



April 27 - May 2, 2009
Liberty, Mississippi



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Celebrating 200 Years

Amite County and Liberty, the county seat, will celebrate their bicentennial during the week of April 27 through May 2009. Established by an act of Mississippi's Territorial Legislature on February 24, 1809, Amite County became the Territory's 5th county and the first county inland from the Mississippi River. It's eastern border was the Pearl River.

The Act specified that the county be named Amite and the county seat be named Liberty. The county was named for the Amite River which flows through it, the river was given that name by the French because of the friendly manner in which they were received by the Houma Indians who populated the area. It is assumed that the name of the town was chosen because of the spirit still in the minds of the forefathers and the Revolutionary war soldiers who settled here.

Amite County's courthouse is the oldest in the state in continuous use. Built in 1840, records from the late 1700's are housed there. Ebenezer Baptist Church, organized in May 1806, is the oldest Baptist Church in the state and is located in southwestern Amite County. The first Confederate Monument in the south was erected in Liberty in 1871, listing the names of 271 Amite County soldiers who died in that war. The county was and is home to many well-known politicians, professionals, sports figures, writers, and artists.

A Week of Activities Planned

Numerous activities have been planned to begin on Monday, April 27, and continue throughout the week.

- Tours of historical homes, churches, and cemeteries in Liberty and all areas of the county.
- Speakers in the court room on subjects ranging from the formation of the county to growing up in Amite County in the 1920's.
- Parade with military and college bands, floats depicting the county's history, visiting dignitaries.
- Military re-enactments, encampments and displays, Indian cultural exhibits, antique car and tractor show.
- Museum, historical and genealogical research opportunities at The Little Red School House.
- Entertainment on the Court Square, at Town Hall, and at Ethel Vance Park, featuring concerts, choir presentations, bluegrass, jazz, blues, and gospel bands.
- Children's activities featuring old-time games and contests, buggy and pony rides.
- Vendors, arts and crafts demonstrations, wide variety of foods.
- Giant fireworks display.
- Street dance.



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