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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 March 9, 2013, in the meeting room of the Liberty Library. The subject of any program has not yet been announced.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of February 9, 2013 meeting

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Future Meeting Schedule

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

April 13, 2013, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

May 4?, 2013, 10:00 am — Heritage Day event. No business meeting will be held.

June 8, 2013, 10:00 am — Annual meeting with election of officers in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

July 13, 2013, 10:00 am — The practice has been to not hold a meeting in July. If one should be held it will be on this date.

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

September 14, 2013, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

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.

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:10 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 22 attendees. James Allen Causey gave the invocation.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported: Thanks to VP Dawn Taylor for chairing the January meeting in Pres. Barron's absence.

May 4th (first Saturday) is Liberty Heritage Day and the society will follow the tradition of holding the meeting on that day instead of the 2nd Saturday. More discussion on what the society will plan to do for Heritage Day will be held next month. Due to difficulties experienced last year, Pres. Barron recommends that the society not share the conference room with any other group this year.

The indexed dividers that were used in the school records collection have been removed by persons unknown and thrown into a pile to the side. Consideration is being given to acquiring magazine-holder type boxes to enable re-indexing of the records in a manner that will discourage any repeating of this type of vandalism.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor reported: VP Taylor suggested that the May 4th Heritage Day activities be open from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the Library Conference Room. Hours for the

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LRSB can be decided separately.

Sam King has put together a photographic "walking tour" of Liberty in by-gone days and although he will be editing and refining the presentation, plans are to show this slide show hourly on May 4th.

VP Taylor introduced three young ladies that came to the meeting as her guests: Erin Clark, Kimmie Jenson, and Courtney Hebert.

VP Taylor asked members to suggest additional demonstrations or displays for Heritage Day. Any suggestion will be discussed further in the March meeting.

Nancy Martin will be working on uploading the rescued Amite Cemeteries photos to the internet. VP Taylor suggested that a work day to assist Nancy in this endeavor be scheduled for March 2. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Oma Gordon.

Ron Skellie, the presenter of the program on the 7th Mississippi Infantry Regiment in October 2012, will be visiting on Heritage Day.

A carpenter has been lined up to build a cabinet to house the new electronic equipment. The cabinet will be built to match the shelving in the LRSB.

Realizing that he had failed to take up the January minutes, Pres. Barron asked if anyone had any corrections. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Lea made a motion to adopt the minutes; Joann Hearn seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$5760.00. Sam King made a motion to approved the Treasurer's report; Mary Ann Gearhardt seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

An announcement was interjected that the society had been donated a copy of the book on the Natchez "Goat Castle" history.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that there was no activity with the LRSB.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Treasurer Gay Blalock notified the group that a more definite checkout system for books in the LRSB is being developed.

Other Business: Mrs. Frances Phares is working with a inquiry on the McCoy family.

Sam King presented his slide show of a photographic "walking tour" of Liberty from by-gone days. The meeting adjourned following the presentation at about 11:20 am.

Volunteers Needed

For a variety of reasons, the Nominating Committee membership has declined in number and needs to be reformed. If you would be willing to serve on this committee, please attend the March meeting and identify yourself to the officers.



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BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

COLONEL MATTHEW ROGERS

1. **Col Matthew Rogers, son of Matthew Rogers and Lois Mack**, was born on 26 Mar 1770 in Tyme, Conn. He died on 14 Aug 1847 in Athens (Athlins), Menard, IL and was buried in Indian Point Cemetery, Athens, Menard, Illinois. Col and Mrs. Matthew Morse Rogers came with their children to Illinois in 1818. per Jane DeLee

Ancestral File #: W16H-21 Reference Number:245a

Long overlooked by historians, Rogers played an intregal [integral] part in the early education of Abraham Lincoln. Rogers served as colonel of the 54th New York Infantry during the War of 1812 and eventually settled near present day Athens, IL in 1821 and established a tree nursery. Rogers post office was established in his home with the colonel being named post master. The Rogers family brought with them a large library which Lincoln would often make use of. Rogers daughter, Arminda tutored Ann Rutledge and to an extent Lincoln at the family home. In 1832 Rogers built a general store in Athens and the post office was moved there and the name changed to Athens. Lincoln, while post master at New Salem, would often pick up that town's mail at Athens. On August 3, 1837 a banquet was held in the upper story of the Rogers store to celebrate Sangamon County's famous "Long Nine", the nine legislatures (who all stool around 6' tall) who had successfully lobbied to relocate Illinois' capitol to Springfield. Lincoln toasted the citizens of Athens for their support at this banquet. In 1841 Rogers retained Lincoln in his lawsuit against Josiah Francis for not making payment on his note to buy the store. Lincoln was successful and payment in land titles was made to the Colonel. Throughout his life Col. Rogers and his family were among the political and social leaders in Athens and vicinity. Rogers died at his home in Athens leaving behind his third wife and eight children.

Col Matthew Rogers and Anna (Susan) Morse were married. **Anna (Susan) Morse** was born on 18 Mar 1777 and died 28 (18) Sep 1828 in Athens, IL. Matthew Rogers and Anna (Susan) Morse had the following known children:

1.1. **Timothy Morse Rogers MD** was born on 1 Feb 1800 in Cooperstown, Otsego, N Y. He died on 23 Jul. 1854 in Amite Co, MS and was buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS. Dr. Thomas Waggoner Rogers and Dr. Timothy Morse Rogers were believed to be half-brothers. Per Joe Hoff

Record of Regular and Special Licenses for Doctors, April 13, 1827 to December 9, 1833 on File in Amite County, Miss Court House, Liberty. Regular License issued to T. M. Rogers

1850 Census Amite Co, MS - No 508 - T M Rogers was 50 yrs old, Farm, \$4,000, b NY.

Julia A, 24 yrs; D H, 17 yrs, Clerk; Robert G, 16 yrs, student; Thos G , 11 yrs, Timothy M, 10 yrs; Henry C 4 yrs; O P Wilkinson, 26 yrs, Farm. (All b in Amite Co, MS except T M Rogers).

Timothy Morse Rogers MD and (1) Unknown were married. They had the following child:

1.1.1. **Harriett N Rogers** was born about 1822 in Illinois. **Harriett N Rogers** and **Glass Green Caston** were married on 4 Oct 1838 in Amite Co, MS. **Glass Green Caston**, son of Joseph Caston and Clarissa, was born on 10 Nov. 1810 in Amite Co, MS. Harriett N Rogers and Glass Green Caston had the following children:

1.1.1.1. **Nathan Wesley Caston** was born on 5 Mar 1844 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS. He died on 22 Feb 1901 in Natchez, Adams Co, MS and was buried in Natchez City Cemetery, Adams Co, MS. Name also shown as Wesley Nathan Caston. (**7th of Mississippi CSA Company C**) **Nathan Wesley Caston** and **S Emeline Forrest** were married on 9 Jan 1866 in Amite Co, MS. **S Emeline Forrest**, was born on 4 Jul. 1848 in Amite Co, MS and died on 19 Mar 1923 in McComb, Pike Co, MS.

1.1.1.2. **Mary M Caston** was born about 1846 and died on 23 Feb 1931. **Mary M Caston** and **J H Albritton** were married on 30 Mar 1897 in Amite Co, MS.

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1.1.1.3. **Anna A (Eliza) Caston** was born about 1849. She died on 15 Oct 1887 and was buried in Corcoran Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. **Anna A (Eliza) Caston** and **John Henry Corcoran** were married on 24 Jan 1867 in Amite Co, MS. **John Henry Corcoran** was born on 6 Dec 1848 and died on 12 Oct 1913. **Co. C, 7th Miss Inf CSA Amite Co Rifles (Sharpshooter) 1861**

1.1.1.4. **Sarah Jane (Janie) Caston** was born on 12 Oct 1854 in Amite Co, MS. and died on 15 Aug 1916 in MS. **Sarah Jane Caston** and **Alfred Wilburn Jones** were married on 28 Jan 1875 in Amite Co, MS. **Alfred Wilburn Jones**, was born in Jul. 1850 in Lauderdale Co, MS and died on 8 Dec 1918. Both were buried in Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

1.1.1.5. **Julia A Caston** was born about 1855 in Amite Co, MS.

1.1.1.6. **Son Caston** was born about Jun 1860 and died young.

1.1.1.7. **William John (Willie J) Caston** was born in Jun 1862 in Centreville, Amite Co, Miss. He died on 15 Oct 1922 in Kaufman, TX and was buried at Grove Hill Memorial Park, Dallas, TX. **William John Caston** and **Mary Alice Burgess** were married in 1882 in MS. **Mary Alice Burgess** was born on 9 Mar 1866 and died on 28 Aug 1955 in Dallas, TX.

1.1.1.8. **Albert Leander (Lee) Caston** was born on 3 Nov. 1863 in Centreville, Amite Co, MS and died on 3 Jun 1934. **Albert Leander Caston** and **Roberta (Alberta) C (Berta) Hughes** were married on 17 Dec 1885 in Amite Co, MS. **Alberta C Hughes**, was born on 3 Nov. 1863 and died on 9 Apr 1948. Both were buried in Stewart Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

1.1.1.9. **Mary Almeda Caston** was born in May 1870. She died on 23 Feb 1931 in Centreville, MS and was buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery I, Amite, MS. **Mary Almeda Caston** and **Andrew Alexander Hamilton Kirkland Jr** were married on 15 Dec 1887. **Andrew Alexander Hamilton Kirkland Jr**, son of Andrew Alexander Hamilton Kirkland and Emily M Dixon, was born in Jan 1863.

Timothy Morse Rogers MD and **(2) Rhoda Mock** were married on 20 Jun 1825 in Franklin Co, MS. **Rhoda Mock**, daughter of George Mock, was born in 1802 in MS and died in 1831 in MS. Timothy Morse Rogers and Rhoda Mock had the following child:

1.1.2. **John Lee Rogers MD** was born about 1832 in Amite Co, MS. He died in 1907 in Pontotoc, Oklahoma, OK and was buried in Galey Cemetery, Pontotoc, OK. **John Lee Rogers MD** and **(1) Louisiana Burroughs** were married on 6 Jun 1855 in Avoyelles Parish, LA. **Louisiana Burroughs** was born in 1836 in LA. **John Lee Rogers MD** and **(2) Eleanor N** were married. **Eleanor N** was born in 1848 in LA and died in TX. **John Lee Rogers MD** and **(3) Martha Jane (Mattie) Williams** were married on 21 Feb 1884 in Decatur, Wise Co, TX. **Martha Jane Williams**, was born in Oct 1861 in MO and died in Aug 1933 in Lindsay, Garvin Co, OK.

Timothy Morse Rogers MD and **(3) Mary (Polly) Waggoner Griffin** were married on 30 Jun 1831 in Amite Co, MS. **Mary (Polly) Waggoner Griffin**, daughter of Robert Griffin and Jane Robinson, was born on 15 Apr 1815. She died on 15 May 1843 and was buried in Waggoner Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. Timothy Morse Rogers and Mary (Polly) Waggoner Griffin had the following children:

1.1.3. **Dennis Harrison (Hatch) Rogers** was born on 10 May 1833 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS. Bible record. He died on 22 Jul 1864 Atlanta, GA. **Civil War Casualty**.

1.1.4. **Robert Griffin Rogers** was born on 29 Nov 1834 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS. **Robert Griffin Rogers** and **Margaret B Davidson** were married on 30 Nov. 1858 in Wilkinson Co, MS. **Margaret B Davidson** was born in 1840. She died in 1894 and was buried in Garland Mills Memorial Cemetery, Garland, TX.

1.1.5. **Thomas G Rogers** was born about 1839 in Amite Co, MS and died on 6 Dec 1861 in Williamsburg, VA. **Civil War casualty**.

1.1.6. **Timothy Morse Rogers** was born in 1840 in Liberty, Amite Co, MS and died on 3 Oct 1862 at Battle of Corinth. **Civil War casualty**

1.1.7. **Francis G Rogers** was buried in Waggoner Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.. No date 4m/14d

1.1.8. **Caroline Rogers** was born in 1843.

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Timothy Morse Rogers MD and **(4) Julia Ann Patience Thompson** were married on 29 Apr 1845 in Amite Co, MS. **Julia Ann Patience Thompson** was born on 5 Apr 1826 in Amite Co, MS and died on 12 Jul. 1886. They had the following children:

1.1.9. **Julia Rogers** was born abt 1848.

1.1.10. **Henry Clay Rogers** was born on 27 Jan 1848 in MS and died on 27 May 1920. **Henry Clay Rogers** and **Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Dickson** were married on 23 Dec 1869 in Amite Co, MS. **Margaret Elizabeth Dickson** was born on 12 Nov 1847 in MS and died on 22 Mar 1922. Both were buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Centreville, MS.

More generations will be included in Amite County, Mississippi Family Connections, Book V. Contributions and corrections solicited.

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.



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