

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society
3rd Meeting
24 June 2008 – 6 PM
Pascagoula City Library

The 3rd meeting of the reorganized Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Societies was called to order by President Tommy Wixon with approximately 57 members & guests presents (list attached.)

Judge Robert Oswald moved the minutes from the May meeting be approved. Rene Hague seconded the motion and all present voted affirmatively.

The Treasurer's report was deferred to the July meeting in the interest of time.

Committee Reports

Publication of the Cemetery Book:

Joann Anderson reported on a trip to Quitman MS to talk with a publisher and showed an example of a cemetery book published for another organization.

The quote, based up a 750 page book – 500 copies, is 17.25 per book. After July 11, due to an increase in the cost of paper, the price will be 17.75 per book. The book is digitally printed, on archival paper, and library bound. The books will be delivered for the cost of gas alone.

The binding is 8.75 per book; each book itself is 8.50. We can pay for the paper now, and get the book at the 17.25 price.

When questioned, Else said the index is completed, and is now being proofread, which should be completed before August.

Rene Hague moved to accept the quote of the Quitman Publisher of 17.25 per book, and pay for the paper at the current price, with the book to be ready to be delivered to the printer by 01 August. Jim LeBatard seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Journal:

Joann Anderson has obtained quotes for the Journal as follow:

Quitman printer	9.85 each
Goodgame	10.00 each
Action Printing	12.00 each

After discussion Joann Anderson moved to accept Goodgames low bid unless Action matches it, with digital printing, which case will go with Action due to their cooperation over the years. Kenneth James seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Old Business:

Constitution & Bylaws:

Due to the time element, the discussion of the Constitution & Bylaws will be postponed until the July meeting. They will be distributed by email and regular mail prior to the meeting.

Introductions:

Rene Hague introduced Ann Burgo with the City of Pascagoula who will be working with the Museum and the LaPointe Krebs House.

Tommy Wixon introduced Mr Green, the Editor of a new book 'Southern Books and Battles.'

Program:

Program Chairman, Kathie Keene, introduced the guest speaker Janet Smith, retired George County Librarian, who spoke on 'The Copeland Gang and Their Buried Treasure.' The talk, sprinkled with insiders information, was enjoyed by all present. A lively question & answer period followed.

As the talk, which was recorded by Joann Anderson, will be available for anyone who would like to hear it, the minutes will not cover it in detail. Contact Rene Hague at the Library for the talk.

New Business:

Greenwood Island

President Wixon introduced William Bozic, National President of Descendants of Mexican War Veterans of America who gave a quick recap of the war, and of his concern about Greenwood Island. It is the site of the only American-Mexican War Veterans Cemetery which has not been excavated. This is so incredible, that the organization is willing to contribute \$1000.00 towards a historic marker.

Mr Bozic, who drove from Houston with his three children to attend the meeting, explained that an associate membership is available to any who is not a direct descendant.

Both the 1st Mississippi Regiment, led by Jefferson Davis, and the 2nd Mississippi Regiment participated in the war, however, the latter, while in

New Orleans en route to Mexico, contacted meningitis. Many died before they ever got on the ship, and the others were 'sickly' all during the war. At the end of the war the troops ended up at Camp Jeff Davis on Greenwood Island, where many more died and were buried there.

President Wixon thanked Mr Bozic for his concern and said it was an issue which will be addressed by the organization, and asked him to return.

Mark Davison, Pascagoula City Planner, said the Jackson County Port Authority had received a permit for the work, the city issued a stop work order for 2 weeks while the matter was investigated, but work has now resumed. Investigation is underway as to why notified parties did not reply to the notice issued by BMR.

Read Stowe, retired Archaeologist from USM, said that within the last two months four caskets have washed out. The US Corps of Engineers are required to oversee the project as they are funding part of it; they were supposed to do a phase 1 study under section 106 (Antiquities Law) but have not to date.

Chaplin

President Wixon appointed a Chaplin for the organization – the Rev James Henry LeBatard who closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:40 PM.

Liz Ford, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

(If your name is misspelled, my apologies – next signup sheet will ask every to print!)

Harvey Bond	Vancleave MS
J M Ford	Pascagoula MS
Janet Smith	Lucedale
Dave Kuhl	Ocean Springs
Linda Robinson	Ocean Springs
Arnold Carbin	Ocean Springs
Mark Davison	Pascagoula
Joseph Rosenzwing	Pascagoula
Brax H Batsen	Wiggins MS
Carl Megehee	Pascagoula
Kenneth Jones	Moss Point MS
Robert Oswald	Ocean Springs MS
Betty Oswald	Ocean SpringS MS
Mac McKey	Pascagoula MS
Iva McKey	Pascagoula MS
James Morrison	Wiggins MS
Walter Mansfield	Pascagoula MS

Bill Massey	Escatawpa MS
David Minkler	Pascagoula MS
William Bozic	Houston TX
Jerry Reeves	Gautier MS
James H LeBatard	GautierMS
Liz Ford	Pascagoula
Kathie Keene	Pascagoula MS
Denni Denham	Ocean Springs MS
Joan McConnell	Ocean Springs MS
Sudi Lockridge	Pascagoula MS
Erline Tait	Vancleave MS
Mandy Johnson	Ocean Springs
Dianne Bryars	Mobile AL
Art Green	Mobile AL
Frances Ashcraft	Mobile AL
Retha Parden	Mobile AL
Betty J Rodgers	Moss Point
Sherry Owens	Moss Point MS
Becky Stowe	Lucedale MS
Read Stowe	Lucedale MS
Jack Lander	Moss Point MS
Day Lander	Moss Point MS
Norris Sumrall	Gulfport MS
Barbara Sunrall	Gulfport MS
Curtis Makamson	Pascagoula
Mike Sumrall	Ocean Springs MS
Doug Coulter Jr	
Ellen Havens	Vancleave
Evelyn Draughn	Pascagoula MS
Walter Ross	Pascagoula MS
Barry McIlwain	Pascagoula MS
Roger Hansen	Moss Point MS
Betty Burnsed	Pascagoula MS
Jay McIlwain	Pascagoula MS
Melanie Moore	Pascagoula MS
Ann Burgo	Gautier MS
Joanne Anderson	Ocean Springs MS
Jack Womack	Gautier MS
Else Martin	
Tommy Wixon	
Linda Grimes	