



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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Old Structures of Prince Edward County and Surrounding Area

slide presentation by
Gerald T. Gilliam
editor, *The Southsider*

Special Date & Time

Sunday, August 17, 2008

2:30 p.m.

Farmville Train Station

Light refreshments
Guests Always Welcomed

Hampden-Sydney's Alamo featured in program

The present-day campus of Hampden-Sydney College is built around College Street, the main road which runs north to south, the Via Sacra, and a curving drive, the latter two of which run west from the main street. Along the curving drive stand two of the College's oldest structures, the Alamo and Cushing Hall. The Alamo consists of a brick house built in 1817 for the vice-president of the school, combined with an adjacent two-story block added before 1835 and set at an angle to the original house with the resulting triangular void filled in. Except for porch additions and Victorian alterations, mostly on the eastern end wall of the newer part, the Alamo retains its Federalist-plaster flat arches and Flemish bond brick facades.

http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/registers/Counties/PrinceEdward/073-0058_Hampden-Sydney_College_Historic_District_1970_Final_Nomination.pdf

Gerald T. Gilliam, local-area historian, speaks

Gerald T. Gilliam, editor of *The Southsider* magazine, will present a slide show about old structures of Prince Edward County and the surrounding area. Featured will be buildings gone



Alamo, Hampden-Sydney College, built circa 1817, served as college vice-president's home. Torn down in the early 1990's.

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from the local landscape as well as some still standing

Mr. Gilliam, a Southside Virginian, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College. He taught for thirty-four years, at Prince Edward Academy, in Newport News, Honduras, Charlotte County and Mecklenburg County.

He also has served as editor of *The Southsider*, a quarterly publication done by the Charlotte County Branch of The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA).

He is currently retired and enjoying life in his native South Boston.

This Day in August in Prince Edward County History

- 8-1-1922** Death of prominent Prince Edward tobacco merchant Walter Grey Dunnington, owner of Poplar Hill
- 8-2-1897** Civil rights activist W. E. B. DuBois studies Prince Edward County's black population for U.S. Labor Commission report
- 8-4-1851** Francis Carr and Christian Ehrman contracted with the Southside Railroad to build the High Bridge original wooden superstructure.
- 8-4-1899** Edward Wiltse, jeweler and silversmith, died
- 8-4-1922** J. C. Brickert seeks location at Third and Randolph streets to locate Farmville's first service station
- 8-5-1942** First daylight air raid test
- 8-8-1907** Prince Edward Hotel opened
- 8-8-1952** Farmville Drive-in opened on Route 15 just south of Farmville
- 8-10-1993** By-laws adopted for Rural Education Foundation, creating the Fuqua School that replace Prince Edward Academy
- 8-14-1902** Work commences to build Norfolk & Western station
- 8-14-1945** County-wide nighttime celebrations for end of World War II
- 8-17-1947** WFLO went on the air
- 8-18-1913** Henry Lindsey elected Fire Chief
- 8-19-1962** Saylor's Creek Battlefield Park dedicated
- 8-20-1969** Hurricane Camille brings flooding to Farmville
- 8-24-1884** Farmville Lithia Springs incorporate
- 8-26-1867** Prince Edward resident and nationally-recognized educator Robert Rousa Moton born in Amelia County
- 8-27-1894** Gov. O'Ferrall arrives for visit to Farmville
- 8-27-1909** Farmville Silver Band's first open air concert
- 8-30-1895** The Confederate Monument Association organized
- 8-30-1905** Partial eclipse of the sun witnessed

Do you know of a picture of James D. Wood

The people at The Manor are constructing a historical timeline of the Poplar Hill property, which James Wood once owned. They are in search of a portrait or picture of James D. Wood, born ca 1795 and a member of Hampden-Sydney Class of 1815. He later served as a trustee of the College, 1837-1844.

If you know where a picture can be located, please contact Arthur Jeffords, LighthouseGolf2, Atlanta, GA, Prince Edward County, VA, P. 434-392-1967, M. 434-390-1954, F. 434-392-4016, www.lhgolfgroup.com.

Also, please contact Richard McClintock, Hampden-Sydney College, and Edwina Covington, ecovington@hovac.com.

September and October Programs Set

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 16, for an informative program presented by Daphne Mason at the Farmville United Methodist Church about the stained glass windows and the prominent Farmville families that were the benefactors. Be sure to meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. to appreciate the windows in the evening light.

On Tuesday, October 21, Dr. William Thompson will present a timely program about the ghosts of Hampden-Sydney College.

In November, the Society will hold its annual business session.