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**Future Meeting Schedule**

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**AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Since there will be no business meeting in March, the draft minutes of the February meeting will be printed in the April newsletter.

**March Meeting Field Trip**

Pursuant to decisions finalized in the February meeting, the March 8 meeting will be a field trip to Rodney, MS, with other activities possible on the return through Natchez.

Those who wish to carpool should be at the LRSH/Library area will before 7:30 am to allow for a prompt 7:30 am departure.

Those who plan to rendezvous with the Liberty attendees should be at Lorman by 9:00 am. The group will then caravan to the Rodney area.

For more information, contact Dawn Taylor, ACHGS President, at mysteryofprovidence@yahoo.com or by phone at 225-719-2379.
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 5

December 9, 1882 - Dr. J. R. Sample showed us a letter from the agricultural editor of the Times-Democrat, in which his celebrated Rice Huller is pronounced an invention second only in its importance to the South, to that of the cotton gin and predicting an immense demand for the same. Summit Times and Intelligencer

January 27, 1883 - Died. Dr. D. H. Bryant, a native of Woodville, Wilkinson County, and for 11 years or more a successful practicing physician in this town [Liberty] and vicinity, died at his residence on the 15th inst., after a protracted and severely painful illness. Dr. Bryant was a prominent citizen and Christian gentleman, and enjoyed in high degree the respect and confidence of the community in which he lived. His remains was consigned to their last resting place according to the solemn and impressive rites of the ancient Order of Masons. Liberty Herald [buried behind Liberty United Methodist Church - N Church and Broken Streets.]

February 17, 1883 - Dr. Bryant was a brother of the Publisher [John W. Bryant] of this paper [Woodville Republican] and was born and raised in this county. That he was a man of firm will and vigorous intellect his life abundantly shows. Supporting himself by school-teaching he managed to save enough money to enable him to take a course of medical lectures in New Orleans just before the war. He was a private in the company from this county, commanded by Col. J. H. Jones. Suffering even then from the disease which finally proved fatal, he was relieved from field duty and made a hospital surgeon. At the conclusion of the war he graduated in medicine at Atlanta. After practicing medicine several years in this county Dr. Bryant removed to Liberty where he remained until his death. The deceased stood high both as a citizen and physician, and he speedily secured a lucrative and extensive practice. When his infirmities increased so that he could no longer visit his patients, they visited his office, thus evincing their confidence in his skill. Dr. Bryant was a Royal Arch Mason. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn his untimely death.

April 28, 1883 - Liberty Herald: "We are pleased to learn that Mr. Wm. R. Brown, an energetic and successful farmer of this county, intends to put up a cot(ton?) - seed oil factory in connection with his public gin, some four miles southwest of town."

June 9, 1883 - The Depot on the M. V. Railroad has been located a short distance south of the point where the Centreville dirt road crossed the railroad on the land of Mr. C. C. Germany. It is two miles from Centreville and fifteen from Woodville.

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June 23, 1883 - F. A. McLain Esq. of Liberty, announces himself in this issue as a candidate for District Attorney. He is a Representative in the Legislature from Amite and is a Lawyer of recognized ability.

June 30, 1883 - The Liberty Herald advises the construction of a first-rate dirt road from Liberty to the new R R Station in Amite [Louisiana?] -- 14 miles from Liberty.

August 18, 1883 - At the mill of Enoch McLain in Amite county, one Johnson, manager of the mill had a dispute with an employee named Dunn in regard to a settlement involving five-bits. Dunn drew a knife on Johnson and Johnson shot and killed Dunn. Dunn's son drew a knife and made five serious cuts in Johnson, who is still alive but not expected to survive.

August 25, 1883 - Mr. Isaac Farish who has been in business on the railroad in Amite County, told us no dead men have been found hanging near Shea's camp.

September 15, 1883 - McLain of Amite was nominated at Fayette for District Attorney on the ninety-second ballot.

November 17, 1883 - Capt. Andrew J. Whittington has signified his intention to contest the election of Van W. Robinson, Esq., to the Amite county Sherifflalty. We learn the former has retained Messrs. Session & Cassedy of Brookhaven, and T McKnight Esq., of Liberty. Col. T R Stockdale will represent Mr. Robinson in the case. Summit Times

[Andrew J. Whittington was twice sheriff of Amite County and Chancery Clerk several terms. Most of his life was spent in public service. A J Whittington, Sheriff of Amite County, was stabbed twice in the back at Liberty, MS, Saturday, and was killed by Eugene McElwee. After the murder, McElwee was surrounded by a crowd, one of whom shot him. He died in ten minutes. Natchez Daily Democrat, Natchez, MS, October 2, 1883. (conflicting death date - not proven the same Andrew J Whittington.) fdp]

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April 19, 1884 - Natchez, April 13. Long article covering Miss Clara Barton of the Red Cross Society arriving on the steamer Mattie Belie in Natchez.

October 25, 1884 - Names mentioned in a long article describing a Negro riot at Gloster, Miss. (Amite County) Jim Payne, Sam Boyd, John Collin, Mr. R M Dixon, Mayor Caulfield, E B McClain, and Dr J H Hines.

November 22, 1884 - Died at the residence of her Son-in-law, Col C P Neilson in Woodville on Sunday Nov 16, 1884, Mrs Philadelphia Sims in the 65 years of her age. Mrs Sims was born in the state of Tennessee, and when quite young, came to Woodville and made her home with her distinguished brother, the late Col Geo H Gordon. In 1840 she married Chas Sims. Her funeral took place on Monday morning from St Pauls Episcopal Church, with Rev J W Turner Rector officiating and her body was laid away in the family burying ground on Sligo Plantation. There Wife and Husband sleep side by side. (Long article.)
June 13, 1885 - A J Whittington vs the State, convicted in Amite circuit Court of selling wines in less quantities than a gallon, affirmed.

April 24, 1886 - Liberty Herald. We are called upon to mention in this issue four deaths, three residents of Amite, the other of Wilkinson, though a native of Amite.

Joseph W Lusk died at Centreville, Wilkinson county, on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Rosa McMulin died at the residence of Wm Smith, near Liberty on Tuesday morning, the 13th at the advanced age of about 70 years. Aunt Rosa, as this estimable lady was called, was a native of Amite county.

Charles H Brown died on Friday of last week at the residence of Mrs Naul's in the 92d year of his age. He was a native of New York, we believe, but for forty years has been a resident of Amite county. Mr Brown was a soldier in the war of 1811, and has been drawing a pension as such ever since the year 1871.

Samuel G Dixon died at his residence in this county on Sunday last the 11th inst. From the quiet, useful citizen he was suddenly changed to insanity, and so he died.

January 29, 1887 - Gloster, Amite county, wants a Court House. Whole families of small towns are in the same fix.

February 5, 1887 - Sheriff Robinson of Amite captured Jesse W Lusk in Louisiana. Lusk was wanted in Liberty on a charge of arson.

November 5, 1887 - Hon Jefferson Davis, accompanied by his wife and daughters arrived at Macon, Ga, yesterday evening at 5 o'clock and 40,000 people assembled at the depot and welcomed him with rousing cheers. Among the crowds that filled the street and marched shouting beside the carriage that carried him from the depot to the residence of Col J M Johnson, were thousands of one legged and one arm veterans of the Lost Cause. Mr Davis is very feeble and will not be called upon to make any speeches or to do any hand shaking, as his condition is such as to make it dangerous for him to undergo any fatigue. On Wednesday, however, he will be at the Fair grounds and for the last time ex-Confederate veterans will pass in review before their beloved chieftain. N O States

March 17, 1888 - The Southern Herald (Liberty) of last week, mentions the death of a ten year old son of Mr T L Robinson, who died from the effects of whiskey which he got hold of and drank freely.

July 7, 1888 - A fishing party of about half a dozen gents left here a few days ago to spend a couple of days at the Laneheart Lake near Buffalo. The next morning after their departure, the Sheriff was notified of the appearance of six convicts a few miles from town on the road leading to the above lake. The Sheriff at once summoned a posse and proceeded to the spot where the convicts were reported to be chasing negroes for their clothing. After instructing his posse to arrest any person who had on striped clothes, and stationed his men at different points along the road principally at the Thomas Pond, he proceeded to drive the woods.

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The first person who made his appearance was a prominent Atty. of Woodville, who wears a striped coat. He was halted at once and ordered to throw up his hands which he did like a little man. He was kept in this position for about an hour looking down the barrels of two double barrel shot-guns, when the Sheriff rode up and ordered his hands down, which relieved him muchly. In the meantime several of the fishing party who had on striped clothes were captured.

The only one allowed to pass had lost some of his clothing and was neatly wrapped up in a blanket and passed himself off as a Commanche Indian. The Sheriff being satisfied that the fishermen were (not) the convicts, disbanded the posse. Whether they caught any fish or not is yet to be found out. It is reported that some of the Sheriff’s posse captured a fine mutton ready for the pit. What they done with it will never be known.

July 28, 1888 - The Sam Jones Camp Meeting begins August 17th. The grounds are situated on the Mississippi Valley Rail Road, two miles above Gloster. Two copious springs of the coldest water and beautiful stream running through the grounds, afford an abundant supply for man and beast. A large well built tabernacle for religious service, and a public eating and sleeping house enlarged, re-furnished and presided over by a lady noted as a caterer, will afford ample provision, both for the inner and outer man. This place is in the heart of the native woods. There is an attractive picturesqueness about the premises, a brace in the very air for tired nerves, and a hearty welcome awaits you from the good people who dwell in the tents.

Mr Monroe Whittington of Amite county passed through our town on Tuesday morning in search of his little son and another boy who ran off from their home on Saturday and passed through this place Sunday evening.

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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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