

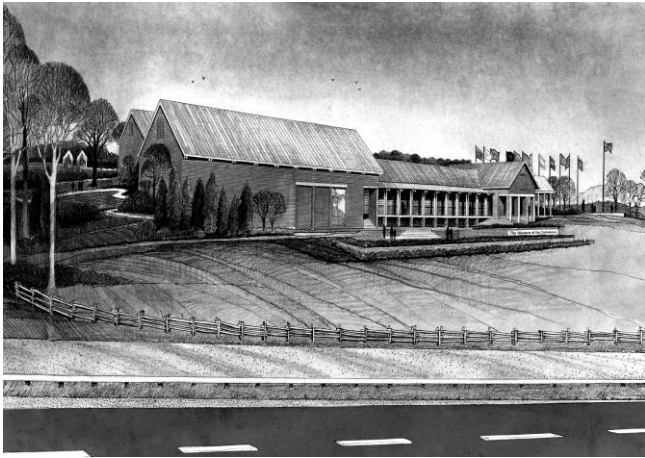


## *Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society*

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**Museum of the Confederacy – Appomattox**

# **A Woman's War**

Presented by

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Site Director

**Museum of the Confederacy – Appomattox**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Farmville Train Station**

Board meets at 6:00 p.m.

### **Linda Lipscomb presents the Civil War – A Woman's War**

Linda Lipscomb, site director for the Museum of Confederacy – Appomattox, will speak to the Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society about the Civil War also being a woman's war. "Women did a lot more during the War than stay home and worry. We'll look at the activities they were involved in at home and in the field. How did they manage the family farm? If they lost the farm during a battle, where did they go? What did they do for employment? How did they support their loved ones in the service? What sacrifices did they make? How did the War change them?"

Ms. Lipscomb will also give an overview of the Museum of the Confederacy as it expands to its satellite in Appomattox County, which is due to open in the spring of 2012.

"I have been with the Museum of the Confederacy for over 11 years with experience in the areas of development, administration, programs, special events, and retail sales. I had prior experience at historic sites such as Red Hill and Berkeley Plantation. I've always had a love of history and have only had the luxury of living it in the past 20 years. I am married to the man who got me started in my Civil War experience, have two married sons, a step-daughter, and five grandchildren," says Lipscomb.



### **Robert E. Lee's sword to be housed at the Museum of the Confederacy – Appomattox**



Confederate General Robert E. Lee did not surrender his sword to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox as his Union counterpart refused this traditional gesture of surrender. "Lee never offered it and Grant never asked for it," says Appomattox Court House National Park historian Patrick Schroeder.

Lee's sword, scabbard, and the Confederate gray uniform Lee wore to his fateful meeting with Grant will go on display in the new Appomattox satellite branch of the Museum of the Confederacy.

The 40 ½-inch sword sparkles from its loin head on its pommel to the gilded relief on its steel sword with an ivory grip. On one side of the blade, in raised letters, are the words: "Gen. Robert E. Lee CSA from a Marylander 1863." The other side of the blade reads: "Aide toi dieu l'aidera," which translates as "Help yourself and God will help you." The scabbard is blue steel.

After the surrender, Lee returned to Richmond and then became president of what is now Washington and Lee University. He died in 1870 and is buried in the university's chapel. Lee's descendants permanently loaned the sword to the Museum of the Confederacy in 1918 and bequeathed the sword and scabbard to the museum in 1982.

## **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.

### **Mark calendar for upcoming programs**

Bob Gillette will speak on July 19 about Hyde Farm, a refuge camp for Jewish youth at the beginnings of World War II, that is located just south of Burkeville. He will have his new book *The Virginia Plan: William B. Thalhimer and a Rescue from Nazi Germany* available for sale and signing.

Bill Graham will discuss the artillery of High Bridge Fort at the August 16 meeting. Graham, an Iraq veteran, is retired military and teaches in the Chesterfield schools.

Bob Flippen, who is working this summer as a volunteer interpreter on the High Bridge Trail near the bridge itself, will talk on September 20 about the AmeriCorps program and his experiences.