt, in the brief space allotted me, to answer, in the order they were made, the

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charges laid at my door by a so-called "mass meeting" of citizens of the Riceville school neighborhood, of Amite county. These charges were published in the Herald in its issue of June 22nd, and would have been answered sooner, but for reasons unnecessary to state. My silence, however, was by no means a confession, as my friends and acquaintances well know, and I trust the public will so construe it.

By way of "preamble," I do not deny having signed a written agreement in the presence of certain citizens to live at peace with Dr. Felder. This I did in perfect good faith, and with perfect good father have I lived up to that agreement. Where is the evidence that I have not, aside from the bare suspicions of certain men? The first charge against me is in substance, that the persons who took part in that so-called "mass Meeting" "believe," mark you, that I was the "instigator" of having a note written and dropped at the gate of Dr. Felder, ordering him to leave the county forthwith, or he would be killed, which note was dropped, so they say, since the agreement between Dr. Felder and myself was signed.

Now, while I have no other evidence except what I hear as to whether such a note was actually dropped, I am free to suppose that it was; but I do deny most emphatically having had any connection directly or indirectly with it, or any knowledge of same, and challenge the slightest proof to the contrary. As such a charge, however, though given to the public and the more belief of my accusers, is calculated to injure me, I say that the man who believes it upon the bare statement of that kind, does me a grave injustice, and the man or men who publish it for the truth proclaim a base and willful false hood. If my handful of accusers and would-be judges wished to do fairly with me, why did they reproduce some facts to support the charge, in order that I might have a chance to refute it?

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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
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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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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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