Welcome to the 28th issue of the ACHGS newsletter —
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Thank you.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be a quarterly meeting with no business. Interested members and guests will tour Rosemont, childhood home of Jefferson Davis, in Woodville and continue on to the other two museums in Woodville after lunch. Rosemont admission is $10 per person. Each attendee should provide their own box lunch. Attendees should assemble at the Little Red Schoolhouse parking area for departure at 9:00 am convoy-style. The tour will begin as soon as most attendees arrive at Rosemont.

Future Meeting Schedule

September 13, 2008 — Tour of Rosemont in Woodville, MS. See above.
October 11, 2008, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.
November 8, 2008, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.
December 6, 2008 — Annual open house at the antebellum Jonah Ford home in eastern Amite County. Time and other details to be announced.
meeting will be a field trip to Rosemont, childhood home of Jefferson Davis, in Woodville with later visits to other Woodville historical sites for those that wish to go. He asked for an indication of who planned to go so that he could get a ballpark count of attendees to advise the Rosemont personnel of how large a group to expect.

2. He reported that the bronze doubloons are safely stored away and that he is anticipating the delivery of the velvet presentation bags in a few days. Members may reserve their doubloons by payment of $10.00 per doubloon. Distribution will begin at the open house in December. Members wishing to have their doubloons mailed to them must also add a shipping and handling charge to cover postage insurance and delivery confirmation. S/H charges are $7.15 for the first doubloon and $0.50 for each doubloon after the first shipped together to one address. The appropriate payment for all doubloons reserved must accompany each reservation order; payment may be by check or money order payable to the society. Reservation orders may be given to Linda Lea, VP Barron, Pres. Gordon or Jeannine Dixon; mailed orders should be sent to the society address of PO Box 2, Liberty, MS 39645, Attention: Oma Gordon.

3. He reported that planning for the open house on December 6, 2008, is virtually complete and it is intended that this year's event will be given maximum publicity to hopefully boost attendance. A brochure announcing the event has been drafted and will soon be finalized. Both the Jimmy Honea home and the older Jonah Ford home (otherwise known as the Felder Richmond House) will be open for touring beginning at noon. In addition there will be Celtic, folk and old-time music throughout much of the day presented by Wayne Anderson and Ernest Herndon, a live auction of donated items including some antiques, costumed story tellers relating tales of yesteryear and plenty of light refreshments. The brochure will contain a more specific schedule of events and directions to the location since it is a bit “off the beaten path.”

• Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.

• Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock presented a written Treasurer's report. The balance on hand as of the meeting day was $1510.34. The balance declined primarily due to payment of the cost of the cloth tote bags. Ann Brumfield made a motion to approve the report; Cathy Jaecke seconded. The motion passed without dissention.

Committee Reports:

• WPA Books: Members were reminded that the books are still for sale in the event anyone asks.

• Bicentennial Committees: Pres. Gordon reported that the society plans for the Bicentennial week are progressing independent of the planning still underway by the main Bicentennial Committee.

• Little Red Schoolhouse: Vera Prestridge reminded all LRSH visitors to sign the register when visiting. She reported that bees were again swarming around the LRSH but do not appear to be establishing a hive in the walls as was the case last year. She then asked if anyone knew the origin of the bell that is mounted on the post just west of the front of the LRSH; no one present was able to respond so she asked that members ask others around the area and report back to her if info on the bell was determined. Cathy Jaecke reported that she had managed to get some pictures of the Virgie Hays house before it was demolished and that these could be added to the Hays materials that have been put in the LRSH.

Old Business: None.

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New Business: It was pointed out that the LRSH accepts donations of family memorabilia (photos, diaries, letters, other papers, etc.) for its collection for anyone wishing to have their collections put into a more publicly viewable location. Due to space limitations, however, large furniture pieces cannot be accepted for display at the LRSH at this time.

Other Business: Vice President Barron gave a brief explanation of a new method of making rubbings of tombstones and other monument inscriptions using pellon (facing/lining fabric) and a form of black wax. The Vacation Bible School at East Fork had incorporated this as a handicrafts-type project this year and VP Barron had a number of examples of rubbings from stones in the East Fork cemetery as well as the Jewish Cemetery in Summit. The fabric is available at most fabric stores but the wax is available only by mail order via the internet from petersenprints.com.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 AM. Jeannine Dixon closed the meeting with prayer.
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