

# AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of November 10, 2012 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the January 12, 2013 meeting

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 14 attendees. Pres. Barron gave the invocation. He then thanked VP Dawn Taylor and other society members for handling the October 13 special meeting with guest speaker Ron Skellie.

Pres. Barron took up the minutes of the August meeting. Dawn Taylor made a motion to adopt the minutes; Oma Gordon seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report: The next ACHGS Open House is scheduled for December 1, 2012. Due to the efforts that went into the October 13 special meeting, this year's open house activities will be cut back. The open house will begin at 11:00 am at which time the LRSH and the library conference room will be opened for visitors. At 12:00 noon the LRSH will be closed and all will move to the conference room where a slide presentation of the scanned photos collected thus far in the effort spear-headed by Sam King will be given. Limited refreshments of popcorn and drinks plus any donated snacks will be available. LRSH merchandise will be available for those wanting any of the genealogy booklets or other items. The open house will end at 3:00 pm.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor announced:

- DVDs of the Ron Skellie 7<sup>th</sup> Mississippi program and the Confederate Memorial Service that followed are now available for \$5.00 (to cover cost of DVDs, labeling, etc.).
- The Amite Cemeteries web site is once again being forced to move to a new web provider. VP Taylor and Oma Gordon have recently been working to copy the current site down one file at a time since batch copying or transferring is not possible. A new web provider is being checked out as to likely future availability so this transfer will not be required again in the near future.
- Following the meeting the group that previously signed up for the "Angels on the Bluff" tour will be traveling to Natchez for lunch and attending the Wirt Adams Cavalry Reenactments at Washington before the "Angels..." tour in early evening.
- VP Taylor and Mary Ann Gearhardt attended the Rose Hill Cemetery tour in Meridian. This was mentioned in the September meeting.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson provided some additional detail on the DVDs.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$6390.41. Dan Morgan made a motion to approved the Treasurer's report; Dawn Taylor seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that there were no visitors in the last month. The attendance at the special October program numbered 70.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Jim Freeman donated a book of Pike County land patent maps to the LRSH library; he also donated 10 magazine/booklet holders for grouping and classifying small publications.
- Oma Gordon donated large format copies of newspaper articles on syrup making and grist milling.
- James Allen Causey reported that the Camp Van Dorn Museum will be holding an open house on November 11. The Mississippi Digital Library staff will be setting up a photo archive for Camp Van Dorn and Amite County veterans photos.
- Dawn Taylor asked if anyone would be interested in setting up tours to any Mississippi battlefields such as Vicksburg, Shiloh, Brice's Crossroads, etc.
- Jim Freeman discussed the project the society was considering on helping the library recatalog the existing genealogy books. Members of the society have indicated a willingness to assist but this is still not underway.

Other Business: Joyce Bacon has obtained a brief summary of her Great Grandfather's Confederate service information.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Draft minutes prepared by Wayne Anderson, 2/1/2013