



## Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546  
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July, 2008



### High Bridge Trail State Park Update

Eric Houglund  
Park Manager

Tuesday, July 15, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

Guests always welcomed

Board meets at 6:00 p.m.



### High Bridge Historic Designation

Richmond: High Bridge was among the 25 new properties added last week to the Virginia Landmarks Register by the Department of Historic Resources.

The High Bridge, spanning the Appomattox River and its floodplain between Cumberland and Prince Edward counties, is an impressive steel structure erected in 1914.

Stretching a straight and level 2,418 feet, and more than 100 feet above the Appomattox, High Bridge is important for its engineering and connection with railroad history in Virginia from the mid-19th through the early 20th century.

An earlier 1854 multiple-span bridge constructed of timber and supported on granite abutments and brick piers, which stand today alongside the current bridge, was the scene of major military events during the final days of the Civil War.

The remaining abutments and piers are included in the High Bridge listing on the landmarks register.

High Bridge is undergoing a rail-to-trail conversion as part of the High Bridge Trail State Park that will stretch along 33.5 miles of abandoned rail line that Norfolk Southern donated to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2005.

-- *The Farmville Herald*, Friday, June 27, 2008

**Note Special Date and Time for August**

### Old Homes of Prince Edward County

Slide show of photo collection of  
Gerald T. Gilliam  
Editor *Southsider* magazine

**Sunday, August 17, 2008  
2:30 p.m.**

**Farmville Train Station**

Light refreshments  
Guests Always Welcomed

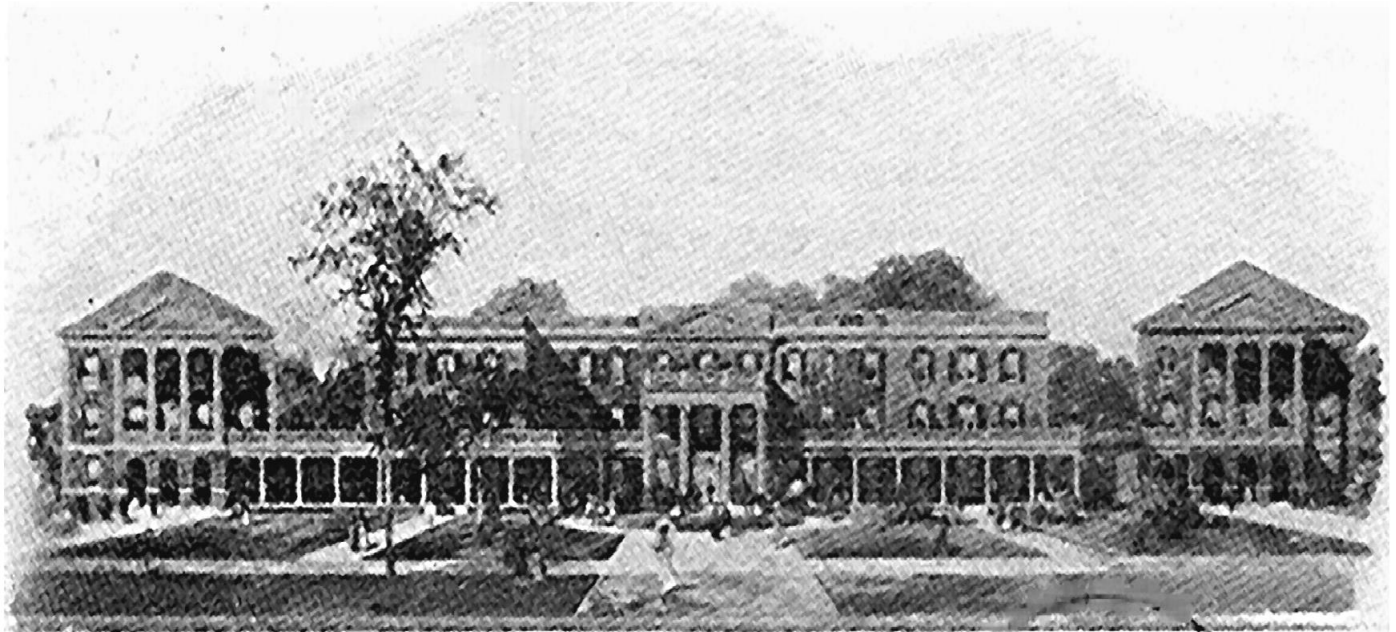


**Prince Edward County, Virginia Heritage Book**

\$65.00 local pick up  
\$73.00 UPS delivery  
[www.fpehs.org](http://www.fpehs.org)

## This Day in July in Prince Edward County History

- 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 calvaryman, 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.



Virginia State Female Normal School