



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 at 10:00 am on October 12, 2013, in the meeting room of the Liberty Library. A program on the US Constitution will be presented following the business meeting.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of September 14, 2013 meeting

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Future Meeting Schedule

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

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

December 14, 2013, Time TBA — Annual Society Open House and Membership Drive.

January 11, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

February 8, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

March 8, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

April 12, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

May 10, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

June 14, 2014, 10:00 am — Annual membership meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:05 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 16 attendees. Greg Barron gave the invocation.

Pres. Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. She informed the group that Joanna Hearn and VP Nancy Martin were absent due to both having back problems. She then announced that at the previous meeting, no one signed up for the dairy tour planned after the September meeting so a signup sheet is again being circulated. She recognized new members Geo. & Susan Bragg, Bonnie Morgan, and Brenda Ivey. She also recognized Mrs. Huff from Gloster who is allowing the use of her home for the December Open House.

Pres. Taylor then moved to the draft August meeting minutes. She asked if anyone had corrections or objections to the draft minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Oma Gordon made a motion to adopt the minutes; Greg Barron seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report:

Ronnie Taylor has made a request for the society to support and approve the proposed grant

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request for renovation of court house. He was invited to the Executive Committee meeting preceding the business meeting to allow the Executive Committee to ask about details of the proposed renovation but did not attend and is not present in the society business meeting either. A volunteer committee is needed to pursue verifying the details remaining in question and to determine which portions of the renovation the society can and should support, if any.

A mock-up of the Society calendar for fundraising that was approved at the August meeting has been created for informational discussions. Photos that the society has not published before have used. The mock-up copy was circulated among the attending members. Pres. Taylor has received two quotes for printing 300 copies, one from McComb Printing, one from out of state via internet contact. It is likely that the McComb Printing bid will be accepted due to the benefits that dealing with a local printer offers.

Pres. Taylor distributed copies of a flyer and a business card advertising the planned observation of the Battle of Liberty in November 2014.

Open House will be on December 14 in Gloster at the Huff house. The society will participate in the Gloster Christmas Parade prior to Open House if possible

The society will pursue doing another collectible doubloon for the observation of the Battle of Liberty. Both a bronze or brass doubloon for by-subscription sale as well as free aluminum doubloons are planned.

Pres. Taylor recognized David Dreyer who announced that the 6-part PBS series "The African American—Many Rivers to Cross begins on October 21 with the segment on Natchez to be broadcast on October 28.

Vice President Report: VP Nancy Martin was not present.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$5989.63. Greg Barron made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Nelson Dawson

seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Pres. Taylor indicated that some dehumidifiers such as are used in the LRSH had been placed on a product recall list. Further investigation showed that our units are not on the list and don't have to be replaced.

Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that a team has worked on roof leak but no one has reported repair to be complete. She said the man doing repair suggested piping the dehumidifier to outside to eliminate the need to manually empty the reservoir. He ran pipe through window frame. Mrs. Vera asked if everyone is happy with dehumidifier fix.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Items included:

Greg Barron donated two DVDs to the society: one on Spanish-American War, one on WWI.

Greg Barron announced that the society has received a donated authentic WBTS NCO sword to be raffled for fund-raising for the Battle of Liberty Commemoration.

Pres. Taylor reported that Sam King's wife is painting a 3-panel picture that will also be in raffle. As the plans for the raffle develop, we may add other items.

Mrs. Frances Phares read excerpts from a book on pre-WBTS letters between a cotton trader named Steele and his wife.

David Dreyer invited "Angels on the Bluff" attendees to visit the African American museum in afternoon prior to cemetery tour.

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BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Bits and pieces of Amite County news, believed to be of interest to the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society, were gleaned from the six volumes of the Woodville Republican, Mississippi's oldest existing newspaper. These volumes, published by Heritage Books, Inc. were abstracted and compiled by O'Levia Neil Wilson Wiese. With permission from the compiler, members of the society have a chance to take a peek at her compilations.

The Woodville Republican Newspaper: Volume 1: December 18, 1823-December 17, 1839, Mr. W. A. A. Chisholm, first editor and continued about 20 years.

September 8, 1827 - Died in Amite County on the 23rd, Dodley [Dudley] Jones son of Mary Jones, and D. Jones, 4 years, 4 months & 13 days old.

August 6, 1831 - Married in Liberty the 28th, by Randall Jones, Esqr., Mr. Mark Hayes, of this county, to Miss Louisa Hicks, of Liberty. Died in Amite County the 25th of July, Mrs. Jane C. Dunn, wife of John A. Dunn, Esqr., 25 years.

April 27, 1833 - Precilla Cawsey, widow & admr'x., of John H. Cawsey of Amite County, petitions for her dower.

June 29, 1833 - Elizabeth Chandler, admx., & James M. Norwood, adm'r., of the James Chandler's estate in Amite County.

September 21, 1833 - Commissioners for dec'd., Thomas J. Robinson's estate will meet in Liberty, on the 4th Tuesday of each month

February 8, 1834, Henry Lard, adm'r., of Thomas Lard's estate, will sell a parcel of land in Amite Co.

November 26, 1836 - Henry G. Street, Victoria C. Street, J. M. Batchelor, & Francis Wren, adm'rs., of the A. H. Buckholts, deceased, will sell 342 acres of land directed to be sold at Washington, Mi., reserving 13 acres, heretofore sold by M. Tool, to Timothy Terrell, and afterwards transferred to Gaylan & Torrance.

December 3, 1836 - Angus Wilkinson died at his residence in Amite County, on the 21st, in the 63 year of his age. He was a member of the Convention which framed the old constitution of the state of Mississippi, in 1817, and afterwards a member of the legislature.

January 7, 1837 - Thomas Torrance's land in Amite County is to be sold

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February 4, 1837 - Land in Amite County belonging to Abel H. Buckholts is to be sold.

March 8, 1837 - Amite County courts orders that William McDowell's land in Madison County is to be sold.

March 18, 1837 - Property of Eli M. Robinson in Choctaw County to be sold. Witness, the Hon. John Walker, Judge of the Probate Court of Amite County. 75 acres in Amite County belonging to the estate of Jared Whittington, deceased, is to be sold.

August 12, 1837 - The Rev. Jesse Young & Charles Felder will preach at the Baptist Church in Woodville on Wednesday.

July 28, 1838 - The Rev. Charles Felder will preach in the Baptist Church in Woodville on Tuesday the 7th day of August.

October 13, 1838 - Married the 2nd by the Rev. Wm. Winans, Mr. James J. Graves, late editor of the "Liberty Advocate" to Miss Mary A. A. Anderson, daughter of Capt. John B. Anderson, both of Amite County.

March 9, 1839 - Died in this town [Woodville] on the 8th, after a short illness, Mr. George L. Poindexter.

May 11, 1839 - Married in Amite County the 16th, by the Rev. Charles Felder, Mr. William T. Jones, of Wilkinson, to the beautiful and interesting Miss Mary Magdalene, daughter of Col. Holloway Huff, of the latter county.

The Woodville Republican, Volume 2, January 4, 1840 - October 30, 1847.

March 14, 1840 - Died at Liberty, Mi., on Sunday the 1st, Mr. Isaac O. Benthall, formerly of this county and for several years past, a resident of Amite.

May 16, 1840 - A large meeting of the citizens of Wilkinson County, convened at the court-house in Woodville on May 12, 1840, for the purpose of expressing the deep sympathy felt by this county for the great loss and injury sustained by the city of Natchez, occasioned by the late storm at that place.

October 17, 1840 - The Hon. John Walker, Judge of Probate, of Amite County will sell the real estate belonging to Alexander Thompson, deceased. Land in Amite.

June 5, 1841 - Married May 18th, 1841 by Felix Embree, Esqr., Mr. Stephen D. Wilkinson of Amite, to Miss Eliza Anderson of Wilkinson Co.

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August 14, 1841 - Died in Amite County on the 5th, Mrs. Sarah Arbuthnot, consort of Mr. Wm. Arbuthnot, formerly of this county

March 25, 1843 - A runaway from Liberty, Amite County, a bright mulatto girl named Lucinda, about 19, 5 feet 5 inches tall, has straight black hair, scar over her left eye and another on her left shoulder. She has been living with A. M. Gray, opposite Bayou Tunica, La., for the last 2 years. A reward of \$20 will be given by Susan Scott for her delivery.

Land in Amite County belonging to the late William Jones is to be sold.

September 23, 1843 - Married by the Hon. Francis Gildart, Dr. D. Clay Lea, of Amite County, to Miss N. Elizabeth Edward, of Wilkinson.

September 30, 1843 - Amanda M. Caston, widow of Erasmus Caston, late of Amite County, and E. M. Davis and George F. Webb, guardians of Albert S. Caston are cited to appear to show cause why 595 80/100 acres should not be sold. John Walker, Judge of the Probate Court of Amite County, Mi.

October 7, 1843 - Judge C. P. Smith, addressed the citizens of Amite County at Liberty on the 29th. The real estate of Patrick Hughes in Amite County, will be sold.

Editor's Note: This is but the first part of a lengthy collection of news items; therefore, it is expected that four or five additional parts will be needed to publish the collected items.

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Share your Amite County genealogy, stories, additions, and corrections by sending to Frances Phares, PO Box 1639, Clinton, LA 70722 or phrances@att.net.

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Memorials and Honorariums may be sent to Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society, PO Box 2, Liberty, MS 39645. Please indicate the name of person remembered or honored with address to send the acknowledgment if known.

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Other Business: None

The business meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

A brief program was presented by Greg Barron who talked about the military history of Mississippi in the War of 1812 with emphasis on the Amite Countians who participated.

ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons

Due to changes in membership and in makeup of committees, the Standing Committees are being reevaluated and reformed. Once this process is complete, a new list will be posted.

Annual Membership Contribution
Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society
PO Box 2
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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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Zip+4: _____

Telephone(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

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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