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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, February 11, 2012, in the meeting room of the Liberty Library. A field trip to cemeteries will follow the business meeting (see page 5).

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of October 8, 2011 meeting

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President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:07 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 13 attendees. Gay Blalock gave the invocation.

Future Meeting Schedule

February 11, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

March 10, 2012, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS. Program to be announced.

April 14, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

May 5, 2012, 10:00 am — Meeting and activities to coordinate with the Heritage Days activities.

June 9, 2012, 10:00 am — Quarterly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

July 14, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

August 11, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

September 8, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

October 13, 2012, 10:00 am — Regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the library in Liberty, MS.

President Greg Barron welcomed everyone. He observed that the Open House in December had been a success. The draft minutes from the November 11, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Vera Prestridge made a motion to approve; Frances Phares seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported:

The society members have been invited to participate in a field trip to New Orleans on Tuesday, April 17th to see the "tall ships" that will be on display in the harbor for a limited time. The trip will also include a visit to the Jackson Barracks Museum and lunch at Brennan's. Cost is expected to run from \$60 to \$75. Participants will meet at a site to be determined in McComb for a 7:00 am departure on the tour bus. The other organizations participating are the DAR and the Southwest MS Genealogical Society. Anyone wishing to participate should sign up with Presi-

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dent Barron.

Heritage Day will be on May 5, 2012. Planning for the society's activities will begin soon.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor's reported:

The Open House was great with 73 attendees. Bob Gearhardt won the quilt in the raffle.

Dewey DeLee has invited the society to participate in the Confederate Memorial Day observation in Clinton, LA in April (exact date to be determined).

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock presented reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$6575.42. Wayne Anderson made a motion to approved the Treasurer's report; Linda Lea seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that she conducted the visitor sign-in at the Open House and ended up with 73 visitors and society members names on the list. Others may have attended without signing in. Donations totaled \$41.

Old Business: Pres. Barron gave a brief update on member Bill Rimes who has been ill in recent months. Currently he is at home and the best that can be said is that he has good days and bad days. He appreciates

visits so any members that are passing by are urged to stop in for a few minutes. Pres. Barron also reported that Jim Freeman could not attend the society meeting due to the death of his mother.

New Business: None.

Other Business: None.

President Barron adjourned the business meeting at about 10:45 am.

Monthly Program: Members who brought antiques and other items of historical interest displayed their items and gave descriptions. The meeting concluded after all had participated.

February Program: Field Trip to Cemeteries

Amite County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet February 11, 10:00 a. m. in the Liberty Library Conference room. Following the business meeting, the group will have an opportunity to visit cemeteries and other historical places near Highway 48, between Liberty and Centreville. Bring a friend and join the group. Be sure to wear your outdoors clothes and shoes. The group will eat lunch at Vine's in Centreville at end of tour.



BITS AND PIECES OF AMITE COUNTY HISTORY

Dr. Charles F. Felder

1. Dr. Charles F. Felder (son of Rev. Charles Felder and Sarah Lee; grandson of Peter Felder and Elizabeth Lowe) was born about 1814 in Orangeburg, S C and died in 1875. In an effort to improve his health, by moving to a drier climate, Dr. Felder and his fourth wife, Lenora Jane Frith, decided to migrate to Texas. He died before reaching his destination. After his death, Lenora returned to Amite County where she died and was buried. Dr. Felder's known siblings were: Elizabeth Felder, who married John Everett, 29 Aug 1823; Nancy Ann Felder married Thomas Jefferson Everett, 30 Jul 1828; James W. Felder married Mariah Marsalis, 20 Feb 1834; Malinda "Millie" Felder married Henry Barron, 24 Dec 1835; Eleanor Felder married James Brabham, 26 Jan 1843; William Riley Felder; Sarah Felder married Francis Wigley, 24 May 1843.; and Rachel (Rebecca) Felder married Thomas M Bond, 29 Feb 1829. All marriages were in Amite County. His medical training is not known.

Census 1840 Amite Co, Miss. C F Felder - 1 Free White Male 20-29; 1 Free White Female 5-9; 1 Free White Female 15-19; 1 Free White Female 50-59; 1 Female slave 10-23

29 Mar 1845 - Liberty Advocate - Charles F Felder will present final guardianship account of Samuel O'Neal.

US Census 1850 Amite Co, Miss. Charles F Felder 35, physician, estate value \$2000; born in S Carolina; Mary A Felder, 29; Nancy Raborn 13; C C Felder, 10, James Raborn 8; Elizabeth Sibley 3; A C (G) Felder 3; and D C Felder 2

1851 Amite Co Miss Drawer 100 Case #6353
William B Wall vs Charles F Felder and wife, Mary Ann
Mary Ann Felder was widow of John Sibley who died in 1847. Thomas Garner was Co-Admr of John Sibley's Estate.

Amite Land Records - Conveyance Book I

H M Barron granted to C F Felder Land 8-12-1852 Bk 8, p 259

C F Felder granted to Mary Raborn Land 6-28-1861 Bk 10, p 971

Sampson Raborn Adm granted to Chas F Felder Land 7-17-1849 Bk 7, p 524

US Census 1870, Amite Co, MS - Charles F Felder, 56 was shown as a farmer - \$5,000 and \$1,850. Lenore Felder 40 yrs. Five young Felders in the household. Per Patsy Brock

Dr. Charles F Felder and (1) Ann O'Neal were married on 7 Jan 1838 in Amite Co, MS. Ann O'Neal, daughter of Abner O'Neal and Elizabeth "Betsy" Curry, was born between 1821 and 1825. She died about 1847. Charles F Felder and Ann O'Neal had the following children:

1.1. Christopher Columbus Felder was born on 20 Aug 1840. He died on 20 Nov 1924 and was buried in Varnado Cemetery, Osyka, Pike Co, MS. He was known as Columbus Felder. His marker has the following inscription: Felder, C C , Corp Co B, 33rd Miss Inf CSA. He spent his later years with his son, Robert H "Bob" Felder in East Fork Community near Kentwood, LA. Christopher Columbus

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Felder and Talitha Angeline Varnado were married. Talitha Angeline Varnado, daughter of Isham Varnado and Margaret Hope, was born on 3 Oct 1840 and died 24 Apr 1897.

1.2. Rev Albert G Felder was born on 21 May 1847. He died on 31 Aug 1887 and was buried in Felder-Williams Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. Rev Albert G Felder and Louisa "Luda" Williams were married on 3 Feb 1866 in Amite Co, MS. Bk 5, p 464. Louisa "Luda" Williams, daughter of Richard Williams and Jane Wilson, was born on 8 Dec 1847 in Amite Co, MS. She died on 30 Sep 1929 and was buried in Felder-Williams Cemetery, Amite Co, MS.

US Census Amite Co 1870 - No 1804 - Albert Felder, 23 years, Farmer, real estate valued \$2,500; Personal Estate \$885. Louisa, 23 yrs; C E, 3 yrs, M; M E, 1 yr, F.

Wall Election District, Educable Children in Amite Co, 1885. A G Felder and six children were listed.

US Census 1920 Amite Co, Beat 5 Louisa Felder, 71 yrs; Mary E Felder, 50 yrs; Launa L Felder, 48 yrs; Eliza Felder 46 yrs; Janie D Felder, 38 yrs.

Dr Charles F Felder and (2) Mary Ann Graham were married on 20 Apr 1848 in Amite Co, MS. Mary Ann Graham was born about 1821 in Amite Co, Miss. (Mary Ann Graham married (1) John Raborn, 2 Sep 1835 - two known children: Nancy Raborn born abt 1837 and James E Raborn born 21 Dec 1843. Mary Ann Graham married (2) John G. Sibley 10 Jul 1845. They had one known child: Elizabeth Sibley, born abt 1847.) Dr Charles F Felder and Mary Ann Graham had the following known children:

1.1. Dewitt Clinton Felder was born on 2 Feb 1849 in Amite Co, MS. He died on 26 May 1927. Dewitt Clinton Felder and (1) Andora Ella Bates were married on 28 Oct 1868 in Amite Co, MS. Andora Ella Bates, daughter of Richard Bates and Eliza "Liza" A Caston, was born on 10 Jan 1850. She died on 15 May 1902. Dewitt Clinton Felder and (2) Martha Elwood McGehee were married on 22 Dec 1904 in Amite Co, MS. Martha Elwood McGehee, daughter of William Hansford Crawford McGehee and Amanda Ophelia Jones, was born about 20 Aug 1850 in MS. She died about 10 Sep 1947 in Wesson, Copiah Co, MS and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Miss.

US Census 1870, No 724 - Dewitt C was a farmer - Value of Real Estate \$3100; Personal Estate \$1380.

1.2. William Monroe Felder was born in 1851 and died on 9 Jan 1929. William Monroe Felder and Aletha Ann "Dorsey" Bates were married on 24 Jan 1878 in Amite Co, MS. Aletha Ann "Dorsey" Bates, daughter of James Ellison Bates and Aletha (Letha) (Leithy) Ann Frith, was born in 1858 in Amite Co, MS and died in 1936.

1.3. Eugene Felder was born about 1854.

Dr Charles F Felder and (3) Melissa Jane Lea were married on 26 Jan 1859 in Amite Co, MS. Melissa Jane Lea, daughter of Hampton Muse Lea and Mariah Gordon, was born on 5 Mar 1838 and died on 23 Oct 1862 and was buried in Zachariah Lea Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. [Typo error in

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Amite Cemetery book]. They had the following known child:

1.1. Alsiaresd D Felder MD was born on 27 Jul 1861. "He became a physician, having graduated from Louisville Medical College in Louisville, KY in spring of 1885. In Nov of 1886 he married Miss Ada Lenore. The moved from Amite Co, to Magnolia, MS in Jan of 1890, where he built up a large and lucrative practice. Alsiaresd D Felder MD and Ada Lenore were married in Nov 1886.

Dr Charles F Felder and (4) Lenora Jane Frith were married on 10 Jul 1863 in Amite Co, MS. Lenora Jane Frith, daughter of Harbert Frith and Frances Jane Neilson, was born on 3 Aug 1830 in Miss. She died on 26 Dec 1903 and was buried in Richard Bates Cemetery, Amite Co, MS. They had the following known children:

1.1. Arcola Felder was born about 1864 in Miss.

1.2. Lula A Felder was born about 1866 in Miss.

1.3. Charles F Felder was born about 1869 in Miss.

1.4. Effie Estelle Felder was born on 1 Aug 1871. She died on 29 Dec 1960 and was buried in Restland Cemetery, Dallas, TX. Effie Estelle Felder and William S "Willie" Wall were married on 1 Jul 1904. William S "Willie" Wall, son of William C Wall and Aletha Ann Stewart, was born on 21 Jan 1860. He died on 13 Mar 1917 and was buried in Old Hammond Cemetery, Hammond, LA.

Contributors: Jim Freeman, Patsy Brock, and numerous others. More data on this family will be included in Amite County Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Connections, Volume IV, which is planned for May 5, Heritage Day 2012.

Share your genealogy and Amite County stories by sending to Frances Phares, PO Box 1639, Clinton, LA or phrances@att.net Your corrections and additional information solicited.

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Any member interested in helping should contact the committee chairman or Pres. Greg Barron.

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