



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 February 12, 2011.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of January 8, 2011 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 15 attendees. Pres. Barron gave the invocation.

The draft minutes from the November 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Oma Gordon made a motion to approve; Ann Brumfield seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported on the following:

- The society meeting in May will be held on the first Saturday of the month (5/7) rather than the second. This change was requested so that the society will be present during the Heritage Day observance to allow for visitors to see the LRSB and otherwise find out about the society.
- The quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 12. Instead of a business meeting being held, the previously postponed field trip to the Vaughn House in Magnolia will be scheduled. More information and the details will be given at the February meeting
- The open house on December 4 was a

Future Meeting Schedule

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 — field trip to Vaughn House in Magnolia, details to be announced.

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

May 7, 2011, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. Coincides with Heritage Day activities, schedule to be announced.

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

July 2011, 10:00 am — No meeting, decided by action of Executive Committee due to typical low attendance at the July meeting.

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.

October 8, 2011, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting — details to be announced.

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success and everything looked good and went well. .

- All members present are asked to sign a get-well card to be given to Jimmy Honea who is currently at Southwest Mississippi Medical Center in McComb being treated for heart problems and kidney dysfunction. He is in Room 327 should any members wish to visit or check on his condition.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor suggested working up a 2012 calendar as a sales item for fundraising. Each month would feature a photo of an Amite County landmark, principally old house/buildings. The consensus of members present was to proceed with the project.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson reported that the society web site has finally been brought back online after being taken down due to being infected with a virus. Most featured material present on the old site will be added back as time permits.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave a written report. The society account currently stands at \$4551.36. Wayne Anderson made a motion to approve the report; Linda Lea seconded. The report was approved without dissention.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that

- The LRSB had no activity since the November meeting
- There were 42 visitors to the open house

with 2 new members joining. Several visitors asked about touring the LRSB and may schedule visits to do so in the future. A thank you was extended to all those that helped with the open house activities, food and merchandise sales.

Old Business: None

New Business: The following were discussed:

- The members were reminded that 2011 begins the Sesquicentennial observance of the Civil War. James Allen Causey asked if the society would be participating in the observance; Pres. Barron indicated that the society would likely participate but in what way has not yet been determined.
- Linda Lea asked if members could try to make photos of historic homes and buildings if the forecasted snow actually happens.
- Oma Gordon announced that she is seeking pictures of historic buildings for a book she is compiling. If anyone has such pictures and would like to offer them, please contact Oma Gordon directly.
- Pres. Barron suggested that members think about items for Heritage Day.

Other Business: Oma Gordon announced that she had made new name tags and would pass them out to all that are present. Members are asked to wear their tags to all society meetings and functions.

The business meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by James Allen Causey at 10:33 am.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Dr. William "Willis" Hugh Germany

Dr William "Willis" Hugh Germany was born about 1822 in Miss. He died on 21 Jan 1887 at his home at Johnston's Station. (Resolution passed by the Summit Quarterly Conf.) Various references would indicate he was a physician and Methodist preacher. **Dr William "Willis" Hugh Germany** and **(1) Sarah Bickham** were married bef 1849 probably in Pike County. *It was noted in Source Records from Pike County, Mississippi 1790-1910, by Williams and Conerly - Sarah Bickham born 1831 married 1st Willis Germany a Methodist preacher and 2nd B. A. Bridges. Her parents were James Salisbury and Elizabeth Culp Curry Terry Bickham.* Since Sarah married B. A. Bridges second and Dr. Germany was still alive, it is assumed they divorced or parted ways. William "Willis" Hugh Germany and Sarah Bickham had the following two children:

Mary E Germany was born about 1849. Mary E was in Dr. Germany's household in 1860 and 1870 census, but not 1880.

S Eugenia Germany was born about 1852 in Miss. Eugenia disappears after the 1860 census.

Dr William "Willis" Hugh Germany and **(2) Martha Elizabeth "Jane" Gatlin** of Pike County were married on 10 May 1853 in Pike County, MS by Rev B B Whittington. **Martha Elizabeth "Jane" Gatlin**, daughter of James S Gatlin and Rosalba Wells, was born on 3 Mar 1836. She died on 2 Feb 1887 and was buried at Johnston's Station. They had the following children:

Robert Z Germany was born about 1858.

Frances Germany was born about Mar 1860 in Miss.

Julia A Germany was born about 1863. **Julia A Germany** and **John M Kenny** were married about 20 Feb 1880 at Johnston's Station at residence of bride's father by Rev H P Lewis. John M Kenny & Julia Germany were of Pike Co.

Willie Tom Germany was born in May 1865 and died between 1916 and 1920. 1893 news clipping indicates Willie Germany was of Johnston's Station, Miss. Willie came to Liberty as a machinist with the building of the Liberty White railroad. **Willie Tom Germany** and **Roberta L "Berta" Martin** were married in 1888. **Roberta L "Berta" Martin** was born in May 1869 in Mississippi. She died after 1948. "Berta" had eleven children, which included twins. Six survived. After her husband's death, she lived with her children, moving from one household to the other. They had the following children:

Zebbie Lee Germany was born abt 20 Jul 1889 and died on 25 Aug 1893 at the age of 4.

Willie Laura Germany was born on 31 Jan 1891 and died on 21 Aug 1893 at the age of 2.

Henry B Germany was born on 24 Sep 1892 and died on 9 Jan 1984. **Henry B Germany** and **Zella Nunnery** were married on 16 Apr 1917 in Amite County. No issue. (Jo Ann Nunnery was reared by Zella Nunnery and her husband Henry Germany. Per Jill Gatlin Meyers.) **Zella Nunnery**, daughter of Ephraim "Eph" Alex Nunnery and Donnie Browder, was born on 27 Jun 1897 and died on 19 May 1975. Both were buried in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, MS.

Ary M or May Belle Germany was born in Nov 1894.

Conerly Martin Germany was born on 26 Aug 1896 in Miss. He died on 22 Dec 1974 and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, MS. **Conerly Martin Germany** and **Grace A Nunnery** were married on 11 Dec 1917. **Grace A Nunnery**, daughter of Ephraim "Eph" Alex Nunnery and Donnie Browder, was born on 16 Feb 1902 and died on 20 May 1978. (They had seven or eight children. All were born

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diabetic. With treatment for the condition one survived. Per Jill Gatlin Meyers; other sources contributed the surviving child was adopted.) Conerly Martin Germany and Grace A Nunnery had the following children:

Bobby Conerly Germany was born on 23 Oct 1919. He died on 10 Oct 1929 at the age of 9 and was buried in Nunnery Cemetery, Amite Co, Liberty, MS.

Margaret Ellen Germany was born on 28 Aug 1921 and died on 15 Jan 1991. (Hattie Nunnery contributed Margaret Ellen was adopted.) Margaret Ellen Germany and Vernon L Myers were married on 30 Dec 1940. **Vernon L Myers**, son of Victor D Myers and Eliska Deon, was born on 12 Dec 1914 and died on 10 May 2005. Both were buried in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, MS. US Army WWII. They adopted **Gary Vernona Myers** who was born on 18 May 1951 and died before 2010.

James Germany was born on 17 Aug 1923 and died in Apr 1924.

Inf Germany was born and died on 15 May 1926.

Inf Germany was born and died on 24 Apr 1929.

Pink Conn "Pinky" Germany was born on 19 May 1898 in Ruth, MS and died on 24 Aug 1974. Pink Conn "Pinky" Germany and Milton Omer Carroll were married on 13 Dec 1916 in Amite Co, MS. **Milton Omer Carroll**, son of Abe Buford Carroll and Claudia "Cottie" Weathersby, was born on 31 Mar 1893 in Amite Co, MS and died on 5 Feb 1951 in Centreville. Both were buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS. Pink Conn "Pinky" Germany and Milton Omer Carroll had the following children:

Frances Yvonne Carroll was born in 1917 in Amite Co, MS. She died on 11 Sep 2003 in Windham House, Hattiesburg, MS. and was buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS, Yvonne was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Hattiesburg, MS. **Frances Yvonne Carroll** and **Herbert James Gray** were married by Rev. Thomas Clifford, Minister Episcopal Church, Woodville, Wilkinson County on 1 Mar 1938. **Herbert James Gray** died before Sep 2003. They had the following children:

Herbert James "Jim" Gray Jr resided in Fort Worth, TX, Sep 2003.

Pamela Carol "Pam" Gray and **Mr Napier** were married. They resided in Hattiesburg, MS, Sep 2003.

Elsie Kathryn Carroll was born about 1921. **Elsie Kathryn Carroll** and **Raymond "Ray" L Davis** were married abt 1946. "Ray" was a Camp Van Dorn soldier. Elsie Kathryn lived in Brookhaven, Miss, 2010. No issue.

Omer Jean Carroll was born on 28 Mar 1923. Omer Jean Carroll worked in Farmer's Exchange Bank in Centreville, Miss (now Regions) from the time she graduated from high school until retirement. Omer Jean Carroll and Fred Hetzler were married on 17 Aug 1946. Fred was a soldier at Camp Van Dorn during World War II. No issue.

Elsie J Germany was born about 1902 in Miss. **Elsie J Germany** and **Shelby Leggett** were married. No issue. Shelby Leggett worked for the Hartman Funeral home in McComb, Brookhaven, and Hazlehurst, Miss.

Dannie C Germany was born about 1907. **Dannie C Germany** and **H O Webb** were married. They had one child **Dorothy Webb** who was living in Baton Rouge, LA, Mar 2010. She was married several times and had one son, Howard Lee.

Willie "Bill" Germany was born about Mar 1910 in Mississippi. "Bill" was a female.

Vester (Berta) J Germany was born about 1869.

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Ella Ethel Germany was born on 17 Sep 1872 and died on 13 Sep 1875

Amite County Land Records Conveyance Book I, Hewitt Gordon granted to W H Germany Land 8-21-1853, Bk 8, p 484 W H Germany granted to James L Gatlin Land 9-25-1854, Bk 9 p 20

Source Records From Pike County, Mississippi -1798-1910 by Luke Ward Conerly and E. Russ Williams, Jr.

1860 Census Amite County, MS, William H Germany was a physician. Real Estate valued at \$2,000 and Personal Estate \$13,000; Jane was 23, Mary 10, Eugenia 8, Robin or Robert was 2 and Frances was 4/12. Moses G Robinson and wife, Sabetha were listed in the household and was a farmer. De-catur N Butler, John M Thompson, and Alexander R Dunn, a physician were listed on same page.

US 1860 Census Slave schedule shows Wm H Germany with 8 slaves.

1870 census Amite County, Willis H 48, Martha E , 34, Mary E, 21, Robert L, 12, Julia A 7, Willie T, 6 and Vester J, 1 year. Listed on the same page: Albert Westbrook, Elisha R Estes, N Farnsworth, Thomas Gibson, Thornton Swearingen.

US Census 1880, Amite Co, MS - Willis H Germany 58, Physician; Elizabeth Germany 43, wife; Robert Germany, son, 20 yrs, farmer; Willie T Germany, 15 yrs, son, student; Berta J. Germany, 11 yrs, student and Wiley Purcy, 15, servant. Beat 4, Summit, Pike Co, Miss.

1900 Census shows Willie T Germany as a farmer; he owned his farm debt free. The family was living in McClendon, Lincoln Co, Miss, Beat 3.

1910 Census shows Willie T Germany, Foreman of Railroad, Beat 4, Lincoln County, Bogue Chitto Amite County School Census 1916 Town of Liberty shows his family in the Town of Liberty

US Census 1920 Lincoln County, Miss, Norfield Town, Beat 4, Henry B was an Asst Foreman in a planing Mill. His wife, mother and sister Dannie C were in the household.

US Census 1930 Lincoln County, Miss, Norfield Town, Beat 4, Henry was foreman at a lumber mill. They were renting a house on Hawthorne St.

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