

**AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
Minutes of the January 14, 2017 meeting  
Approved by vote of the members attending the February 11, 2017, meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. James Allen Causey gave the invocation. There were 12 attendees present.

The minutes of both the October 8, and the November 12, 2016, meetings were taken up for approval. A motion to approve minutes for both months was made by Joanna Hearn and seconded by Greg Barron. The motion carried.

President Report:

- Open House turned out good even though the weather was rainy and generally not conducive to outside activity.
- The next Open House will take place on December 2, 2017, at the Amite County Courthouse. In response to a question of whether a tour of the courthouse and an explanation of the records housed there could be included, VP Barron explained that some county officials would be present to respond to visitor inquiries but he was not able at this point to promise that a formal tour or opening of the records for research could be arranged.
- Pres. Taylor reminded the group about the planned New Orleans trip on March 18, 2017, and referred to the information included in the January newsletter.

Vice President Report: VP Barron commented further on the New Orleans field trip and reminded the group that a number of Amite County volunteers fought with Hinds' unit in the War of 1812 battle. Many of these volunteers received grants of land in return for their service.

Secretary Report: None.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock was not present but provided a Treasurer's report through Pres. Dawn Taylor. The balance of the Society's account on Friday, January 13, 2017, was \$12, 259.90.

COMMITTEES: No additional reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: VP Barron reported that a field trip to visit the grave site of Col. Thomas Hinds in Jefferson County was tentatively planned following the February meeting; however, an attempt to visit the site in preparation for the field trip had encountered difficulty with gaining access to the site. If this difficulty cannot be overcome, an alternative activity may be substituted.

Announcements: A reenactment/encampment open to the public is scheduled for February 25, 2017, at the John Ford home in Marion County.

Following a motion by Linda Lea and a second by Wayne Anderson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am. David Dreyer then present a short program entitled "The Passing of the Torch 1920."