Next meeting:
The next meeting will be a regular business meeting on October 10, 2015, at 10:00 am in the conference room of the Liberty library.

**Future Meeting Schedule**

October 10, 2015, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

November 14, 2015, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

December 5, 2015 — Open House at the William Gardner House.

January 9, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

February 11, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

March 11, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

April 9, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

May 1, 2016 — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

June 11, 2016 — Annual meeting with election of officers in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

July 2016 — Traditionally the society has not met in July. If this should change, appropriate changes will be made in this schedule.

**AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Minutes of the September 12, 2015 meeting

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President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:09 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 16 members attending. Greg Barron gave the invocation.

Pres. Taylor commented that the dates shown for the logging festival are incorrect; the festival is a week after the dates given. The minutes were then approved with correction. A motion was made by Greg Barron and seconded by Allen Terrell. The motion carried.

President Report:
The field trip to tour the Old and New Capitols in Jackson had to be rescheduled to September 18. A new sign-up sheet is being passed around. Attendees will congregate at the library in Liberty then carpool to Jackson. The group will need to leave in time to arrive at the New Capitol by 10:00 am. Specific details will be communicated later to those committing to go.

In response to member inquiries, the Executive Board met prior to the regular membership meeting and approved two more categories of membership: Life membership for couple who are both 70+ will be $150 and Life membership for a 70+ individual will be $100.

Vice President Report: No report.

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Sawdust and Splinters
Logging Festival

As you may have read in this or past issues, the Chamber of Commerce has invited the ACHGS to participate in the logging festival to be held at Vance Park by operating a display table. We are planning to have photos related to logging in the county. The display table will also offer society merchandise for sale and will accept membership applications and dues payments. The display will be set up on Friday, October 23, 2015, and needs to be operated during the day on Saturday, Oct. 24, and Sunday, Oct. 25. The display table will be indoors.

Volunteers are needed to work the display at all time the room is open and will be admitted to the festival for free. If you can help, even for just a few hours, please contact Dawn Taylor at (225) 719-2379 or by e-mail to rdawnt@gmail.com or see her at the next meeting on October 10.

Angels on the Bluff

This is a reminder that Dawn Taylor has reserved tickets for the “Angels on the Bluff” annual event at the Natchez Cemetery. The tickets are for the 8:45pm tour on November 7, 2015. Tickets are $25 each and several remain unclaimed by anyone. If you are interested in going, whether with the society group or separately, contact Dawn Taylor (see contact info in previous article) to place a claim on tickets.
BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Recently, I had occasion to look back through some old books, magazines, and catalogs that my wife and I "rescued" from the garbage heap when my wife's grandfather's house was being cleaned out after many years of sitting idle. I found some materials of considerable age that contain items pertaining to Amite County. These will be reproduced or included here in the best manner possible for each given item.

Acts, Resolution, and Memorials Passed by the Mississippi Legislature
1877 Session

The first item is the Secretary of State certification of the correctness and completeness of the books as regarded the Legislature’s actions. (Scan in jpg format.)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, { 
JACKSON, MISS. April 10, 1877. }

This certifies that the foregoing printed Acts, Resolutions, and Memorials, passed at the regular session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, held in the city of Jackson, in the months of January and February, 1877, are true and correct copies from the originals on file in this office.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi hereunto affixed, the day and year first above mentioned.

JAMES HILL,
Secretary of State.

I find it amazing that in 1877 the digest of the laws could be collected, proofed, and finalized for printing in 41 days after the session ended.

Changing the scheduled terms of session for the Chancery Court:
CHAPTER XXVII
AN ACT to change the time and number of days for holding the Chancery Court in the counties of Amite and Franklin.
Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That the Chancery Court shall be held in the County of Franklin on the second Monday in May and November, and continue six days if business so long requires.
Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Chancery Court shall be held in the county of Amite on the third Monday of May and November, and continue twelve days, if business so long require.
Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That all pro-cess or publications returnable in the Chancery Court of Amite county, on the fourth Monday of May next, shall be deemed and taken to be the third Monday of said month.
Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.
Approved February 1st, 1877.

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Creating a corporation in Amite County:
Due to the length of this act, it will be summarized here.

Chapter CLXXXVII
AN ACT to incorporate the Amite County Manufacturing Company
Section 1—Identifies the initial stockholders and states the intent to form a corporation known as the “Amite County Manufacturing Company.” The stockholders were identified as D.N. Butler, A.J. Roberts, C.H. Fritts, J.R. Sample, J.D. Roberts, and their associates, “together with those who may hereafter become stockholders…”
Section 2—Sets the initial stock value at $50,000 and allows for increases after incorporation.
Section 3—Identifies the type of officers that will run the corporation, the terms of office, and the process by with power of attorney will exercised.
Section 4—Describes how stock purchase in the corporation is to be paid for.
Section 5—Exceptions to paying for stock at once.
Section 6—Describes the liability of the stockholders.
Section 7—Sets the life of the charter of incorporation at fifty years.
Approved, January 26th, 1877.

Apparently, the forming of corporations was eventually made a function of the Secretary of State, relieving the Legislature of having to act on each new incorporation.

Information from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi F&AM

The title page of the book condensed in format:

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI
ANCEINT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONs,
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION JULY 27th, 5818, TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNICATION HELD IN THE YEAR 5852,
COMPILED FROM THE "EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS."
BY A COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND LODGE

JACKSON, MISS.:

CLARION STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1882

Image of the first paragraph of the summary of the origin of the Grand Lodge:
(The entire history is too long for reproduction here.)

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The Grand Lodge of Mississippi was organized in the city of Natchez, on the 27th day of July, 1818, by a convention consisting of Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of Harmony Lodge, No. 33, holding under the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 15, and Washington Lodge, No. 17, holding under the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

LIBERTY, No. 37—LIBERTY, AMITE COUNTY. (1837.)

Dispensation granted, —, 1837; chartered, January 3, 1838.


Members.—A. Biddle, Isaac R. Caulfield.


Initiated.—David Pimble, Robert S. Torrence.

Admitted.—Haram D. More, Josiah D. Walker.

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If members have information they would like to contribute, please feel free to offer it by contacting me at one of the addresses shown in the box on page 2. I will not be able to accept/use just anything submitted. If information is sent by e-mail, it must be in the body of the message, in a MS Word document, or in a PDF document. If images of documents are sent they must be in JPG format so that I can attempt to convert them to text via an optical character reading application. If information is sent by postal mail, it should be in typewritten text, not handwritten, and should be a copy that doesn't have to be returned. Since about half our members receive the newsletter by print copy and the copying process will not adequately display photos, I cannot illustrate text write-ups. If photos are sent, do so only by electronic files in JPG format but don't assume the photos will appear in the newsletter. Photos sent in this manner may sometimes be put on the society’s Facebook group page if they are likely to have wide appeal. I realize these criteria may prevent the sharing of some information; however, I must place some limits on the amount of time I devote to the newsletter each month since I have other projects including another monthly newsletter that I work on periodically.
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