



## 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 brief business meeting at 8:45 am on May 4, 2013, in the meeting room of the Liberty Library. The sole subject will be the finalization of the candidate slate for the upcoming election. Following at 9:00 am, society activities in conjunction with Heritage Day will begin and last until 3:00 pm.

### AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of April 13, 2013 meeting

**DRAFT**

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:10 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 12 attendees. Dawn Taylor gave the invocation.

Pres. Barron welcomed everyone to the meeting then moved directly to the minutes of the previous meeting. 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; Ann Brumfield seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported:

Most of the books in the LRSB are now listed in the catalog and anyone can easily see what subjects are covered.

Books that aren't really related to history have been moved to the upstairs room.

A copy of a book entitled Adventures of an African Slaver by Capt. Canot has been found. The book was written in the mid-nineteenth century but not published until the early twentieth century. It is a very frank explanation of how the white slavers viewed the blacks they traded and of the conditions under which this trade took place.

One of our recently joining members, Lydia McCoy Smith, joined as a Life Member. A certificate recognizing Life Member status is being sent to

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#### Future Meeting Schedule

**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.

**December 7, 2013, Time TBA** — Annual Society Open House and Membership Drive.

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Ms. Smith.

A get-well card is being passed around for everyone to sign that will be sent to Joe Hoff, long-time elderly member. (Post meeting note: Unfortunately, Mr. Hoff passed away on the morning of the meeting.)

A brochure on the Family Search internet service was passed around for information.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor reported:

On Heritage Day (May 4), the library conference room will be used exclusively by the society but the room will be divided so that a theater arrangement can be set up at the far end for the showing of photo slide show/movie of old images of buildings from Liberty's past. In the front portion Mrs. Phares will have her genealogy books for sale. Ron Skellie is supposed to visit to sell his books on the 7<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry (CSA). Mary Pallon, who arranged the "Amite Reunion" some years ago and was instrumental on setting up the Amite Reunion web site and working with the Amite Cemeteries web site, is also scheduled to visit.

There will be a seminar in Natchez on April 17-20, 2013 entitled "From Civil War to Civil Rights." Member David Dreyer sent copies of the flyer describing the seminar. All lectures are free. Anyone interested in attending can see Dawn to review the flyer.

There is a two-day (April 12-13) encampment/reenactment depicting the War of 1812 era volunteer soldiers at Jefferson College at Washington, north of Natchez.

There is a cemetery workshop being held in Natchez on May 11, 2013. Cost is \$25 per person and advance reservations are needed. The cost of the workshop includes a box lunch.

Linda Lea was recognized. She added that a variety of events are scheduled in Vicksburg in observance of the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States and particularly the Siege of Vicksburg.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$5529.93. Vera Prestridge made a motion to ap-

proved the Treasurer's report; Dawn Taylor seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Linda Lea, Chairperson of the committee read the committee's report of candidates recommended for election to the offices for the coming fiscal year:

President—Dawn Taylor

Vice President—Nancy Martin

Secretary—Wayne Anderson

Treasurer—Gay Blalock

Executive Committee—Greg Barron

She then asked if anyone had any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she announced that a brief meeting will be convened at 8:45 am on May 4 prior to starting the Heritage Day activities in order to conclude the nominations process. Anyone wishing to run for an office or nominate someone else should be present at that meeting to have their wishes known.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported:

The wasps that have been swarming about the LRSH looking to build nests have been exterminated thanks to the county.

Mrs. Yvonne Rice donated a treadle-operated sewing machine to the society for display in the LRSH.

On Heritage Day, the LRSH will have at least two volunteers on each floor to assist visitors.

Old Business: Mrs. Frances Phares announced that the latest genealogy book has a lot of information on the Perkins family. Due to its length, the cost will be \$15.00 (\$20.00 if mailed).

New Business: Items included:

VP Dawn Taylor asked if members would like to get T-shirts with the society logo and motto for Heritage Day. A number of members indicated interest so Dawn asked for inter-

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# **BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY**

**Publications available on Heritage Day or by Mail**

## **Amite County Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Connections Volume V**

Ebenezer Church Memories

Maude McKnight Rutledge Family Memories

Agriculture High School Class of 1927

Allen Thompson Avery Descendants

John Terrell Descendants.

Bits and Pieces from *Southern Herald* 1944-1945

### **Robert Reid Hamilton Descendants**

William Kennedy Hamilton and Eliza J. Chandler Family

Hannah French Hamilton and Theodore McKnight Family

Augusta "Gussie" Elena Hamilton and Hiram Morgan Family

(includes family letters)

Martha A. Hamilton and Lorenzo Washington Duck

John French Hamilton and Mary Ann Morgan Family

Catherine (Kate) Jane Hamilton and David Madison Brame Family

(includes family letters)

### **Thomas Jefferson Jackson MD Family and Story**

#### **Colonel Lewis Perkins Descendants**

Sarah Scott Perkins and Lewis Talbert Family

James M Perkins MD and Louisiana Emily Gayden Family

Janet (Jennette) Perkins Family

Lewis Perkins, Jr. and Jeanette Adeline Brown Family

Nancy R. Perkins and James Dalton Green Family

Eliza Lida Perkins and John Bartholomew Turnipseed Family

Dalcho Perkins and (1) Sarah Ann Hunt (2) Sarah Cassandra Chance Family

#### **Colonel Matthew Rogers Descendants**

Timothy Morse Rogers MD and (1) Unknown (2) Rhoda Mock

(3) Mary (Polly) Waggoner Griffin (4) Julia Ann Patience Thompson Families

Harriett N Rogers and Glass Green Caston Family

John Lee Rogers MD and (1) Louisiana Burroughs (2) Eleanor N. (3) Martha Williams

Dennis Harrison (Hatch) Rogers and Amanda Lavinia (Din) Toler Family

Robert Griffin Rogers and Margaret B. Davidson Family

Henry Clay Rogers and Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Dickson Family

Other surnames: Anderson, Causey, Cox, Dunn, Gordon, Frith, Jones, Kilborne, Kinabrew, Kirkland, Parker, Ratcliff, Robinson, Shaw, Smith, Tarver, Thompson, White and many others. Booklet V contains one hundred twenty pages of genealogy data plus a twenty-two page index. Booklet V - \$15 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

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**Amite County Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Connections, Volume II, Number 1**

Emerson Barney Robinson Story  
Milton Omer Carroll Story  
Jeptha Vinings Day Family  
John Calvin Anders Family  
Allen Spurlock Descendants

**Amite County Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Connections, Volume II, Number 2**

Memories of Childhood by John Haden Phares and Wayne Anderson  
Sylvester Dunn Jr. Descendants  
John Henderson Hines Family  
Captain John Sample Family  
John Brumfield Descendants

**Amite County Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Connections, Volume III**

A Story from Amite County's Past, by Wayne Anderson  
Amite County Elections 1823; Gail Borden and Evaporated Milk  
Records of Regular and Special Licenses for Doctors April 13, 1827 to December 9, 1833  
Town of Liberty Education Census 1916  
*The Southern Herald*, Liberty, Miss, August 9, 1889  
James A Freeman, Sr. Descendants  
Dr. Nathaniel Shurley Descendants  
Samuel Tillotson and Jacob Smith's Connection to Tillotson Family  
Dr. William "Willis" Hugh Germany Family

**Amite County Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Connections, Volume IV**

*The Woman's Herald*, published August 1908, by Mrs. L. J. Cuming as editor.  
Articles - The Town of Gloster, by H H Ratcliff; Gloster Graded School, by Miss Thurza Lamkin; Gloster's Eligible Bachelors, and Biographical Sketches.  
Albert Capell "Ab" Crawford's Letters to *Herald* and Marion Tatum  
Memories of Ruby Maurine "Graves" King  
Amite County, by Robert Lowry and William H. McCardle  
Amite County and Liberty, Mississippi, by William G. Barron  
The Liberty Raid, as written by Mrs. Sallie Garrow McLain  
Dr. Hiram Knox Butler Descendants  
Dr. John Wesley Fletcher Webb Family  
Dr. William C. McGehee, Jr. Descendants  
Dr. Charles F. Felder Descendants  
Dr. William Bradford Kinabrew Descendants  
Burton Bates Descendants  
Gideon Sleeper Family

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**Booklets - \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling.**  
**WPA books - \$75 plus \$15 shipping and handling.**  
***Those Were the Days, Glimpses from our Past our Families 1932 to 1945 - \$15***  
**Order by mail to: Frances D Phares, P O Box 1639, Clinton, LA 70722**  
**Checks payable to: Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society**

**Joe Hoff, an ACHGS member and Amite County Family Researcher, passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at his home in Terrytown, LA. Even though his life's journey took him away from Liberty most of his life, his love of the town and area brought him back in body, mind and spirit at ever opportunity. His vast knowledge of the area and its people will be missed. Memorial gifts in his honor may be sent to the Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society, P O Box 2, Liberty, MS 39645.**

**Memorial gifts or Honorary gifts may be sent to the same address. Please indicate the name of the person remembered or honored with address to send the acknowledgment if known.**

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Share your genealogy and Amite County stories by sending to Frances Phares, PO Box 1639, Clinton, LA or [phrances@att.net](mailto:phrances@att.net) Your corrections and additional information solicited.

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ested parties to sign up and give the size of shirt needed. Cost per shirt will be \$15-20 depending on the number ordered.

Mrs. Oma Gordon asked if anyone had pictures from past Open House venues. She needs additional photos for a project she's working on.

Sam King asked if anyone needed a new name tag and asked those who do to please let him know after the meeting so he can make them before Heritage Day.

James Allen Causey announced that a survey of the old Guy Cemetery will be done in the near future.

Other Business:

VP Taylor stated that she is doing a flyer for the society's Heritage Day events to try to boost attendance.

Mary Ann Gerhardt brought attention to the recent article in the Enterprise Journal about James Allen Causey and his interest and knowledge of local history.

Pres. Barron gave the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at about 11:53 am.

**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**.

**(Please print)**

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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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