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The following are charter members of the Tippah County Historical and Genealogical Society:

- Don Martini, Walnut
- Tommy Lockhart, Ripley
- Mrs. Patty Stanford, Ripley
- Mrs. Mavis Clemmer, Ripley
- Mr & Mrs. Hershel McDowell, Ripley
- Mr. & Mrs. James Murphy, Ripley
- Larry O. Ridge, Ripley
- Ruby Garrett, Chalybeate
- Lavera Stark, Ripley
- Clara E. Neeks, Chalybeate
- Ollie D. Jones, Ripley
- Oleta Rutherford, Chalybeate
- Tommy Covington, Ripley
- Bessie R. Witt, Ripley
- Bill Gurney, Ripley
- Mrs. Hermie Porter Howat, Ripley
- Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Braddock, Ripley
- Beatrice Shackleford, Ripley
- James Mitchell, Ripley
- Judge William Anderson, Ripley
- Mr. & Mrs. Ticer Brown, Ripley
- Frances Street Reid, Ripley
- Johnnie S. Rutherford, Tiplersville
- Velma Clayton, Ripley
- Miriam Pitner Bullock, Ripley

The Tippah County Historical and Genealogical Society is now a reality.

Twenty-five attended the Society's first meeting February 18, 1975, at the Ripley Public Library. At this first meeting, Bill Gurney was chosen temporary chairman to complete plans for a permanent organization.

Officers of the Society were elected at its second meeting at the Library on March 10. The officers are:

- PRESIDENT - Bill Gurney
- VICE PRESIDENT - Don Martini
- SECRETARY - Oleta Rutherford
- TREASURER - Martha R. Braddock

By-laws had been drafted by the temporary chairman and committee and adopted by unanimous vote at the Society's second meeting.

The purpose of the Society is to research all facets of history pertaining to Tippah County and its people, to preserve records and artifacts of historical interest and to establish a museum for the housing of such records and maintenance of historical sites and buildings of the county.

Membership in the organization shall be open to persons (not necessarily residents) interested in the history of Tippah County and in furthering the purposes as stated above.

Meetings will be held monthly at the Ripley Library for the transaction of Society business and for the presentation of appropriate programs consistent with the Society's purpose.

Please check SENTINEL-GAMS for date of the Society's April meeting.

ATTENTION: OUT OF THE COUNTRY? - - - - - 0 - 0 - - - - -

If you are a former resident of Tippah County or have relatives with roots in our county, please read on:

The Tippah County Historical Society is opening its membership to non-residents on a sustaining basis. For annual dues of \$6.00, the sustaining member will get our monthly news letter. The Society will attempt to give extra assistance to sustaining members who need genealogical or other historical information which may be available. Inquiries will be handled as soon as possible.