

FARMVILLE - PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 2021 - Newsletter

...and we're back!

JULY 2021

Meeting Announcement!

For the first time in over a year, we are able to get together for a historical society meeting!

On **July 20th at 7pm**, we will be meeting at Longwood University's Greenwood Library. Parking will be available on Race Street, adjacent to the library. Please note that Longwood University and Greenwood Library require masks to be worn by anyone who has not had the covid vaccine.

Our President, Jimmy Hurt, will be opening the meeting with a short presentation on some current historical society projects. As well, we will be exploring the historical society archives, including: the oldest item in the archives, recently donated collections, and some of our plans, goals, and future projects!

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please send me an email at:
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**Please welcome our newest member,
Scott Harwood, Jr.!**

In addition to joining our organization, Scott recently donated to our archives a tremendous collection of records, family history, and photographs dating back to 1806! We will take a closer look at some of the Harwood Family Collection at our July meeting.

George Walton (1741-1804)

George Walton was one of three representatives from Georgia to sign the Declaration of Independence in 1776.



Walton, however, was born right here in Prince Edward County. This fact, sadly, is pretty much the extent of what we know of his young life. Shortly after his birth, Walton's parents died, and he was adopted by an uncle who apprenticed him to a carpenter. It is not until 1769, when Walton moved to Savannah and began to study law, that our knowledge of Walton's life picks back up. In 1774, he was admitted to the bar, became involved in the patriot movement and went on to play a vital role in the formation of the state of Georgia.

From the archives...



This photograph from 1911, was taken at a charity baseball game between the "Fats" and "Leans."
FPEHS Archives, HS-030, Farmville Baseball Team Photograph (1911)

According to information on the back of the photograph, the people in the photograph are:

Standing - Gordon "Pot" Paulett, D.W. Gilliam, Hix Ligon, T.C. Coleman, Joe Rodgers, F.G. Baldwin, V.P. Paulett, John Wilson, H.T. "Chief" Miller, Prof. Grover Summers, Larry Thompson

Sitting - Dr. Hamlet, Bake Jones, Ralph Butcher, Baptist Preacher (Robinson), E.W. Sandford, Jr., _____ Johnson, J.W. Dunnington, Prof. Duke (State Normal School), F.N. Watkins, J.A. Davidson

In the stands - Chief Lipscomb, _____ Whitlock (police), Frank Blanton, _____ Allen, J.E. Capps and wife, B.M. Cox and little Ben, Walter Putney, Dr. Eason, _____ Rodgers (White Drug Co.), Asa Watkins, Jr., Mrs. W.D. Redd, Mrs. A.C. Ogburn, Mrs. Noel, Mary Lindsey, Miss Webster

If you would like a closer look, this photograph will be on display at the meeting on July 20th.

It Happened in July...

- 7-1-1900 Leslie Fogus joins Farmville police.
- 7-1-1934 Craddock-Terry commences manufacturing shoes.
- 7-1-2000 Longwood College assumes new designation as Longwood University.
- 7-2-1896 Solomon Marable hanged for the murder of Mrs. Pollard.
- 7-3-1902 The first automobile makes its appearance in Farmville; it was driven by Mr. A.F. Herman of Richmond, on his way to Lynchburg.
- 7-4-1776 George Walton (born near Farmville, ca 1741) signs Declaration of Independence as delegate from Georgia.
- 7-6-1901 Lightning strikes the Presbyterian Church steeple causing fire and \$300 in damage.
- 7-7-1901 Bottling house at Lithia Springs burned.
- 7-10-1927 Amandus Cox, livery stable operator, died.
- 7-10-1928 First traffic light installed at Third and Main streets.
- 7-11-1861 "Hampden-Sydney Boys" military company surrenders after battle of Rich Mountain in present-day West Virginia.
- 7-12-1864 Birth of Henry R. McIlwaine at Hampden-Sydney (Virginia State Librarian, 1907-1934).
- 7-13-1781 Notorious British cavalry officer, Colonel Banastre Tarleton, raids area around Prince Edward Court House village.
- 7-16-1832 Hampden-Sydney literary society requests that Bible be taught as a college course.
- 7-17-1825 James T. Gray, Farmville tobacconist, born.
- 7-17-1843 First class meets at Farmville Female Seminary, which was founded in 1839.
- 7-18-1955 A three-judge Federal Court rules the Prince Edward County will have to desegregate its public schools.
- 7-22-1903 Southside Telephone Company chartered.
- 7-23-1864 Dr. J.R. Spencer born.
- 7-23-1836 The Mineralogical Society of Virginia formed in Worsham.
- 7-26-1940 Farmville is the nation's hot spot. Thermometer tops 135° and then explodes!
- 7-27-1896 The Pythians reorganize their lodge here.