



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546

Farmville, Virginia 23901

February, 2012

Amethyst Mining in Prince Edward County

Mary Kay Simpson

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Farmville Train Station

Guests Always Welcomed

Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.



Scufflin Acres Farm Amethyst

Do you know the birthstone for February? It is amethyst.

Mary Kay Simpson, the speaker for our February meeting, has deposits of amethyst in her backyard. Mary Kay and her husband, Averette, own Scufflin Acres Farm, located just off Simpson Road in the Prospect area of Prince Edward County. Rock and mineral clubs from as far away as Pennsylvania, Delaware, and North Carolina have visited the farm and enjoyed digging in Prince Edward County's soil looking for the amethyst.

Amethyst is one of the most popular semiprecious stones. It is a variety of quartz that is usually purple in color, but could be white or green. Minerals such as iron or manganese will affect the color. Amethyst is used in jewelry such as rings or necklaces. The ancient Greeks and Romans wore amethyst and believed that the stone had special powers.

Join the Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, and learn about Prince Edward County's deposits of amethyst.

Upcoming Events

March 11, 2012 – Friends of High Bridge drawing for the “*First to Cross*” will be held at Charley's Waterfront Cafe at 2:00 p.m. It will be preceded by Bob Flippen's power point presentation on the High Bridge “Vail” negatives.

March 20, 2012 – “*Stonewall Jackson and Prince Edward County*” – speaker: Dr. William E. Thompson.

April 17, 2012 – Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society meeting: Tour the new Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox – 7:00 p.m.

May 15, 2012 – TBA

June 19, 2012 – Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society meeting: “*Observations of Farmville History*” speaker: Dr. Ray Gaskins.

July 17, 2012 – TBA

August, 21, 2012 – TBA

September 18, 2012 – TBA

October 16, 2012 – TBA

November 20, 2012 – Annual Business Meeting

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This Day in February in Prince Edward County History

- 2-01-1775 At Slate Hill plantation Hanover Presbytery plans "an Academy in Prince Edward," soon named Hampden-Sydney
- 2-01-1806 Virginia General Assembly appointed commissioners to survey a canal from the Buffalo River to the Roanoke River
- 2-02-1775 Presbytery accepts Peter Johnston's offer of 100 acres of land for the new college, Hampden-Sydney
- 2-02-1924 Tobacco prizeroy owned by W.P. Gilliam burned
- 2-03-1775 Presbytery appoints Samuel Stanhope Smith rector of the new college, Hampden-Sydney
- 2-03-1803 Gen. Joseph Eggleston Johnston (USA and CSA) born at Longwood plantation
- 2-03-1942 Company G mobilized for service in World War II
- 2-04-1861 John T. Thornton elected county representative to state secession convention
- 2-07-1797 Gov. Beverly Randolph died
- 2-07-1870 Charles Edward Burrell, county historian, born
- 2-08-1825 Virginia General Assembly incorporates Junction Canal Company to build a canal from the Buffalo to the Roanoke River
- 2-08-1845 Virginia General Assembly creates Appomattox County from parts of Prince Edward and three other counties
- 2-08-1944 Charles Edward Burrell, county historian, died
- 2-09-1762 First court record of a passable bridge at Rutledge's Ford--later the site of Farmville
- 2-09-1892 George Richardson appointed postmaster
- 2-10-1918 H.E. Barrow, former mayor, died
- 2-11-1824 Birth of W. H. Ruffner, first president of Farmville State Normal School
- 2-11-1994 State Theater collapses
- 2-12-1871 Decision made to move county seat from Worsham to Farmville
- 2-12-1872 County seat moves from Worsham to Farmville
- 2-13-1786 Patrick Henry refuses membership in U.S. Constitutional Convention
- 2-13-1901 Legislature passes act establishing the Farmville Dispensary
- 2-15-1907 Farmville had Virginia's last execution by hanging before electrocution adopted. Jesse Ruffin and Massey Hill were the condemned
- 2-16-1781 Prince Edward militiamen leave old court house to reinforce Gen. Greene at Dan River
- 2-19-1945 Farmville livestock market conducts first sale
- 2-23-1934 Prince Edward Mills commences operation on site of earlier mill
- 2-25-1952 Oliver Hill argues NAACP's Prince Edward case before U.S. District Court
- 2-26-1900 Farmville Town Council votes against licensing the private sales of intoxicants; all sales to be through an officially sanctioned Dispensary Board
- 2-27-1833 Virginia General Assembly incorporates Farmville as a town
- 2-27-1942 Parking meters came to Main Street
- 2-28-1820 Birth of W. W. H. Thackston, Farmville mayor and dentist, who founded the Virginia Dental Association

Need a 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 or Billy Poulston

