



## *Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society*

*P.O. Box 546*

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Lockett House before



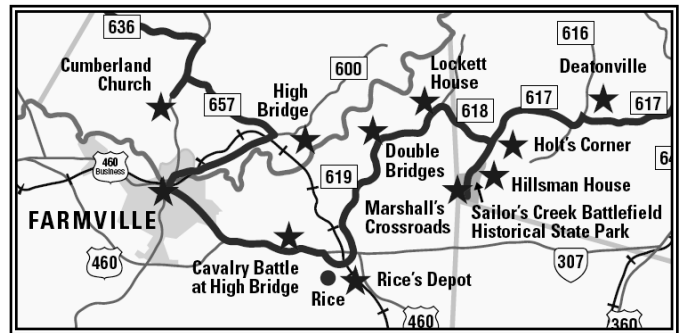
Lockett House now

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### **June meeting is a tour of the Lockett House**

Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society members are invited for a tour of the newly renovated Lockett House, home of Jimmy Garnett and family, on Tuesday, June 15.

Society members will leave from the Prince Edward County Agricultural Building at 6:30 p.m. in personal vehicles to drive to 5540 Lockett Road (Hwy. 619), near Rice. Take Hwy 460 east to Rice, turn left on to Hwy. 600 and then turn left again on to Hwy. 619 (Lockett Rd.). Follow the road until you come to the Lee's Retreat marker for the Lockett House. The home is directly across the road on the right. Driving time should be around 20 minutes.



### **Lee's Retreat: Stop 12 — Lockett House**

“As the two armies reach this area, fighting begins around the Lockett house. Slowly Confederate General Gordon's men will fall back into the valley of Sailor's Creek. Of the skirmishing that takes place around Lockett's, a Federal soldier remembers: ‘We advanced to a white house on Saylor's Creek...and I found some protection behind the house. I called Sergeant Percival's attention to what I thought a better position near the hen coop, fifteen feet distant, but he ordered me to remain where I was. I thought I could get better aim from the other position. I had been hit just before reaching the house and wounded slightly. We had notified the occupants of the house to adjourn to the cellar; bullets came pattering against it.’

“During the fighting, Mr. Lockett's family and neighbors sought refuge in the west basement room, huddled on a pile of potatoes that covered some meat. A quantity of prepared food had been gathered in anticipation of visits from Confederate relatives and friends passing with the Army of Northern Virginia. Little had they realized that a battle would rage across their farm.

“The fighting continues as the two forces clash at the creek crossings below until darkness stops the Federal advance. That night the home of James Lockett, known as ‘Piney Grove,’ is converted into a Federal hospital. Casualties of both armies are brought in from the battlefield and placed around the yard and on the front porch of the house. Those who die are temporarily interred in a burial ground across the road. Later, many of their families will come to claim the bodies of their lost sons.

“Even today, the Lockett house bears scars of the battle. Bullet holes still pepper the weatherboarding and chimney, attesting to the struggle here.”

<http://www.civilwartraveler.com/EAST/VA/va-southside/LR-RadioScripts.html#12>

## This Day in June in Prince Edward County History

- 6-1-2001** Telephone Area Code changes from 804 to 434
- 6-2-1959** Board of Supervisors announces its intention to cease funding of public school system in Prince Edward until further notice
- 6-4-1894** Hampden-Sydney College trustees vote unanimously to oppose "by any legal and moral means" Union Seminary's possible move elsewhere
- 6-5-1788** Prince Edward delegate to Virginia Convention, Patrick Henry, argues against ratifying U.S. Constitution due to centralized power and no bill of rights
- 6-5-1905** Crosses of Honor presented to many Farmville Confederates
- 6-5-1836** Dr. Peter Winston, Surgeon Confederate Hospital, mayor, delegate, born
- 6-6-1749** License issued for Anderson's Ordinary in Worsham area as condition for establishing the new Prince Edward County court there
- 6-6-1907** Charles Bugg, grocer and postmaster, died
- 6-6-1923** Farmville Lions Club chartered
- 6-6-1944** Farmville veterans participate in Normandy invasion (D-Day).
- 6-7-1905** Gov. Montague addressed the graduating class of the Normal School.
- 6-7-1905** Narrow-gauge Farmville and Powhatan Railroad sold and renamed Tidewater and Western, but nicknamed "Tired and Weary"
- 6-8-1791** George Washington crossed the Appomattox River at Rutledge's bridge near end of Bridge Street and spent night in Prince Edward Court House village
- 6-9-1761** Petition sent to Cumberland Court to allow a bridge into Prince Edward
- 6-9-1798** John Woodson surveys the town's first lots
- 6-9-1924** Work starts on Hotel Weyanoke
- 6-10-1926** Confederate Veteran State Convention in Farmville
- 6-10-1943** Cannery opened in the basement of Farmville High School
- 6-11-1926** Confederate veterans go to Appomattox Court House
- 6-12-1926** S. W. Paulett elected State Commander at UCV Convention
- 6-12-1820** R. S. Paulett, Farmville tobacconist, born
- 6-12-1861** The Randolph Guard mustered into service
- 6-12-1934** Council requests a state liquor store be opened in Farmville
- 6-12-1943** Farmville's Lt. Robert L. Gilbert shoots down three Japanese planes during Solomon Islands campaign
- 6-13-1854** Hampden-Sydney trustees reluctantly acquiesce to actions of Virginia General Assembly assuming governance of the college's Medical Department (now MCV)
- 6-15-1898** Spreading rails causes wreck on Farmville & Powhatan Railroad
- 6-17-1903** Farmville Guard ordered to Richmond to quell labor riots
- 6-17-1942** First darkness to dawn blackout. Air raid preparation
- 6-19-1775** Prince Edward committeemen pass resolutions condemning action of Royal Governor Dunmore in moving gunpowder from Williamsburg
- 6-19-1916** Farmville Guard receive orders to prepare for duty in Mexico
- 6-19-1922** Farmville Creamery began operations
- 6-21-1972** Hurricane Agnes brings Farmville's worst flood.
- 6-22-1914** Rail traffic diverted to the new steel High Bridge which replace the wooden one
- 6-22-1916** Farmville Guard ordered to military duty along U.S.-Mexican border
- 6-23-1918** Robert B. Berkeley, Dr., lawyer, newspaper editor, died
- 6-24-1906** The last services were held in the Methodist Church before the old structure was torn down
- 6-26-1796** Benjamin H. Latrobe arrives at Bizarre
- 6-26-1909** Dr. James L. White, founder White Drug Company, died
- 6-26-1908** Socialist J. L. Fitts, addressed local farmers
- 6-26-1918** Birth of noted Prince Edward entrepreneur-philanthropist J. B. Fuqua
- 6-28-1783** County's eight-year-old Hampden-Sydney College finally officially chartered by Virginia General Assembly
- 6-28-1929** E. H. Irby scores Farmville Golf Club's first hole-in-one
- 6-29-1897** Daughters of the Confederacy gave basket picnic at Lithia Springs.