Welcome to the 17th issue of the ACHGS newsletter —
Please let this editor know your thoughts and suggestions on this newsletter (see e-mail and mail addresses elsewhere in this issue.)
Thank you.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be a regular monthly meeting
Location: Amite County Courthouse, Liberty, MS
Date: October 8, 2007 Time: 7:00 pm

Future Meeting Schedule

October 11, 2007, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting
November 8, 2007, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting
December 1, 2007, Time TBA — Quarterly meeting & Open House/Membership Drive. Primary function to be at the Winston Wilkinson House.
January 10, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting
February 14, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting
March 8, 2008, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting at Gloster Arboretum
April 10, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting
May 8, 2008, 7:00 pm — Regular monthly meeting
June 14, 2008, 7:00 pm — Annual Membership meeting

Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of 8 September 2007 meeting
DRAFT

President Oma Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM in the meeting room of the Pike – Amite – Walthall Library in McComb, MS. There were 22 attendees. President Oma Gordon asked Linda Lea to open the meeting with prayer.

President Gordon then asked if all present were getting the newsletter which contains the minutes of the previous meeting. No one indicated that they weren’t. She then pointed out her request in the newsletter for feedback from members. She then stated how pleased the society was to be at the library for the meeting and thanked Mr. Morley for the library’s hospitality. She then asked if everyone had reviewed the draft minutes of the March meeting. No one indicated that they had not. Glen Huff moved to approve the minutes as written. Linda Lea seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

President Report: Pres. Gordon read two letters recently received by the society.

• The first was from Mrs. Patsy Bostick of Stillwater, OK, and was enclosed with a “duster” or “motor coat” donated for the Little Red Schoolhouse (LRSH). The garment dates to the 1905-1910 era and was worn by women traveling in open carriages or cars to protect their clothes from being dirtied. The duster was originally owned and possibly made by Margaret Gordon, wife of Thomas Jefferson Gordon, (of Amite County) and is ornamented with quite a lot of embroidery.

• The second was from LTC Lee Terrell thanking

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soon as the maintenance personnel are available. This will help prevent infiltration of moist air that is contributing to the mold growth. Also, the Board of Supervisors has approved purchase and installation of a dual function heating/cooling type air conditioner for the second floor room.

• WPA Books - Pres. Gordon reported that we still have a few sets and, based on demand as we approach the Bicentennial, more copies will likely be ordered.
• Bicentennial Committee News – Mrs. Oma reported that there has been no news since last month.

Old business: Pres. Gordon again reported that the school records are being donated to the society and the tax records are being loaned until there is adequate room at the courthouse for their storage.

New business: Mrs. Frances Phares announced that she had extra photocopies of an article on the Liberty Confederate Monument from the March/April, 1987, issue of Mississippi Magazine if anyone would like a copy. Glen Huff mentioned the Amite Co. Land Grants map book (which the society has a copy of) and indicated that it is a good source of information on landowners in the nineteenth century.

After a call for any additional business, Pres. Gordon asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Pearl Strange moved; Treasurer Gay Blalock seconded. VP Barron declared the business meeting adjourned at 10:45 am and reminded the group that Mr. Gabriel Morley would begin his presentation at 11:00 am.

After about a 15-minute break, Mr. Morley made his presentation explaining a bit about his history of coming to the library, the various improvements in services that the library has undergone in order to provide for a separate genealogy research room. He described the various genealogy materials available at the library. Near the end of the formal presentation, the group moved to the re-

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search room so that Mr. Morley could actually demonstrate some of the materials in use. In addition to a variety of printed material in book form, the library currently has records on microfiche and microfilm and has a single computer terminal from which online genealogy records can be accessed. Right now only one database is accessible but the bigger Ancestry.com service is scheduled to be added by year’s end.

Following Mr. Morley’s presentation of about an hour’s length, the group dispersed and most went to Golden Corral for lunch.

**Memorial Donations Received**

The Society hereby acknowledges and expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Evelyn Cutrer-Magee, Life Member, for her generous donations in memory of three of her ancestors. Mrs. Cutrer-Magee donated $50.00 each as memorials to her GGGGrandfather Robert Edward Stewart, her GGGrandfather John Tisdale Newman and her GGGrandfather James McFarland Stewart. All three are buried in Amite County cemeteries.

Likewise, the Society would like to thank Oma and Bill Gordon for their memorial donation of $20 in memory of Ms. Doris Mereline Haygood Daniel.

**Notice — update**

For the first time the society will be issuing membership cards to all paid members. These cards will contain your membership type and expiration date. Due to the number of late renewals received in September, printing of the cards has not yet been done. Cards will be printed as soon as membership stabilizes for a significant period. Watch your mail for this card.

Update:
Due to a malfunctioning printer, the cards have been delayed yet again.

**ACHGS Standing Committees and Chairpersons**

- Jeannine Dixon — Nominating Committee
- Vera Prestridge — Little Red Schoolhouse
- Dot Whittington — Archives (at the Little Red Schoolhouse)
- Kenneth Gordon — Amite County History
- Nelson Dawson — Amite County Family History
- Bobby Haygood — Amite County Cemeteries
- Linda Honea Lea — Hospitality
- Gay Blalock — Special Events and Food
- Robert Stratton — Special Events Publicity
- Greg Barron — Programs and Publicity
- James Allen Causey — Tours and Amite County Landmarks

Anyone interested in helping with one of the committees should contact the committee chairman or contact President Oma Gordon to be referred to the committee chairman.
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also provides an opportunity to attend programs and participate in special events.

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