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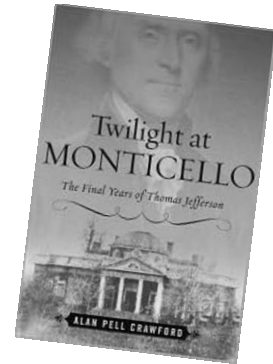
Twilight at Monticello: The Final Years of Thomas Jefferson

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Tuesday, March 18, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Farmville Train Station

Guests Always Welcomed

Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.



Prince Edward County's Bicentennial Points of Interest, 1976

(Points of Interest, 1-6 in February newsletter)

7. **Falkland:** Built on land patented by Richard Randolph, the plantation was owned during the Revolutionary period by Francis Watkins, second clerk of Prince Edward.

8. **Hampden-Sydney College:** American's only Bicentennial College, founded in 1776.

∨ **Alamo:** 1817, rear, home for vice-president, oldest college building; 1822, front, Steward's Hall.

∨ **Birthplace:** Here plans were made for founding the College.

∨ **College Church:** 1860 (Greek Revival) - Robert Lewis Dabney architect.

∨ **Cushing Hall:** 1821-1830, oldest continuous college dorm in U.S.

∨ **Middlecourt:** Home of College President (1829)

∨ **Penshurst:** Faculty home, was part of the Union Theological Seminary, 1830.

∨ **Venable:** 1823-1829 - dormitory

9. **Ingleside:** Home of Watkins family, early 19th century.

10. **Lockett House:** Back wing built about 1790; served as a hospital after a skirmish during the Battle of Sailor's Creek.

11. **Locust Grove:** Built by a Revolutionary soldier.

12. **Longwood College:** Founded in 1839; oldest women's college in Virginia.

13. **Longwood House:** On land owned by Peter Johnston, Sr.; birthplace of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston; present house built in 1815 by Nathaniel Venable.

14. **Mt. Pleasant Church:** Congregation dates to 1788; oldest Methodist congregation in Prince Edward.

15. **Pleasant Shade:** Robert R. Moton, second president of Tuskegee Institute, was reared on this farm.

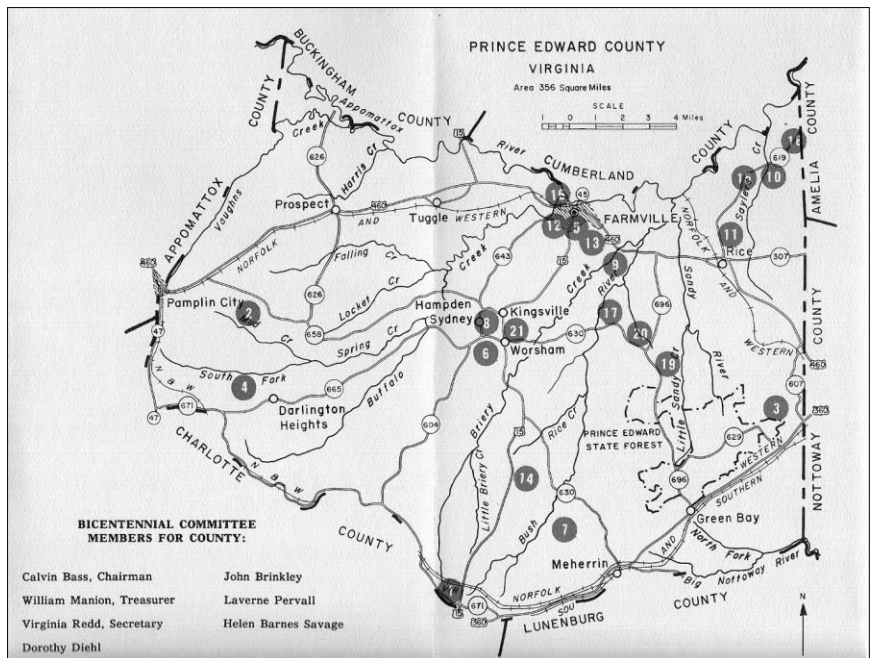
16. **Randolph Tobacco Warehouse:** In continuous operation since 1780.

17. **Rotherwood:** Originally owned by Randolph family.

18. **Sailor's Creek Battlefield:** Scene of last major battle of Civil War; half the Army of Northern Virginia surrendered here.

19. **Sharon Church:** East wing of present structure is the only church building in the County remaining from Colonial times (1764).

20. **Village of Worsham:** Site of County Court from 1754-1772.



This Day in March in Prince Edward County History

- 3-1-1841** Blanche Kelso Bruce, first black U.S. Senator (elected from Mississippi), born in Farmville
- 3-1-1899** Gov. P.W. McKinney died at his home in Farmville
- 3-1-1917** Farmville Guard returned from Mexican Expedition.
- 3-1-1943** World War II canned goods rationing began
- 3-2-1942** World War II defense training classes begin for Prince Edward citizens
- 3-2-1964** Prince Edward Hotel collapses while under renovation
- 3-3-1884** Farmville and Powhatan Railroad chartered (narrow-gauge line to James River)
- 3-4-1903** Tobacco factory known as "Dunlop's" burned, half million pounds of tobacco lost
- 3-4-1913** Farmville Guard marches at Woodrow Wilson's Inaugural
- 3-4-1949** East wing of State Teachers College burned, displacing 46 students
- 3-5-1839** Farmville Female Seminary established by local supporters (official birthdate of Longwood University)
- 3-5-1846** The South Side Rail Road chartered
- 3-6-1935** Birth of Barbara Johns, organizer of 1951 student strike at Moton School
- 3-7-1884** Virginia General Assembly passes law establishing State Female Normal School to train teachers at the already-existing "female seminary"
- 3-7-1886** State Female Normal School incorporated
- 3-7-1921** J.B. Wall purchased *The Farmville Herald*
- 3-8-1938** Farmville Rotary Club organized
- 3-10-1816** Judith Randolph, Farmville's "matriarch" died in Richmond, farm from Bizarre plantation
- 3-12-1896** Farmville Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy organized
- 3-12-1956** "Southern Manifesto" introduced in U.S. Congress as regional attempt to offset effects of *Brown v. Board of Education*
- 3-13-1926** Devastating fire on Main Street. Burns 8 buildings in seven hours
- 3-13-1974** Uniroyal began finishing golf balls in the Farmville plant
- 3-15-1781** Peter Francisco and dozens of Prince Edward volunteers support Continental Gen. Greene at Battle of Guilford C. H. in North Carolina
- 3-15-1924** Star Warehouse burned to the ground
- 3-17-1917** Garden Club organized
- 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
- 3-20-1821** Hampden-Sydney trustees begin plans for its signature building New College (Cushing Hall)
- 3-21-1891** Gen. Joseph Eggleston Johnston died in Washington D.C.
- 3-21-1903** All saloons closed under the dispensary act
- 3-22-1807** Former U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr spends night as prisoner at Prince Edward tavern on the way to his trial for treason
- 3-23-1861** The tobacco factory of Peters & Blanton burned
- 3-23-1902** "Billy" the *Herald's* office mocking bird found dead
- 3-24-1975** Amtrak's first stop in town "The Mountaineer" made the pull
- 3-26-1872** First session of carpetbagger-sanctioned county court at relocated judicial site in Farmville
- 3-27-1837** Farmville and Danville Railroad Co. chartered
- 3-28-1954** Fluorine is added to the water supply
- 3-28-1962** Martin Luther King, Jr., visits Farmville in support of reopening the public school system
- 3-29-1897** McDaniel family opens county's first private school for black children
- 3-29-1957** Hampden-Sydney's McIlwaine Hall burns under suspicious circumstances
- 3-31-1938** Farmville Rotary Club chartered

Jefferson's Poplar Forest

"I write to you from a place 90 miles from Monticello, near the New London of this state, which I visit three or four times a year, & stay from a fortnight to a month at a time. I have fixed myself comfortably, keep some books here, bring others occasionally, am in the solitude of a hermit, and quite at leisure to attend to my absent friends."
- Thomas Jefferson

