



## ***Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society***

*P.O. Box 546*

*Farmville, Virginia 23901*

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### **Interpretive Tour of Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park Visitor Center**

**By Kandace McCabe  
Administrative Specialist**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Sailor's Creek Battlefield Visitor Center  
6541 Saylers Creek Rd  
Rice, VA 23966**

**No Board Meeting**

### **Society will tour Visitor Center at Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park**

Kandace McCabe, Administrative & Office Support Specialist, will give historical society members and guests an interpretative tour of the Sailor's Creek Battlefield visitor center on Tuesday, October 18, beginning at 7 p.m. The state park is at 6541 Saylers Creek Road, Rice. From Farmville, take US 460 east to Route 307 east. From Rt. 307, take Route 617 (Sayler's Creek Road) to the state park. Parking may be limited so some of the attendees may wish to carpool. You should bring a folding chair if possible.

Built in 2009, the Visitor Center has an exhibit area that tells the history of the final days of the Civil War. The exhibit area features state-of-the-art exhibits that include holographic storytellers. The Visitor Center serves as the park's office and contains a gift shop that features various items for purchase including a wide range of historical books which discuss the history of the area.

Sailor's Creek Battlefield is important because of April 6, 1865 – the Black Thursday of the Confederacy. General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia lost 7,700 men, including eight generals, in the Battle of Little Sailor's Creek. This defeat was key to Lee's decision to surrender at Appomattox Court House 72 hours later, thus ending the war in Virginia.

## **Need a Christmas Gift?**

**17 oz. Windsor Mug  
White with black society logo and trim**

*Great for steaming hot chocolate  
or a hot bowl of soup*

**\$6.00**

**Contact Dale Bolt, society president  
Or Billy Poulston, treasurer**



## This Day in October in Prince Edward County History

- 10-1-1928** President Eggleston restores spelling “Sydney” in college’s name to match 1783 Charter
- 10-2-1892** Colored Baptist Church dedicated
- 10-3-1933** County citizens vote in favor (461 - 436) of retaining Prohibition
- 10-4-1798** First sale of lots in newly surveyed town of Farmville; purchasers agreed to build within 7 years
- 10-8-1890** John O. Collins, local inventor, receives gold medal from Paris World’s Fair for his railroad car coupler
- 10-9-1898** Dr. John Atkinson Cunningham, second president of the State Female Normal school, dies in Farmville
- 10-10-1910** Buck Fuqua, black restaurateur, died
- 10-11-1900** Confederate Monument unveiled, honoring county’s eight military companies
- 10-11-1918** Farmville native, Wiltshire C. Davis, 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry, receives distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre for bravery in battle exhibited near Verdun.
- 10-11-1979** Pepsi Cola commercial filmed at the Farmville train station.
- 10-12-1909** Remains of Gov. Beverly Randolph re-interred at West View cemetery
- 10-15-1902** O. T. Wicker, postmaster, mayor, councilman, died
- 10-15-1954** Hurricane Hazel comes through Farmville
- 10-15-1909** Andrew Reid Venable, Inspector General for J.E.B. Stuart, commission merchant, died
- 10-16-1859** John Brown’s Harper’s Ferry raid produces many enlistments for Prince Edward militia
- 10-19-1781** British surrender at Yorktown assures free county government
- 10-20-1871** Cornerstone laid for Prince Edward Courthouse in Farmville
- 10-20-1884** State Female Normal School opened with 110 students
- 10-20-1925** Hotel Weyanoke opens
- 10-21-1948** Farmville Sesquicentennial celebrated
- 10-21-1998** Farmville epicenter for an earthquake 1:57 a.m., 3.3 Richter scale
- 10-23-1897** Kappa Delta Sorority organized at the Normal School
- 10-24-1845** S.W. Paulette, Farmville’s “old Reb,” born
- 10-24-1946** Dabney S. Lancaster inaugurated president of State Teachers College
- 10-27-1859** Hampden-Sydney alumnus and future Confederate Brig. Gen. Roger Proyer is elected U.S. Congressman from this district
- 10-27-1901** Fire destroyed the dog pound of Farmville
- 10-29-1907** Several citizens witnessed the falling of a dazzling meteor

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### Officers sought for coming two years

The society will hold its annual business session on Tuesday, November 15, at 6 p.m. in the Farmville Train Station.

This is the final year for the current slate of officers – president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian – they are not eligible to serve in the same office. Two directors terms expire and they are not eligible to serve as directors.

If you have any suggestions or would be willing to serve in one of the positions, please contact a current officer or board member. The slate of upcoming officers and board seats will be discussed at the November business session.

### Current Executive Board

**Officers:** 2 yr. terms / 3 terms maximum  
(all officers have served 3 two year terms)

**President** – Dale Bolt

**Vice-President** – Kay Whitfield

**Secretary** – Edwina Covington

**Treasurer** – Billy Poulston

**Historian** – Julian Covington

**Directors:** 3 yr. terms / 2 terms maximum

Bob Flippen – 2nd term ends 1/12

Molly McClellan – 2nd term ends 1/12

Phyllis Guilliams – 1st term ends 1/12

John Thomasson – 1st term ends 1/12

Jo Smith – serves 2nd term until 1/14

Margaret Stockton – serves 2nd term until 1/14

Richard Stockton – serves 2nd term until 1/14