



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 August 10, 2013, in the meeting room of the Liberty Library.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of June 8, 2013 meeting

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Future Meeting Schedule

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 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.

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:03 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 17 attendees. Sam King gave the invocation.

Pres. Barron welcomed everyone to the meeting then moved directly to the minutes of the meetings in April and May. Pres. Barron asked if anyone had any corrections to either set of minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Oma Gordon made a motion to adopt the minutes; Dawn Taylor seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report:

Pres. Barron thanked all the members for their support of the society and of him during his time as president. He gave a brief review of the society's first nine year. He plans to meet with Max Lawson about getting repairs made to the front façade and the leak in the rear of the LRSH. He hopes to also get the repaired areas repainted.

He touted the DVD with the photographic "walking tour" of Liberty in past eras and thanked Sam King and Dawn Taylor for their efforts in producing the DVD.

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He has finally found a period case for the wet plate image of the officers that was made during the Bicentennial.

A card was passed around for members to sign. It will be presented to Bill Rimes later in the day.

Vice President Report:

VP Dawn Taylor thanked everyone who helped with Heritage Day.

She reported that she, Jim Freeman, and Joanna Hearn attended the cemetery workshop held at Natchez in mid-May. A program will be put together for the society summarizing the main points covered in the workshop.

Because of the likelihood of hot weather, the tentative field trip to Vicksburg that had been discussed previously will not likely be held.

She mentioned a request that the society had received from a New York archivist asking about a killing involving a teacher named Hood in Gloster near the end of the nineteenth century.

Mrs. Phares has sold out of the latest publication of family history.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$577.74. Dawn Taylor made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Sam King seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Items included:

Jim Freeman circulated a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in obtaining seedling cucumber magnolia plants.

Dawn Taylor and others discussed the effort to involve more Gloster and western Amite County residents in the society. A possible

venue for open house has been found in Gloster (Huff Property) if open house can be scheduled for the second Saturday (12/14/13) instead of the customary first Saturday. A final decision will be made at the August meeting.

Sam King announced that the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Liberty will be held 11/14/14 and suggested that this be used as the open house event for next year.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT:

President Barron thanked Mrs. Vera Prestridge for her efforts with the LRSB on Heritage Day.

Mrs. Vera thanked all the volunteers who helped with the LRSB visitors on Heritage Day.

Mrs. Vera reported that Bernell McGehee brought a school class to tour the LRSB on May 2. A total of 31 toured.

She reported that on 5/17/13 a Mrs. Carol Peck arranged for a Mr. and Mrs. Causey to tour the LRSB.

Other Business:

VP Taylor presented a thank-you gift to Pres. Barron, Mrs. Oma Gordon, and Mrs. Vera Prestridge.

Mrs. Vera Prestridge introduced a new member, Mrs. Miller.

Mary Ann Gerhardt showed a unique item, a mayonnaise maker from the early 20th century.

Pres. Barron gave the closing prayer and blessed the food that volunteers had brought. While the slide show of the Rodney tour was being set up, the Nominating Committee announced the results of the voting on officers. The results were 40 votes cast, unanimous for the recommended candidate slate.

The business portion meeting adjourned at about 11:30 am.

BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

1. **Moses Whittington**, born about 1785 in GA, moved to Amite County, MS, abt 1800 with his parents, Cornelius Whittington and Rebecca Gilliam..

US Census 1810 - Amite County, MS

Moses Whittington 1 male over 21 and 2 free whites under 21. Total 3

Amite County, MS Inhabitant 1816- Moses Whittington (Neighbors - John Wade, Shields Marsh, Willie Jenkins, Burney Griffin, Th[omas] Mercer)

US Census 1830 - Amite County, MS

**Moses Whittington - 4 males under 10; 1 male 10-20; 1 male 40-60
2 females under 10; 2 females 10-20; 2 females 40-60**

Amite County Land Grants to 1830

Dec 2, 1826 Moses Whittington was granted 160 acres at cost or \$320 in T3N R3E Section 19 (Willy Jenkins was neighbor.)

Amite County, MS Land Records - Conveyance Book I

Moses Whittington granted to Jas McMillan Land 1-26-1836, Bk 3, p 393

Moses Whittington granted to Wm Montgomery Land 12-8-1837, Bk 3, p 493

Moses Whittington granted to Wm Montgomery Land 1-19-1842, Bk 5,p 670

Moses Whittington and Elizabeth Jenkins, daughter of Willey Jenkins, were married on 22 Dec 1808 in Wilkinson Co, MS. Certificate. Moses Whittington and Elizabeth Jenkins had the following known children:

1.1. **Nancy Whittington and William Montgomery** were married on 11 Nov 1830 in Amite Co , MS. **A L Mercer, MG. William Montgomery**, son of William Montgomery and Elizabeth "Betsy" Nancy Cain, was born about 1810 and died about Dec 1843. .[Elizabeth "Betsy" Nancy Cain married (2) Meredith Bonds 23 Dec 1813 in Amite County]

Amite County Wills, Vol I, p 188-190, Meredith Bonds dated Feb 2 1839; Elizabeth Bonds, wife; Dudley W Bonds, son; Elijah A Bonds, son, Paschal B Bonds, son; Martha Bonds, daughter; Elizabeth Bonds, daughter; Nancy Bonds, daughter; Arminda Bonds, daughter; Letha Ann Bonds, daughter; Minerva Bonds, daughter; William Montgomery, stepson. Witnesses: Tim. M Rogers, Wm N Taylor, Thos Reynolds. Executors: Elizabeth Bonds, Dudley W Bonds; In open court, Feb 25, 1839.

Land Records - Conveyance Bk I

Moses Whittington granted to Wm Montgomery Land 12-8-1837 Bk 43, p 329

Receiver granted to Wm Montgomery Land 8-27-1838 Bk 4, p 340

United States granted to Wm Montgomery Land 8-27-1838 Bk 4, p 340

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Wilson W Graves granted to Wm Montgomery Land 8-27-1838 Bk 4, p 341
J F Collinsworth granted to Wm Montgomery Land 8-27-1838 Bk 4, p 343
Jonathan Taylor granted to Wm Montgomery Land 8-27-1838 Bk 4, p 344
William Morris granted to Wm Montgomery Land 8-27-1838 Bk 4, p 345
A B Graves & wife granted to Wm Montgomery Land 5-4-1840 Bk 4, p 447
William Montgomery granted to Meredith Bonds Land 9-3-1838 Bk 4, p 360
William Montgomery granted to Dudley W Bonds Land 9-3-1838 Bk 4, p 368
A B Graves granted to Wm Montgomery Chattel 10-16-1839 Bk 5, p 322
William Montgomery granted to Roland Wilkinson Chattel 3-1-1841 Bk 5, p 567
Wm Montgomery granted to Union Bank Land 6-26-1839 Bk 6, p 19
Moses Whittington granted to Wm Montgomery Land 1-19-1842 Bk 5, p 670
Wm Montgomery granted to Elizabeth Bonds Chattel 5-30-1842 Bk 6, p 49
Wm Montgomery granted to D W Bonds Land 6-23-1842 Bk 6, p 123
Wm Montgomery granted to Milton Whittington Chattel 10-14-1842 Bk 6, p 183
Wm Montgomery granted to Wm Jenkins Chattel 10-14-1842 Bk 6, p 185
Wm Montgomery to Jas M Smylie Land 11-11-1842 Bk 6, p 186
Nancy Montgomery granted to John Cassels Land 3-1-1844 Bk 6, p 365
Letters of Administration - Amite County, MS 1838 to 1868 p 45
William Montgomery was Administrator of Cornelius Whittington's estate January 27, 1840

1.2. **William Judson Whittington** was born on 16 Mar 1818 and died on 16 Apr 1891. Marker erected by sons. per cemetery records. **William Judson Whittington** and **P Evaline Bolin** were married on 1 Jan 1840 in Amite Co, MS. . **P Evaline Bolin** was born on 1 Jan 1822 in Jefferson Co, MS and died on 4 May 1887. Both were buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, Amite Co, MS. Surname also shown as Bowlin or Bolling. William Judson Whittington and P Evaline Bolin had the following children:

- 1.2.1. **Napoleon Whittington** was born about 1842 in Amite Co, MS.
- 1.2.2. **Judson A Whittington** was born about 1845 in Amite Co, MS.
- 1.2.3. **James Monroe Whittington** was born on 29 Aug 1846 in Amite Co, MS and died on 22 Mar 1925. **James Monroe Whittington** and **Allie (Ollie) P Fowler** were married. **Allie P Fowler** was born on 31 Aug 1853 and died on 2 Nov 1911. Both were buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, Amite Co, MS.
- 1.2.4. **Dr Jerome Robinson Whittington** was born on 8 Oct 1849 and died in 1943.

Source Book for Mississippi History - Amite County, Vol III, Book 2 - p 451 - "Dr J R Whittington, of Gloster, spent four years in professional studies under Professor E. Gallent and attend and graduated from the Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Whittington had practiced medicine ten years prior to 1884, and since that time practiced in this county until a few years ago."

Transcript of License, No. 1804, Issued to Dr. J. R. Whittington, 14 day of July 1884 by Wirt Johnston, Secretary Mississippi State Board of Health. Dr. J. R. Whittington was born in Amite County, Mississippi, thirty three years old and who resides in Franklin County and whose postoffice address is Little Springs, Miss. and who has spent four years in professional studies under the supervision of Prof E Gasllard as preceptor, whose postoffice address is Louisville, Ky and who attended two full courses of Lectures at Louisville Medical School, Louisville, Kentucky, who did graduate at Louisville, and has spent none years in hospital and has practiced medicine ten years, and has chosen as his School of Practice that of the Allopathic Physician. His moral character ref-

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erences were: **R. J. Williams, T J Scott, John P Jones and J H McGehee** of Little Springs Miss has made application for license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

Dr Jerome Robinson Whittington and **Letitia Adalide "Addie" Wilkinson** were married on 26 Nov 1874 in Amite Co, MS. **Letitia Adalide "Addie" Wilkinson**, daughter of Winston W Wilkinson and Minerva Borden Whittington, was born on 17 Mar 1855 and died on 25 Apr 1933. Both were buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, Amite Co, MS.

1.2.5. **Walter William Whittington** was born on 9 Oct 1851 and died on 8 Jan 1948. He was buried in Mt Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Franklin Co, Miss. **Walter William Whittington** and **Eliza White** were married on 13 Jan 1886 in Amite Co, MS. **Eliza White** was born on 19 Jan 1870. She died on 11 Jan 1889 and was buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, Amite Co, MS.

1.2.6. **Alexander Madison Whittington** was born on 23 Aug 1854 in Roxie, Franklin Co, MS. and died on 24 Mar 1940.

Shortly after the Civil War, Alexander's father [William Judson Whittington] purchased a plantation known as the "Blecker Place" at Little Springs which he divided among four of his sons. These newly weds had their first home on this farm, but Alexander later became a merchant at Gloster, 'Roxie and Eddiceton. He later retired to live in Bude. (Ref: MS Gen. Doc. Bk. Vol 3, pa 174; Whittington Farm. Bible; Whittington Genealogy by W. M. Whitting, Jr.)

Alexander Madison Whittington and **Margarite (Margaret) Isaphine "Icy" McGehee** were married on 20 Dec 1876. **Isaphine "Icy" McGehee**, daughter of James Madison "Matt" McGehee and Rebecca Ann "Becky" Jones, was born on 14 Dec 1859 in Little Springs, MS and died on 23 Dec 1928 in Brookhaven, MS. Both were buried in Brookhaven, Lincoln Co, MS.

1.2.7. **Thomas Lawrence Whittington** was born on 1 Aug 1858 and was a victim of the tornado that hit Gloster, 6 Apr 1935. He was buried in Roseland Cemetery, Gloster, Amite Co, MS.

1.2.8. **Wally Whittington** was born about 1860.

1.2.9. **Malenium E Whittington** was born about 1862.

More generations, additions, and corrections will be added to this Bits and Pieces, which will be included in the next Amite County Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Connections VI. 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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