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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting: The next meeting will be a regular business meeting on August 11, 2012, at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty Library. A program will be held.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of June 9, 2012 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.

Pres. Barron took up the minutes of both the April and May meetings. Linda Lea made a motion to adopt the minutes; Oma Gordon seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Greg Barron then moved into the executive reports.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported: Thanks to Sam King for his help in getting the photo scanning project up and going. There will be no meeting in July. Meetings will resume in August at which time more discussion of the photo and document scanning project is planned.

Mrs. Frances Phares has published another book of local genealogy. Everyone is encouraged to help Mrs. Phares with her efforts by contributing genealogy information..

Following the apparent success of dowsing to locate now unmarked graves in the old cemetery area on the Hwy. 24 widening project ROW, President Barron turned the making of dowsing rods into a Vacation Bible School project at East Fork Baptist Church. He now has his own dowsing rods and has tested himself using them on known grave site is the East Fork

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Future Meeting Schedule

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

September 8, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

October 13, 2012, 10:00 am — Special meeting at the Historic Liberty Presbyterian Church featuring Ron Skelie speaking on his new book Lest We Forget - The Immortal Seventh Mississippi. A Memorial is also planned at the Confederate Monument before the luncheon at the Conference Room of the Liberty Library, which will be a "Pot Luck Luncheon", everyone will bring a dish. Photo scanning session in the afternoon as well.

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

December 1, 2012, Anticipated date of Open House. Details to be determined.

January 12, 2013, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

February 9, 2013, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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Following the program Pres. Barron recognized Linda Lea who gave the results of the election. She reported that a total of 48 votes were cast and that all incumbent officers were unanimously re-elected.

Pres. Barron then adjourned the meeting.

Cemetery.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor reported that Heritage Day activities went well and a fairly large number of people visited the society displays and/or the LRSH.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson informed the group that the MS Dept. of Archives and History now has the World War I draft records online.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock presented reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$6630.07. Vera Prestridge made a motion to approved the Treasurer's report; Wayne Anderson seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that on Friday, April 27, a class of '62 reunion group visited. For Heritage Day, 147 visitors registered at the LRSH.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Another field trip to which the society is invited is being planned to Broadmoor Plantation. More details will be provided as they become available.

Other Business: None.

Following the conclusion of the normal business meeting, Pres. Barron cautioned anyone wishing to vote that had not yet done so that they should see Linda Lea to cast their ballot.

The speaker for the day, Davis Anders, the new owner and publisher of the **Wilk-Amite Record** was introduced. Mr. Anders talked about how he came to purchase the newspaper and what plans he has for publication content in the future.

August Meeting Program

The August meeting program will be presented by Jim Freeman, one of our enthusiastic researchers, who will share his Post Card research on cards dating from 1912-1915. Other members, including President Greg Barron, are invited to share their searches and projects of consuming interest at the meeting. Invite a friend and be present.

—Frances Phares

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P. S. I have never seen your little nephew Frank Brame yet, but I enquire [sic] after him; and am told that him and Aunt get along well together and that he was the smartest child in school. All the kin folks want my boy Strangers too! for that matter. Dont you think Mr [Milton] Chance wanted me to swap him Kim for Robert? I am sorry Uncle [David] Brame ever let him have Robert to raise He is so curious and rough [sic], however I hope Roberts natural refinement will keep the best of him Write soon

S. F. M. [*Sarah F. Morgan*]

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.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Sarah F Morgan Letters — Part II

To: Mrs. K. A. Pharis, Clinton, La.

Amite County Miss.

June 28 86

Dear Mrs Pharis

Your letter of June 3rd was received a week ago. I had almost concluded that my letter had never reached you and had promised Kim I would write to Auntie for him again in a few days. Kim is quite well and has been ever since he has been with us and seems perfectly at home, and contented and we all become more and more attached to him every day. There is nothing that would induce us to part with him we are going to start him in school next week if the weather continues good.

You say you would be glad if you could get Marron [*Marion*] a good home. My sister Mrs. Gussie Lambert and her husband both say if you will let them have Marron they will be glad to have her. They live just one mile from us. They have a good home, Mr Lambert is a nice gentle man he is sober honest and industrious, and a good provider; and though Gussie is my sister, I do say she has no superior, Mr Lambert says if Gussie wants her little Cousin to live with her he will take care of her for her. It is only a half mile from Mr Lambert to Gillsburg. Marron could get the benefit of the school there. Gussie if any one else but me had Kim she would steal him away from them she loves him so much. Kim says he knows Marron would like to live with Cousin Gussie.

Now I will tell you of an other home that is offered to Marron. My Aunt Mrs. Hannah McKnight is very anxious for Marrin has been ever since Aunt Kate died two years ago, and sent several messages to that effect to Uncle Brame durring [*sic*] his life time, after, but if he ever received them he never made her any reply. You know they have Frank already and they are all very kind to him is going to school now, and I reckon aunt would be good to Marron too. Theo McKnight [*Hannah's son*] was here on yesterday he said he would write to Judge Brame in a few days for his mother. I write to you can offer Marion her choice of the two homes, writ [*sic*] to me amediataely [*sic*] what you will do and as soon as Ive and Mrs Lambert get up with her work one of them will bring Kim to see you and bring Marrin back Kim says give his love to all the boys and kiss Mattie and kiss her again for him. That when he comes he will bring the boys all a big fish hook and the girls some bees wax & c . He says tell you we have thirty Apple trees great big ones full of apples too and that he went to Commencement at Gillsburg and it was like a show so many people there. he says do you know any thing about Gordon, he often speaks of his brother named Gordon. It does seem hard indeed that the little things are separated so far apart. Kim and I are great friends, he conciders [*sic*] that I belong entirely to him we keep garden together he helps me gather fruit and vegetables [*sic*] he finds so many things to look after he never seems lonely. At present he is very much engaged trying to raise some birds he found, he says tell you he will bring you a pretty rooster Cousin Gussie has given him when he comes.

I hope you will write to me soon again tell me about Marrin what you think of the homes I speak of. Gussie has only one child and a good home and there is a fine school near by. Aunt Hannah sent Mr Brame so many messages, and he never replied to them, until I feel a timidity in saying much. I tell you the truth I want Gussie to have her. So does Ma [*Augusta Morgan*] and Ive let Marrion decide Ive say Marron [*and*] Gussie are almost the image of each other the entir [*sic*] Hamilton connection feel the greatest interest in Aunt Kate little children welfare. In the four different Families there is not one of us

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that would not fight over Kim and Frank if it was necessary. Kim says tell the boys him and Cousin Ive are comeing [*sic*] in the summer to see them. give my love to Marrion.

Your Friend S. F. Morgan

[David M. Brame, "Kate" Brame Phares, and Judge Frank Brame were surviving siblings of A. J. Brame and Martha Phares Brame. Kate Hamilton Brame was a half-sister of Augusta and Hannah Hamilton.]

Amite County, Mississippi
July 21 1886

Dear Mrs Pharis

Your letter of the 10th inst reached me several days ago. I was quite glad to hear from you. Kim had been expecting your letter ever since my letter left Gillsburg. Yes Mr Ive had been in the _____ and just got out. On the morning of July 3rd, which was Saturday you remember, he went to attend a service ten mile from home, that day after dinner a number of other boys and him-self went to the creek to go in bathing. Just as the boys were undressed and partly undressed, some ladies came in sight and in the excitement Ive jumped into the water head foremost and where he struck bottom the water was so shallow until he came very near being killed by the fall, fir [*sic*] several days he was quite helpless. Could not turn him self in bed he had many kind friends there who took every care of him until he was better. That is reason why you have not seen Ive and Kim ere this. Just as soon as Ive is able to stand so long a trip, you will see them I think now that I will come with Ive and Kim when they come. Tell Marion [*Brame*] she will be perfectly welcome to stay with me as long as she likes [*sic*], but I expect she will be like Kim causs [*sic*] she will love Gussie better than she does me. Kim is great friends with Gussie and myself He visits and talks with us just as we do.

I have told Kim to steal little Mattie [*Phares*] from you he often speaks of all the children down there. He say he dont want to stay when he goes back. he has be come very much attached to us all. On Fryday [*sic*] we going to have a Sunday School picnic I guess we will have an enjoyable time if it would only quit raining once more. Gussie has written to you her self in regard to Marion. You may expect to see Ive and your little nephew [*Kim Brame*] at any time after this letter reaches you Kim say tell you all him and Cousin Ive will be there belong now, love to you all

Sarah F. Morgan

To: Mrs K. A. Phares, Clinton. La.

Amite County Mississippi
October 20th 1886

Mrs. Kate Pharis

Dear Friend. This evening the spirit moves me to write to you no doubt you have thought strange that I have not written before this time But if only [*you*] knew how much trouble, and work I have under gone since I saw you, you would be surprised that I had mind enough left to write at all.

We reached Mr Chance's the day we left your house at one in the after noon, had a nice day the little children were all delighted to see each other It was indeed a happy sight to see them all together Ive was very glad he went on with us there. Liza [*Chance*] was so happy to see me. Little Katie is one of the sweetest children I ever saw. She talks and acts and is spoiled just like my darling little child, that was taken away from me and we staid [*sic*] all night at Mr Chances The next day Mr

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Lambert Kim and myself came directly home. Ive took Marron [*Marion*] with him and went by to see his "sweet heart" just as they were ready to leave there came up a storm and rain and, so he had to stay all night, and so they didn't get home until Wednesday.

When I reached home I found Ma relapsed with Chills and fever which soon turned to typhoid fever. There was days and days that we thought every one would be the last. It is just two weeks since the fever left her, but she is still the picture of death But I think she will recover.

With the exception of Ma we are all well. Kim is well and just as fat as a dog and as happy as a young King on [*his*] throne. I bought him a new suit of ready made clothes; and of all the happy children you ever saw he is one of them. I never told him I was going to get them for him I bought them and brought them home, and showed them to him and made him promis[e] to go to Sunday School to have them. I never forget the promis[e] I made Kims Father about him. If I could only get my Sister little child back I would be supremely happy with her and Kim since Ma is well again. Marron is quite, well, and her and Gussie seem unusually attached to each other. We all dearly love Marron she is a sweet child and a great deal of company and help to Gussie. We, that is Gussie Marron and my-self all went [*to*] Gillsburg this morning. We bought a lot of pretty things we bought Marron a beautiful Derby hat of green velvet. The most becoming thing I ever saw I can't keep people from telling her she is pretty, to save me. Kim says tell you he has a new suit of clothes, "mighty pretty too" and a new cotton sack. helps Cousin Ive pick cotton, until he picked over a hundred lbs. Kim was right sick the week after we came home from your house, but got well and went back to school, and learned to read quite well. I still keep him at his lessons He reads and spells to me some times till I have to make him hush. The other night Ive [*Morgan*] taught him how to spell a word, then he came into the kitchen to know if I could spell the word. I spelled he says oh! you heard us spelling was how you know how! I hope to raise Kim to be a man "whom all men will delight to honor"

I will come to a close by sending my very kindest love to Miss Mary Pharis and that I entend [*sic*] to write her a long letter some time give dear little Mattie a kiss for me. Tell [*her*] I am going to see my little Delphine baby in a short time and if I can, I will bring her home with me. Tell her Cousin Ive send her a kiss too. Kiss Garnet and "boy John" for me. I wish I could see you and the little ones again I often think of what a pleasant visit I had to see you. Write to me soon, write me some thing of all [the] children. Kim will ask.

I remain your affection Friend Sarah F. Morgan

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