



# Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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## Prince Edward Augustus, Duke of York and Albany Our County's Namesake

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**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Farmville Train Station**

**Guests Always Welcomed**

Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.

### Who is Prince Edward Augustus?

Edward Augustus Hanover was born March 25, 1739, the second son of Frederick, Prince of Wales and Augusta of Saxe-Gotha, Princess of Wales. Frederick was the oldest son of King George II, but when Frederick died, the throne passed to his eldest son, George, know as George III.

Edward gained the rank of Midshipman in 1758 in the service of the Royal Navy. He was created Duke of York and Albany and Earl of Ulster by his paternal grandfather, George II in 1760. He gained the rank of Admiral of the Blue and held the office of Keeper and Lieutenant of Windsor Forest in 1766.

In the late summer of 1767, on his way to Genoa, Edward fell ill and had to be landed in the harbour of Monaco. Despite the care and attention he was given, he died in the Palace of Honoré III, Prince of Monaco on September 17 and is interred in Westminster Abbey.

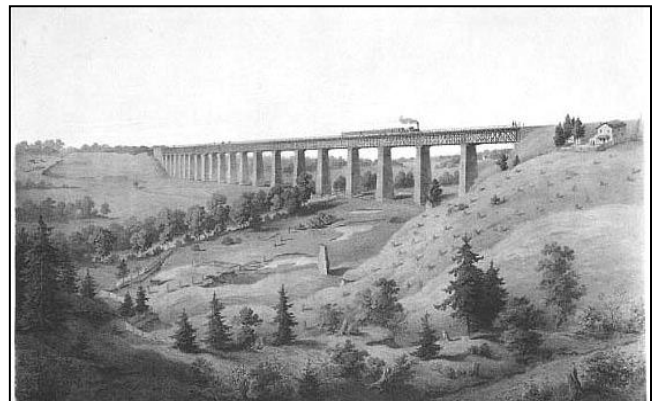
“Horace Walpole describes him as 'a very plain boy, with strange loose eyes', 'a milk-white angel, white even to his eyes and eyelashes, very purblind, and whose tongue runs like a fiddlestick' and as 'civil, condescending, and good-natured to a great degree ... very gallant and very generous'.”

<http://www.thepeerage.com/p10099.htm>

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### June and July programs feature High Bridge

On Tuesday, June 16, Jo D. Smith will be presenting a slide program on the history of High Bridge. Eric Hougland, manager of High Bridge State Park, will provide an update on the plans and progress on the “rails to trails” park on Tuesday, July 15.



## This Day in May in Prince Edward County History

- 5-1-1832** Gov. Philip Watkins McKinney born in Buckingham
- 5-2-1894** First official proposal by trustees to move Presbyterian seminary from its 70-year existence at Hampden-Sydney
- 5-3-1905** Farmville Guard left for Richmond to attend funeral of Major General Fitzhugh Lee
- 5-4-1895** Farmville Guard called to Pocahontas to guard working men from violence at the hands of strikers
- 5-4-1901** The first "dry" Saturday in Farmville history; no liquor sales
- 5-5-1942** World War II sugar rationing begins
- 5-5-1996** WFLO tower collapses
- 5-6-1776** William Watts and William Booker elected Prince Edward representatives to convention to establish constitution for Commonwealth, to replace colonial rule
- 5-6-1965** J.J. Newberry Department Store at Third and Main burned.
- 5-7-1846** Town and citizens decide to buy \$100,000 stock to secure railroad service to Farmville; original South Side Railroad proposal would have linked county seats, taking railroad through Worsham
- 5-7-1978** Farmville Flea Market opened at new Randolph Warehouse
- 5-10-1905** Odd Fellows Lodge instituted
- 5-10-1926** Dr. W. E. Anderson died
- 5-11-1964** U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy visits Farmville schools
- 5-12-1894** *Farmville Herald* begins editorial campaign to keep Union Seminary at Hampden-Sydney
- 5-12-1920** Fire department draft horse "Charlie" drops dead after pulling engine to fire on Buffalo Street
- 5-14-1937** Patterson's Drug Company buys stock of Canada Drug Company
- 5-15-1942** Gasoline rationing began during World War II
- 5-17-1954** U.S. Supreme Court rules on *Brown v. Board*, unanimously, striking down "separate-but-equal" public education with Prince Edward case included
- 5-20-1834** Birth of Hampden-Sydney president Richard McIlwaine, who represented Prince Edward county in Virginia Constitutional Convention
- 5-23-1901** The Masons meet for the first time in their new Lodge room
- 5-24-1777** Thomas Anderson Morton, who operated first store in Farmville on Second Street opposite Morton's tavern, was born
- 5-24-1833** Death of area famous Congressman John Randolph of Roanoke
- 5-24-1902** Charlotte, Farmville and James River Valley Railroad Company organized
- 5-26-1898** Farmville Guard leaves for service in Spanish-American War
- 5-26-1918** Farmville Guard leaves for service in World War I
- 5-27-1887** J. W. Dunnington, tobacconist, died
- 5-28-1832** Charles H. Erambert, lt. Farmville Guard, photographer, born
- 5-28-1963** Civil War era locomotive "The General" visits Farmville
- 5-29-1736** Birth of Patrick Henry, sometime resident of, and delegate from, Prince Edward
- 5-30-1905** First memorial service for Confederate dead held at the cemetery in Cumberland
- 5-31-1897** Earthquake and aftershocks rattled window panes

