

MARCH 2020

FARMVILLE - PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY


Monthly Newsletter

UPCOMING MEETING:

MARCH 17, 2020

**7PM AT THE HISTORIC FARMVILLE
TRAIN STATION**

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!



Virginia Mineral Project

"Preserving history, one mineral at a time."

COLLECT. PRESERVE. EDUCATE.

The Virginia Mineral Project is a state-wide project to "collect, preserve, and educate" the public about Virginia mineral heritage and geology.

Thomas Hale, the founder of the Virginia Mineral Project is from the Roanoke Valley. He grew up with a fascination of minerals but wanted to understand the stories behind the discoveries and the lost history of some of the most classic locations now closed to the public. Reviewing older publications on Virginia Minerals, he realized that the last major work was 30 years ago and that no main publications had included colored photographs.

With this in mind, Hale began developing the Virginia Mineral Project, tasked with updating new publications and educating new generations about Virginia geology and mineralogy.

NEWS:

Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park

April 6, 2020 - 11am-1pm

In honor of Chris Calkins retirement after 42 years of service, friends, colleagues, and community members are invited to recognize the lasting contributions and career of "The Father of Civil War Trails."

Appomattox Court House National Park

**April 8-12, 2020 - 155th Surrender
Anniversary Commemoration**

Follow in the footsteps of soldiers and civilians, hear the stirring details of the last fighting around Appomattox, and understand the weight of decisions that Grant and Lee made to bring the war in Virginia to a close. Highlights include a special illumination of the village to honor the enslaved people of Appomattox County freed by Lee's surrender and living history demonstrations for the weekend of April 11-12.

In case you missed it...



At our February meeting, Library of Virginia Archivist Greg Crawford presented a tremendous lecture regarding the Virginia Untold project and the numerous 18th and 19th century records from Prince Edward County that are available through their website.

<https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/aan/>

It happened in March...

3-1-1943 World War II defense training classes begin for Prince Edward County citizens.

3-4-1913 Farmville Guard marches at Woodrow Wilson's inaugural.

3-5-1839 Farmville Female Seminary established (official birth date of Longwood University)

3-19-1872 Last session held in 118-year old county court at Worsham.

3-20-1775 Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech in Richmond.

For more important dates in Farmville and Prince Edward County history check out our website:

<http://www.fpehs.org/monthlyhappenngs.html#march>

FROM THE ARCHIVES



The Bugg Family Collection

This collection consists of photographs, ephemera, and scrapbooks from the Bugg family of Farmville.

Of particular interest are the scrapbooks compiled by Mary St. Clair Bugg, wife of James Luckin Bugg, longtime president of the First National Bank of Farmville. These scrapbooks are filled with decades of family and Farmville history.

If you want to learn more about this collection stop by the Greenwood Library archives. Monday-Friday between 8am - 5pm.

Helps us add to the archives!

The Farmville-Prince Edward County Historical Society is on a mission to help preserve the history of Farmville and Prince Edward County for future generations. We gladly accept donations of artifacts, records, photographs, and other items of historical importance. See our historian Billy Poulston or any officer or member of the Board of Directors to learn more.