

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society
12th Meeting
23 May 2009 – 6 PM
Pascagoula City Library Meeting Room

The 12th meeting of the reorganized Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society was called to order by President elect Joanne Anderson with approximately 36 members & guests present.

Minutes from the April 28 meeting were approved on a motion by Ray Brown, seconded by Kathie Keene.

Announcements:

President elect Anderson made the following announcements:

- The back issues of the journals will be sorted and ready for distribution at the next meeting. She asked for volunteers to assist.
- Renee Hague and Sherrie Owens will give a full report of their trip to the National Genealogical Conference at a future meeting. A letter was read thanking the society for their financial contribution.
- The computer arrived about a week ago and is in the process of being installed. All members of the Society will have access to the computer which will be located in the Genealogy & Local History section of the Library.
- The journal will be delivered from the printer this month and will be distributed at the June meeting.
- A workshop for Officers and Committee Chairman will be held on June 6th from 9 to 11 at the Library. Specific goals for the Society will be developed.

Kaye Doyle announced the Mississippi Extension Service is sponsoring a one hour Genealogy session on June 4th from 12 to 1 PM. Call 769-3047 for more information.

Committee Reports:

Military Affairs Committee Chairman Roger Hansen reported that the 3 remains found on Greenwood Island last year are still at USM. He has been in contact with the National Cemetery in Biloxi regarding interring them on Veteran's Day. There will be a short committee meeting immediately following the Society meeting this evening.

Other:

Joanne Anderson donated her last 1st edition of 'Life of Outlaw James Copeland ' as a door prize. New member Debbie Steiner was the lucky recipient.

Program:

Program Chairman Kathie Keene introduced Ranger Stacey Speas of GIS who presented an in character portrayal of Mrs. Eugenia Phillips, a Southern sympathizer, who was interred on Ship Island in 1862. The presentation was based on her war time experiences which were recorded in the 1870's for her grandchildren and future generations, and., on Ms Stacey's research on the internet, GIS archives and the assistance of Murella Powell at Archives in the Biloxi Library.

Following the in character presentation, Ms Speas answered questions from the audience. She has made presentations to the Civil War Symposium, Libraries, and other groups.

Kathie Keene thanked Ms Speas for an entertaining and enlightening program, and presented her with a small token of appreciation from the Society.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Liz Ford, Recording Secretary