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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 November 9, 2013, in the meeting room of the Liberty Library. A program on the Battle of Franklin in which Amite County was heavily represented will be given.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of October 12, 2013 meeting

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President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:03 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 19 attendees. James Allen Causey gave the invocation.

Pres. Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then moved to her report.

President Report:

The Railroad Museum in McComb is holding a special tour of the facilities. Tickets are required for specific tour times. A number of members have asked to attend and need to pay for their tickets at the meeting. The ACHGS group's tour time is 6:30 pm on October 26.

The final details of the Angels on the Bluff tour were announced. All tickets for the ACHGS group that purchased them are being held at the Visitor's Center under Dawn Taylor's name.

Pres. Taylor reported that the sales of the calendar are going very well. Supplies may be exhausted before Open House in December.

Open House will be on December 14 in Gloster at the Huff house. More information will be provided in the Open House Committee Report.

Having forgotten to take up the approval of minutes, Pres. Taylor then moved to the draft September meeting minutes. She asked if anyone had corrections or objections to the draft minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a

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Future Meeting Schedule

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

December 14, 2013, 11:00 am — Gloster Christmas Parade. **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** — 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.

motion to approve the minutes. Greg Barron made a motion to adopt the minutes; Mary Ann Gerhardt seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

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 \$5853.37. Greg Barron made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Oma Gordon seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that she was contacted by a Mrs. Collins from the Amite School System about having a LRSB tour for adults on September 25 but the tour was cancelled on the day it was supposed to occur.

Greg Barron reported that Joanna Hearn and Jim Freeman have been working with him to compile a list of the books in the LRSB library. This will make it easier to keep track of books borrowed by members.

Mrs. Vera reminded everyone to wear name tags to business meetings and other society functions. If anyone needs a name tag, they should let Mrs. Vera or Sam King know.

OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT: Gay Blalock reported that the society will participate in the Gloster Christmas parade which will be held at 11:00 am on December 14. The open house portion of the society's activities will run from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Huff house. Member volunteers are needed to provide finger food items for the open house guests.

Old Business: David Dreyer reported that the PBS program he discussed in the previous meeting is being shown on Tuesdays, not Mondays as he originally reported.

New Business: Items included:

David Dreyer reported that Choctaw Books In Jackson is going out of business as a walk-in facility and will begin operating as an internet seller only. The store is closing out its inventory of old and sometimes rare books. In the past the

store has been a good source for history books from bygone years, some of which are good sources for Mississippi history.

Mrs. Frances Phares discussed how the compilation of articles from the Woodville Republican newspaper came about. (The first installment was printed in the October newsletter.) She provided information on the lady who originally compiled the multi-volume set of books from which Mrs. Phares has taken her compilation.

Other Business: Jim Freeman provided more information on the Railroad Museum tour.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

A program on the creation of the US Constitution and today's challenges to it was presented by Wayne Anderson.

November Program Preview/Preparation

Since the society will be commemorating the Battle of Liberty on its 150th anniversary in November 2014, it was decided to commemorate the Battle of Franklin (November 30, 1864) in its 149th anniversary month with a program on the battle but with emphasis on those portions and locations where many of the Mississippians from southwest Mississippi were involved.

The Confederate Army of Tennessee, commanded by Lt. General John Bell Hood (of Texas), after losing a series of bitter fights defending Atlanta from assaults by federal forces under General Wm. T. Sherman, withdrew west into Alabama and then north into Tennessee with the goal of disrupting Sherman's supply line out of Nashville.

Hood's army was forced to deal with a sizeable federal force sent to resist the march on Nashville. The federal forces under General John

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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.

Continuing from: **The Woodville Republican, Volume 2, January 4, 1840 - October 30, 1847.**

January 13, 1844 - William C. Butler, guardian of Theophilus B. Norwood and Martha J. Norwood, minor children of James M. Norwood, deceased, is cited to appear before the Probate Court of Amite County on Jan. 4, to show cause why the real estate of James M. Norwood should not be sold.

January 20, 1844 - The real estate of Willey Jackson, deceased, of Amite County, Mi., is to be sold. Many tracts as well as the tract lying west of Liberty on Berry's Creek, and known as the late residence of Willey Jackson, deceased, containing 1200 acres.

May 4, 1844 - The real estate of Gabriel W. Harrington, a minor, will be sold in Amite County on the fourth Monday in June. July 6, 1844 - The real estate of Gabriel W. Harrington, a minor of Amite County, will be sold at Mount Salus, Mi.

July 6, 1844 - Amite County, Mi. John Brabham, Joseph Brabham, Zachariah Brabham, Mary M. Forrest and Sarah Forrest, and Zachariah Brabham, as guardian of Wesley Brabham, Wilson Brabham, Cynthia Brabham, William Brabham and Minerva Brabham are cited to appear to show cause why the real estate of 40 acres belonging to the estate of James Brabham dec'd, should not be sold.

Amite County, Mi. Charles R. Webb, and James Webb, and Lav Webb, infant children of James H. Webb deceased, Edward Webb, and Julia Ann Webb, infant children of Stephen A. Webb, deceased, William Raney and Candace A. B. Raney, his wife, Amos Parker and Angelia, his wife, Gabriel B. Scott and Amanda M. Scott, his wife, Wm. J. Scott and Adaline R. Scott, his wife, Wm. J. Scott and Adaline R. Scott, his wife, and Kinchen R. Webb, are cited to appear to show cause why 149 acres belonging to the estate of Kinchen Webb, dec'd., should not be sold.

July 28, 1844 - Died the 9th, in Amite County, Mi., Captain Baldwin Haynes, 34, leaving a wife and children.

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August 3, 1844 - 139 acres in Amite County, Miss. belonging to Harpes B. Steele, deceased is to be sold.

August 3, 1844 - Amite County, Mi. All who are interested in the real estate of Joseph Terrell, senior, are cited to appear and show cause why his land should not be sold. Included is a fraction of land contained in a deed of Allen Tarver to Joseph Terrell.

August 17, 1844 - Amite County, Mi. All who are interested in the real estate of Hollaway Huff, senior, are cited to appear to show cause why his land should not be sold. One of the tracts exists of 268 acres and is to be taken from lands recorded by the general plot of the surveyor, from the estate of Major William Longmire.

September 7, 1844 - All who are interested in the real estate of John Smylie, deceased, of Amite County, are cited to appear to show cause why this land should not be sold.

All who are interested in the real estate of William Gardner, deceased, of Amite County, are cited to appear to show cause why this land should not be sold.

November 9, 1844 - Amite County. All who are interested in the real estate of John Cockerham, senior, are cited to appear to show cause why the same should not be sold.

All who are interested in the real estate of Lewis Weathersby, are cited to appear to show cause why the same should not be sold.

December 28, 1844 - Amite County. The real estate of William Jones is to be sold. One of the tracts is bounded by land of R. Montgomery, the ex'r., of J. M. Clark and H. Davis. Also J. R. Brown's boundry is mentioned.

January 25, 1845 - Amite County. The real estate belonging to Abner O'Neal will be sold.

February 15, 1845 - Mrs. Virginia Poindexter has removed to the house formerly occupied by H. H. White, Esqr.[Woodville], and is prepared to receive young ladies as boarding or day scholars.

February 22, 1845 - Married the 11th in Amite County by Rev. Mr. McClain [McLean] , Mr. Reuben L. Huff to Miss Jane Tolbert [Talbert].

April 5, 1845 - Amite County, Mi. The real estate of Elijah Thompson is to be sold.

May 10, 1845 - The Circuit Court of Amite County, Hon. V. T. Crawford, presiding, commences next Monday.

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May 10, 1845 - Amite County, Mi. Real estate belonging to Jephtha Harrington is to be sold.
(Many tracts in Amite)

June 29, 1845 - A lot in Liberty, Amite County, Mi., belonging to William Jones, will be sold.

August 9, 1845 - The real estate of Erasmus Caston, in Amite County will be sold.

November 8, 1845 - The real estate in Amite County belonging to Harbert Frith is to be sold.
The real estate in Amite County belonging to Lewis Weathersby is to be sold.

November 8, 1845 - We learn from the "Liberty Advocate" that the Hon. Van Tromp Crawford died Oct. 31. Judge Crawford has presided as judge of the 11th District for the last six years.
(Masonic rites)

December 6, 1845 - William Jones' real estate in Amite County is to be sold.
John Spurlock's real estate in Amite County is to be sold.

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a lengthy collection of news items; it is expected that four or five 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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Schofield engaged Hood's forces at Columbia, Tennessee and later at Spring Hill, where most of the federal forces were surrounded when night fell. The federal forces managed to escape in the dark and retired to Franklin where they reinforced the for occupying the federal earthworks.

When he learned of the federal escape early on November 30, Hood ordered his army to to Franklin in hopes of catching the federals before they could reach safety. The first of Hood's infantry did not reach Winstead Hill south of Franklin until 1:00 pm but sufficient forces (in Hood's judgment) had arrived by 4:00 pm when he ordered the assault of the federal line to begin. More in the program...

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.

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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.

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