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Without a past, there is no future

Next meeting: The next meeting will be the annual Open House event. This year it will be held at the Huff home at Gloster. See notice elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Notice

The draft minutes of the November 2013 meeting will be published in the January 2014 issue of the newsletter.

Open House December 14, 2013

The society's Open House is scheduled for 1:00-3:00 pm on December 14, 2013. This year we will be at the Huff home in Gloster. Though the house is not antebellum, it is somewhat old. Hopefully, a flyer giving a brief history of the house will be available.

We hope to have a variety of finger-food treats and a little music to round out the visit.

Pass the word so we'll have a good turnout for the event.

See page 5 for a map and directions.

Future Meeting Schedule

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.

July 2014, 10:00 am — Traditionally no meeting has been held in July. Any change to that will be inserted when decided.

August 9, 2014, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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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.**

February 7, 1846 - Hon. Jehu Wall, Senator from Amite, writes home that he thinks the legislature had better adjourn, "the Treasury having suspended specie payment."

February 14, 1846 - The Mississippi Senate has made one move towards a system of Common Schools by printing for its and public use a "Bill". [Common School Journal N. Y. published 1845 - "We have received a number of interesting and valuable communications in relation to recent movements in Mississippi in the cause of education. The friends of the cause are in the field, and on one occasion more than one thousand persons responded to the eloquent appeals of D. L. Phares, of Wilkinson County, by an earnest manifestation of their sympathy in this great enterprise. On another occasion Judge Smith, Dr. Majoun, Dr. Phares, Hon. Mr. Ventress and J. G. Poindexter, came forward and advocated a general common school system. . . ."]

February 14, 1846 - Amite County. The real estate of Alexander Martin (319 58/100 acres) will be sold. The real estate of Ephraim Dixon (237 acres) will be sold.

March 7, 1846 - A sad casualty occurred near Centreville on Thursday evening last. Mr. James McGehee, son of Mr. Abram McGehee was killed by an accidental discharge of his pistol. . . .
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May 2, 1846 - Married Sunday last by Rev. S. Dawson, T. M. Kincade, Esqr., Mayor of Liberty, Ranger of Amite, Journeyman Printer, Assistant Editor, Musician, &c., to Miss Martha C. Baker, of this county.

May 30, 1846 - The Hon. James M. Smylie [Smiley] has been elected Vice Chancellor over Judge Ellis. Also E. R. Russel, Esqr., of Amite has been elected clerk of this district over Col. W. T. Lewis by 8 votes.

June 27, 1846 - Vice-Chancellor J. M. Smiley has organized his court in Natchez.

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July 4, 1846 - Amite County. The real estate of Allen Tarver, dec'd, is to be sold. The real estate of Robert Stewart, dec'd is to be sold.

September 11, 1846 - Amite County. The real estate of Jephtha Harrington is to be sold the 4th Monday in November. The real estate of Erasmus Caston is to be sold the 4th Monday in November.

Oct 9, 1846 - Amite County. Land of Milton Whittington will be sold the 4th Monday in December, except the widow's dower. Land of Alexander Berryhill, is to be sold at the 4th Monday in December, all except the widow's dower. Land of Burthena Foreman, dec'd., is to be sold the 4th Monday in December.

October 16, 1846 - Amite County. Real estate belonging to Gabriel W. Harrington, a minor, is to sold on the 4th Monday in December.

November 14, 1846 - J. G. Poindexter & W. B. Healy intend to opening an evening school for adults in the basement room of the Presbyterian Church [Woodville]. Pupils will please leave their names with Mr. Leatherman who is a subscriptionsist. Terms -- \$3.00 per month including twelve nights -- where the pupil supplies his own light, otherwise an additional charge of fifty cents will be made.

April 3, 1847 - Married the 25th, by Rev. John A. Smylie, Joseph Redhead, M. C. of Wilkinson, to Miss Mary Gayden, of Amite.

May 1, 1847 - Candidates for public offices: John G. Poindexter and F. Gildart for Judge of the Probate Court. . .

May 8, 1847 - Amite County. The real estate of Winston Gilmore will be sold. The real estate of Samuel K. Thompson will be sold.

October 9, 1847 - Amite County. The Real estate of John Sibley, Jr. will be sold the fourth Monday in November, 1847.

The Woodville Republican, Volume 3, January 8, 1848 - January 9, 1855

November 21, 1848 - In the southwestern part of Franklin County, Mississippi, there is a platform or floor of hewn stone, neatly polished, some three feet under the ground. It is about one hundred and eighty feet long, and eighty feet wide. It extends due north and south and its surface is perfectly level. The masonry is said to be equal, if not superior, to any work of modern times. The land above it is cultivated, but thirty years ago it was covered with oak and pine trees measuring from two to three feet in diameter. It is evidently of very remote antiquity, as the Indians who reside in the neighborhood had no knowledge of its existence previous to its

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recent discovery. Nor is there any tradition among them from any idea of the object of the work, or the people who were its builders. There is also a canal and well connected with it, but they never have been explored. A subterranean passage may be underneath. Farther explorations may throw some light upon its origin. .

June 25, 1850 - The U. S. Marshal Davis; list of appointments for the purpose of taking the census in this state contain the following: Wilkinson County - John C. Sims; Adams County - Jackson Warner and Amite County - Henry Flowers, Jr.

September 3, and September 10, 1850 - Died on the 2d, of a lingering illness of three months, at the residence of John McCrea, Esqr., in this county, Mrs. Martha Ann, consort of J. J. McCrea, and daughter of Holloway Huff, deceased of Amite County, aged 20 yrs., 10 mo. and 16 da.

March 11, 1851 - Jenny Lind left on the "Magnolia" for Natchez, at 10 minutes past 1 o'clock, this evening.

August 5, 1851 - As Judge C. P. Smith was attempting to ford a small creek near this place on Saturday last, which had been suddenly swollen by the severe rains, his carriage was instantly upset, with him in it. It is almost a miraculous that he escaped. The horse was drowned, and with the carriage, floated down with the current. The upset was so sudden, that the Judge did not have time to jump from his seat, and he went to the bottom, before he extricated himself. It was truly a narrow escape.

January 27, 1852 - S J W Nix, Amite County was registered as delegate to the Democratic State Convention.

March 9, 1852 - Hon. Jehu Wall, Representative from Amite, the oldest member of the Legislature, died in Jackson on the 22nd. He has served about 16 years. Both houses attended his funeral on the 23rd.

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

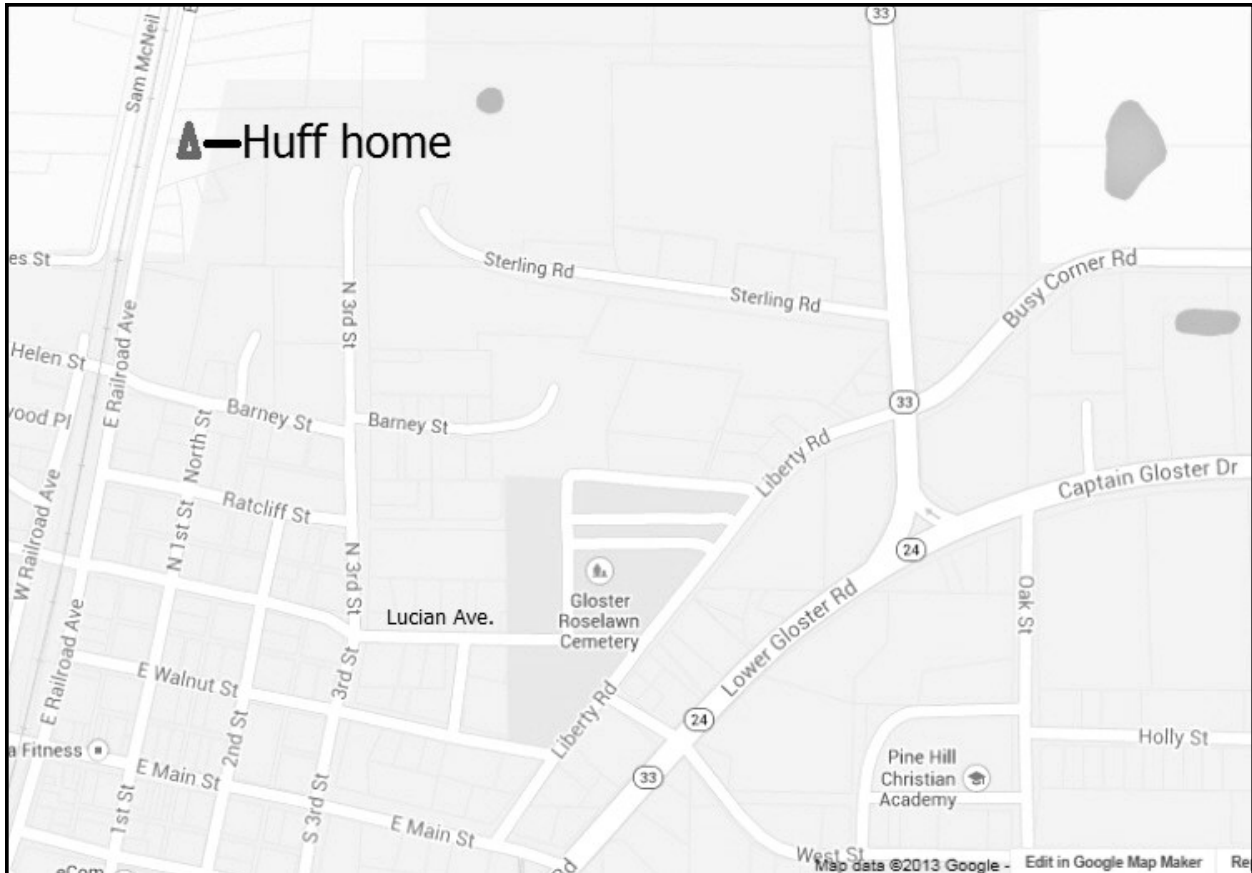
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Share your Amite County genealogy, stories, additions, and corrections by sending to Frances Phares, PO Box 1639, Clinton, LA 70722 or phrances@att.net.

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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.

Map and Directions to the Huff Home (Open House site)



Most direct route: From 24/33 take East Main St. to the railroad tracks. Turn right onto E. Railroad Ave. (E. Railroad Ave. changes to E. Homochitto Road at city limits.) Go just past the Gloster city limit and look for the Huff home on the right. It will be marked with a sign for the open house.

Due to the parade, E. Main may be closed temporarily. Alternate routes include turning off 24/33 and going about one block to Liberty Road. From there you can take either Lucian Ave. or E. Walnut St. to get through to E. Railroad Ave. Then follow directions above.

Parking is available in front of the house and across the street.

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
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Check or circle choice

- \$15.00 – Individual \$25.00 – Family \$50.00 – Sponsor or Ancestor Memorial
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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.

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- Archives Membership Programs Newsletter Other (specify):

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