



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 business meeting on **September 8, 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 August 11, 2012 meeting

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Future Meeting Schedule

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 Skellie 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

September Meeting Program

Sam King has arranged for representatives from USM to talk about the Digital Library Project.

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 the June meeting. Oma Gordon made a motion to adopt the minutes; Dawn Taylor seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported:

The picture scanning sessions are going well. Four have been held so far, plus Sam King has scanned a large number on his own. The computer equipment has been purchased. The laptop was acquired with money provided by two donors.

The society meeting on October 13 will be a special one. The program will be presented by Ron Skellie from Acworth, GA, who recently completed a unit history on the 7th Mississippi Infantry Regiment (CSA). This regiment drew heavily on manpower from Southwest Mississippi. The SW MS Genealogical Society has been invited to attend the program. Since the group may be larger than can be accommodated in the library conference room, the use of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary has been arranged. The meeting will begin as usual at 10:00 am but will be at the church. Following

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and Oak Grove plantation. Anyone having information that they're willing to share is encouraged to contact Ms. Shippam directly.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock presented reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$7754.21. Wayne Anderson made a motion to approved the Treasurer's report; Linda Lea seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

the business meeting and program, there will be a short memorial service at the Confederate monument next to the church. Afterward, a pot luck lunch will be held in the Library Conference Room for those who wish to participate. If you choose to eat with the group, please bring a dish to contribute to the meal sufficient to serve two or three people so that our guests may participate. After the meal, there will be a photo scanning session.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that Emma Brumfield, who used to help with LRSH activities, has passed away..

Pres. Barron read a poem that had appeared in the Ocean Springs, MS genealogical society publication. This was sent by ACHGS member Glen Huff.

Old Business: None.

Pres. Barron purchased a book for the society's library. The book is a memoir of a Federal cavalryman and includes a description of the Battle of Liberty. He also acquired a book on the life of Daniel Boone for the library.

New Business: None.

Other Business: None.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor announced:

Following the conclusion of the normal business meeting, Pres. Barron turned the floor over to Jim Freeman, who talked about his acquisition of old post cards and other ephemera concerning one of his family lines.

The Celtic Fest will be in Jackson on Sept. 7-9, 2012.

Pres. Barron talked briefly about Rev. Robert McAlister who is buried at Bethany Presbyterian Church. He first entered the clergy as an Episcopal priest then converted to the Presbyterian Church. He survived a severe hurricane that devastated Last Island, LA.

The annual "Angels on the Bluff" portrayal of interesting Natchez residents buried in the cemetery there will be on November 9-10, 2012. If anyone wishes to attend in a group, sign up on the sheet being passed around. VP Taylor will get the tickets for the group and each person can pay her back.

Sam King gave a brief demonstration of some aspects of the picture scanning project.

Members of the society are invited to participate in a bus trip to tour the Louisiana historical site west of Ferriday that features a reenacted working plantation. This will be on October 23; see Dawn Taylor for details.

A guest, Mr. Harold Hinson, from Gloster was recognized. Mr. Hinson told of an area in the hills north of Gloster where in 1908 a young man named Frank Freeman was killed by a carriage wrecked by a runaway horse. The location became known to the locals as "Frank Freeman Hill" though there was never an official designation as such and no signs or markers were ever placed in the area. Mr. Hinson has attempted to get the Amite Co. Board of Supervisors to officially designate the site and, hopefully, erect some type of identifying marker, but the board denied his request. Mr. Hinson was asking advice on how he could possibly get this accom-

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report but deferred to Pres. Barron to inform the society of the inquiry received by e-mail from Christine Shippam concerning Wall family relations

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BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Sarah F Morgan Letters — Part III

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 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 did'nt 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.

-240 I remain your affection Friend Sarah F. Morgan

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 rugh [*sic*], however I hope Roberts natural refinement will keep the best of him Write soon

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

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[David M. Brame, Catherine "Kate" Brame Phares, and Judge Frank Brame were children of Andrew Jackson Brame and Martha Phares. David M. Brame married Kate Hamilton and had five children. From all accounts, both parents died of consumption at an early age, leaving children, needing a home. The Brame parents died young of consumption, leaving three orphans. EFP]

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Hamilton Family

1. **Robert Reid Hamilton**, son of Thomas Hamilton and Jensie Jennings, was born on 20 Feb 1789. He died on 24 Jan 1864 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery II. **Robert Reid Hamilton** and **(1) Mary French** were married about 1815. **Mary French**, daughter of Jane Norwood, died about 1836 in AL. After Mary's death, Robert moved with his father and children to Mississippi in wagons and riding horse back.. Crossing the first railroad tracks being laid near Jackson, Miss., they settled near Ebenezer Church in the southwest part of Amite Co, MS. Robert Reid Hamilton and Mary French had the following children:

1.1. **William K Hamilton** was born on 25 Sep 1817 in AL. He died on 17 Apr 1869 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery II, Amite, MS. **William K Hamilton** and **Eliza J Chandler** were married about 1843. William married his double 1st cousin Eliza Chandler. **Eliza J Chandler**, daughter of James Chandler and Elizabeth Norwood, was born in 1825 in Louisiana. She died on 4 May 1872 and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery II, Amite Co, MS. The double first cousin relationship was through the Chandler & Norwood families. William K Hamilton and Eliza J Chandler had the following children: **Jane Hamilton, Elizabeth C "Lizzie" Hamilton, Mary E Hamilton, James B Hamilton, Elizabeth C "Lizzie" Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, Van S Hamilton, Jesse Hamilton, John P Hamilton (II), Eliza C Hamilton, Louis [Lewis P] Hamilton, Ceola or Seola Hamilton, Son Hamilton**

1.2. **Hannah French Hamilton** was born on 11 Mar 1822 in AL. She died on 13 May 1894 in McComb, MS. and was buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, MS. **Hannah French Hamilton** and **(1) Elisha Lott Tarver** were married on 30 Dec 1847 in Amite Co, MS. **Elisha Lott Tarver**, son of Allen Tarver and Elizabeth Cockran (Cockerham), was born on 15 Dec 1813. He died on 26 Sep 1851 and was buried on Reggie Wicker Place, Amite Co, MS. **Hannah French Hamilton** and **(2) Theodore McKnight MD** were married on 27 Mar 1856 in Amite Co, MS. Hannah French Hamilton and Theodore McKnight had the following children: **Theodore McKnight Jr, Hamilton McKnight, Charles Norwood McKnight,**

1.3. **Augusta Elena or Elizabeth Hamilton** was born on 18 Dec 1825 in Sumter Co, AL. She died on 11 Jun 1896 at Gillsburg, Amite Co, MS at home.. **Augusta Elena** and **Capt Hiram Spurgeon Morgan** were married on 8 Feb 1849 in Amite Co, MS. **Capt Hiram Spurgeon Morgan**, son of William Morgan and Elizabeth Gayden, was born on 1 Mar 1824.. He died on 29 Mar 1863 in CSA Battle of Deer Creek in MS and was brought home. and buried in Morgan-Gordon Cemetery. Augusta Elena or Elizabeth Hamilton and Hiram Spurgeon Morgan had the following children:

1.3.1. **Ralph Morgan** was born about 1849 in Amite Co, MS.

1.3.2. **Sarah Fillmore Morgan** was born about 1851. She died in 1915 and was buried in Morgan - Gordon Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. **Sarah F was the writer of the letters published in the May and June Newsletters.**

1.3.3. **Prentiss Adelaide Morgan** was born on 23 Oct 1854 in Amite Co, MS. **Prentiss Adelaide Morgan** and **Bartholomew Michael Corcoran** were married on 16 Feb 1874 in Amite Co, MS.

1.3.4. **Elizabeth Appleton "Let" Morgan** was born on 12 Oct 1856 in Amite Co, MS and died on 13 Aug 1882 in Amite Co, MS - Elizabeth Appleton "Let" Morgan and Robert Wickliffe McElwee were married on 13 Dec 1880 in Amite Co, MS. **Robert Wickliffe McElwee** was the son of Wesley Gray McElwee and Mary Jane Keller..

1.3.5. **Hiram Spurgeon Morgan Jr** was born on 13 Aug 1858 in Amite Co, MS. He died on 16 Jan 1884 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Morgan - Gordon Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

1.3.6. **Michael Iverson "Ive" Morgan** was born on 19 Apr 1860 in Amite Co, MS and died on 31 Mar 1915 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Morgan - Gordon Cemetery. **Michael Iverson "Ive" Morgan** and **Martha Elizabeth "Bettie" Cockerham** were married on 15 Mar 1892 in Liberty,

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Amite Co, MS. **Martha Elizabeth "Bettie" Cockerham**, daughter of James Ellison Cockerham and Frances Angeline Page, was born on 7 Dec 1865 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS. She died on 27 Nov 1913 Amite Co, MS and was buried in Morgan - Gordon - Cemetery.

1.3.7. **Augusta Rosina "Gussie" Morgan** was born about 1862 in Amite Co, MS. Augusta Rosina "Gussie" Morgan and Daniel Gilbert "Gibbie" Lambert were married on 24 Dec 1884 in Amite Co, MS.

Daniel Gilbert "Gibbie" Lambert, son of Daniel G Lambert and Arabella Lambert, was born about 1868 in Louisiana.

1.4. **Martha A Hamilton** was born about 1829 in AL. Martha was a school teacher. **Martha A Hamilton** and **Lorenzo Washington Duck** were married on 3 Oct 1866 in Amite Co, MS. No issue. **Lorenzo Washington Duck**, son of James Patterson Duck and Mary Peoples, was born on 12 Aug 1826 in E Feliciana Par, LA. He died on 14 Oct 1893 in Amite Co, MS. Mary Pallon noted death place as probably La. He was an architect & dancing master.

1.5. **John French Hamilton** was born on 7 Jan 1830 in AL. He died on 4 Aug 1901 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Hamilton Cemetery located in pasture behind home of R K Wicker Sr off Hwy 24/48, 2.4 miles east of Liberty and south. John French Hamilton and Mary Ann Morgan were married on 20 Jan 1859 in Amite Co, MS. **Mary Ann Morgan**, daughter of Wiley Morgan and Margaret M Wilson, was born in 1837 in Amite Co, MS and died in 1885. John French Hamilton and Mary Ann Morgan had the following children:

1.5.1. **Dora S or Isadore Hamilton** was born on 1 Jan 1860. She died on 9 Jun 1919 and was buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, MS. **Dora S and Ben F Cruise** were married 18 Dec 1895 in Amite Co. "Isadore" and Ben Cruise bought the historic house west of Liberty between 24 and Gloster Rd owned by Taplin family in 2012. Per Joe Hoff

1.5.2. **Fannie A Hamilton** was born on 26 Jul 1861 in MS. She died on 18 Feb 1916 and was buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, Amite Co, MS. **Fannie A Hamilton** and **Samuel C Fugler** were married on 7 Mar 1894 in Amite Co, MS. **Samuel C Fugler** was born on 1 Dec 1849 and died on 29 Apr 1916.

1.5.3. **John Hamilton** was born about 1864 in MS. He died young.

1.5.4. **Cecelia Stevens "Stevie" Hamilton** was born on 3 Nov 1864. She died on 5 Feb 1931 and was buried in Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. Cecelia Stevens "Stevie" Hamilton and Thomas Short Parker were married on 21 Dec 1887 in Amite Co, MS. **Thomas Short Parker**, son of Thomas Cecil Parker and Eliza Ann Clementine Short, was born on 1 Jan 1866 in Amite Co, MS. He died on 31 May 1941 and was buried in Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

1.5.5. **Wiley Hamilton** was born about 1867 in MS. Wiley was a bachelor.

1.5.6. **Rebecca Hamilton** was born about Mar 1870 in MS.

1.5.7. **Margaret "Maggie" Hamilton** was born about 1871. **Margaret "Maggie" Hamilton** and **A N Davis** were married on 7 Dec 1899 in Amite Co, MS.

1.5.8. **Robert Lee Hamilton** was born about 1877.

Robert Reid Hamilton and **(2) Mary Elizabeth Anderson** were married on 21 Nov 1844 in Wilkinson Co, MS. Robert Reid Hamilton and Mary Elizabeth Anderson had the following children:

1.6. **Frank Hamilton** was born about 1846.

1.7. **Kate J Hamilton** was born about 1850. She died on 10 Apr 1884 in Clinton, E Feliciana, LA and was buried on 11 Apr 1884 in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, LA. Kate J Hamilton and David Madison Brame were married on 5 Jul 1871 in Amite Co, MS. **David Madison Brame**, son of Andrew Jackson Brame and Martha E Phares, was born on 6 Jun 1850 in E Feliciana Par, LA. He died on 14 Apr 1886 in Clinton, E Feliciana Par, LA. Kate J Hamilton and David Madison Brame had the following children: **Robert A Brame**, **Lula Marion Brame**, **David Franklin "Frank" Brame**, **Kim Crop Brame**, **Osceola Gordon Brame**, **Kate Agnes Brame** [These children were mentioned in Sarah F Morgan's letter. Kate Brame Phares [Faris] was David's surviving sister.]

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plished some other way. The consensus seemed to be that it would be best to try to get a historical marker privately and try to get the local landowner to allow placement of the marker near the actual site.

Pres. Barron then adjourned the meeting.

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