

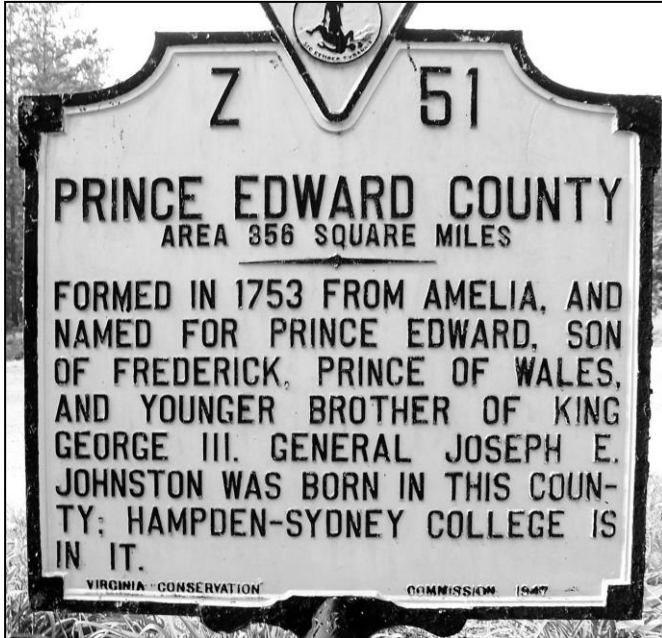


Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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Virginia State Highway Marker entering Prince Edward County

Society sponsors Israel Hill Virginia State Highway Marker

At the September meeting, the board voted to sponsor a Virginia State Highway Marker to commemorate Israel Hill. Israel Hill was a unique experiment in antebellum community life so named because its residents were freed slaves often referred to as modern day Israelites living in their “promised land.”

In the 1796 will of Richard Randolph of Bizarre Plantation, he freed some 90 slaves and specified 400 acres of his land be used for their settlement. The location of this former community is now part of the town’s and the county’s history, and without a permanent marker it could be lost to future generations.

A detailed application will be submitted by the society to the Department of Historic Resources by Dec. 1 for review at their March, 2009 board meeting. The present cost to a sponsoring organization is \$1,350.

The proposed location for the marker is on western Route 460/15 at the Layne Street intersection. The board also decided to seek co-sponsorship and financial support from the Town of Farmville and Prince Edward County and presented their request at the Nov. 12 meeting of each governing body.



**Annual Business Session
Tuesday, November 18, 2008
6:00 pm
Farmville Train Station**

This Day in November in Prince Edward County History

- 11-1-1926** The Longwood Garden Club
- 11-2-1908** Free mail delivery began in Farmville
- 11-3-1857** 66 Negro slaves emancipated in the will of John Watson begin the journey to resettlement in Liberia
- 11-3-1941** The old electric plant at foot of Randolph Street burned
- 11-7-1898** A.A. Cox's livery stable burns with 9 horses
- 11-7-1908** County historian Herbert Clarence Bradshaw born in Rice
- 11-8-1917** R. A. Baldwin died, founder of Baldwin's
- 11-9-1895** First fire fought with water from a plug. Mrs. Sallie Hunt's residence on Baptist Hill
- 11-10-1900** The First National Bank organized
- 11-11-1918** Farmville holds large nighttime celebration for World War I armistice declaration
- 11-12-1905** Lutheran Church dedicated.
- 11-13-1912** The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians have numerous religious conversions take place.
- 11-15-1890** The Farmville *Herald* begins publication
- 11-17-1753** Bill passes colonial Assembly to divide Amelia County, creating Prince Edward County
- 11-17-1894** County voters reject bond issue for 7-mile connection to Hampden-Sydney
- 11-17-1923** South wing of Normal School burned
- 11-18-1926** Southside Community Hospital opened
- 11-19-1867** Birth of noted educator and longtime Longwood president, Joseph L. Jarman
- 11-22-1875** Death of pioneer surgeon and medical educator, Dr. John Peter Mettauer
- 11-23-1893** Z.A. Blanton, Captain Farmville Guard, councilman, Planters Bank assistant cashier, died.
- 11-23-1902** Death of famed medical researcher Dr. Walter Reed, a childhood resident of Prince Edward
- 11-25-1836** Farmville Baptist Church organized
- 11-26-1917** Construction begins on a new Post Office, present-day U.S. Federal Building
- 11-29-1796** Petition presented to Virginia General Assembly for founding Jamestown, on the Appomattox River east of Farmville
- 11-29-1942** World War II coffee rationing began.



Corner of North Main Street and Depot Street