



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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April, 2012

Tour Museum of the Confederacy - Appomattox

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

**159 Horseshoe Rd (US 460 & Rt 24)
Appomattox, VA 24522**

**Those who wish to carpool should meet
at the Farmville Train Station by 6:15 p.m.**

Guests Always Welcomed

No Board Meeting



Museum of the Confederacy - Appomattox
Opened March 31, 2012

The Farmville/Prince Edward Historical Society will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at the new Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox, Virginia. It is located at the intersection of US 460 and State Route 24. You can meet us at the museum or you can meet at the Farmville Train Station at 6:15 PM and carpool to Appomattox. This special tour of the museum is solely for the Farmville/Prince Edward Historical Society. Please take advantage of this special occasion. We hope to see you there.

The Museum of the Confederacy-Appomattox is rich with artifacts. Among the 179 artifacts; 166 photographs, images, and graphics; 95 documents; 25 Confederate uniforms; there are the sword and uniform worn by General Lee when he met General Grant at the McLean House; the pen he used to sign the document of surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia; and the parole signed by Lee and his staff. A special feature of the 41 interactive workstations is the opportunity for visitors to see the original Confederate parole list to search for an ancestor who may have been present at the surrender. The Museum's galleries include 22 original Confederate flags, including a special exhibition, "Colors of the Gray: Consecration and Controversy." Together the display of Confederate flags are the largest and most comprehensive display of war-time Confederate flags ever exhibited by any institution—museum or otherwise. In addition, there will be two computer stations devoted to the history and

design of the Confederate national and battle flags. Outside of the Museum, The Reunification Promenade serves as an exhibit and symbol of how the individual states left the Union in 1861 and came back into the Union after the war. It features the state flags of the states that supported the Confederacy, including Missouri, Kentucky, and Maryland—in total 14 flags of the Confederacy—and the United States flag. Many of these state flags have already been dedicated to the memory of confederate ancestors from those states.



Generals Lee & Grant reenact the surrender
of April 9, 1865



Upcoming Events

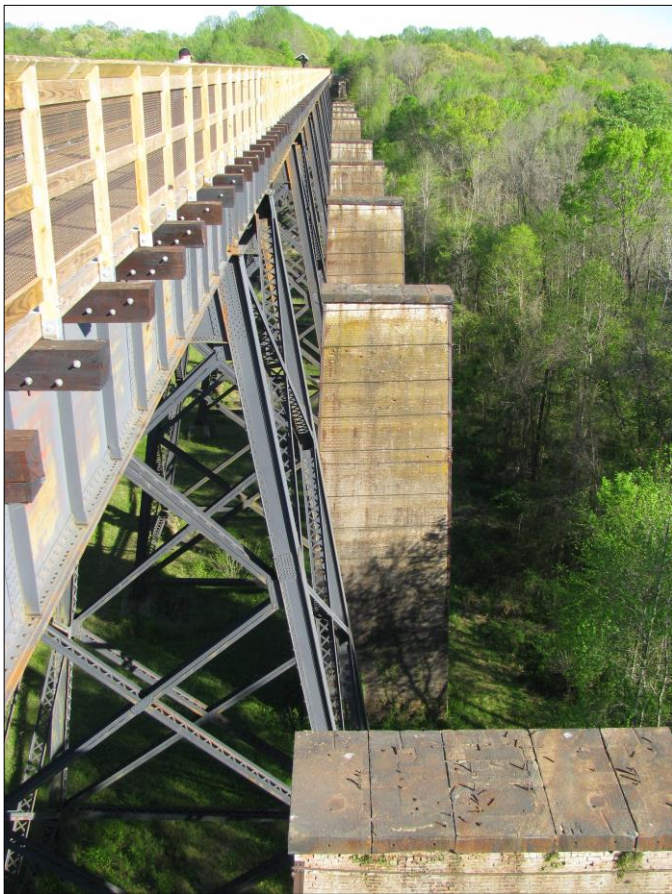
May 15, 2012 – “*The Civil War at Poplar Forest*” –
Phyllis Guilliams

June 19, 2012 – “*Observations of Farmville History*” –
Dr. Ray Gaskins.



High Bridge Opens

High Bridge Trail State Park opened the last section of the trail that crosses High Bridge on April 6, 2012, 147 years after the Battle of High Bridge. It is more than 2400' long and 160' above the Appomattox River. The original bridge was built in 1853 as part of the South Side Railroad. The current steel-tower bridge was built in 1914. The closest access is on River Road, 3 miles off N. Main St. in Farmville, near trail milepost 146.



High Bridges photographs by Dale L. Bolt – 4/06/2012

This Day in April in Prince Edward County History

- 4-2-1905** The first black Baptist Church freed itself of indebtedness
- 4-3-1944** Gov. Darden attends banquet honoring the local company of Virginia State Guard
- 4-4-1902** "The Gladiator" opens at the Opera House
- 4-6-1865** Confederate forces are defeated in several battles along Saylor's Creek
- 4-7-1865** High Bridge partially burned; skirmish at Worsham; Federals occupy Hampden-Sydney; battles at Cumberland Church and Plank Road, Farmville occupied
- 4-7-1865** Gen. U. S. Grant, staying at Randolph House hotel, sends a note to Lee encouraging surrender
- 4-8-1865** U.S. Army segments consolidate at Prospect depot en route to Appomattox Court House
- 4-8-1896** Odd Fellows Lodge organized
- 4-9-1865** Army of Northern Virginia surrenders to Gen. Grant at Appomattox Court House
- 4-10-1865** Gen. Grant spends night near Prospect United Methodist Church
- 4-10-1922** First motorized fire truck acquired
- 4-12-1861** Regional Congressman Roger Pryor helps to open fire on Fort Sumter
- 4-12-1892** Farmville Populist Party organized
- 4-12-1917** Farmville Guard dispatched to St. Paul, Virginia, to guard bridges and tunnels
- 4-13-1803** Initial meeting of board of Buffalo Circulating Library
- 4-13-1920** Mrs. Martha E. Forrester holds first meeting of her Council of Negro Women
- 4-14-1938** Asa Dickinson Watkins, sheriff, judge, commonwealth attorney, died
- 4-14-1974** Coronary Intensive Care Unit opens at Southside Community Hospital
- 4-15-1895** Thornton-Pickett Camp of United Confederate Veterans organized
- 4-15-1933** Roy Clark born nearby in Meherrin
- 4-15-1987** Farmville-Prince Edward Community Library opens; formed by merger of Reading Room and Public Library
- 4-16-1865** Memorial service for President Lincoln is held in Farmville Presbyterian Church
- 4-17-1924** B. M. Cox, sheriff, postmaster, Normal School business manager, died
- 4-21-1861** County representative J. T. Thornton votes for Virginia secession (vote: 88-55)
- 4-21-1936** Farmville High School burns
- 4-22-1866** Henry Watkins Allen dies in exile in Mexico City
- 4-22-1892** Birth of civil rights leader, Dr. Vernon Johns, near Darlington Heights
- 4-22-1901** Constitutionality of the Dispensary argued before Judge George Hundley
- 4-23-1919** Carter Glass trophy train came to Farmville displaying captured World War I weapons and material
- 4-23-1951** 450 Moton High School students stage strike, protesting inadequate facilities
- 4-24-2001** The Rotunda and Ruffner East and West destroyed by fire; Grainger Hall destroyed beyond repair
- 4-25-1946** Thomas Hardy Graham VFW Post organized.
- 4-25-1953** Robert Morris Chapter Order of the Eastern Star initiated
- 4-26-1924** Taylor Manufacturing Company located end of Buffalo Street burned
- 4-27-1905** Lodge No. 200 Odd Fellows organized here
- 4-27-1951** Farmville Herald dismisses Moton student strike as a "lack of discipline"
- 4-29-1820** Henry Watkins Allen, Brigadier General, CSA, and governor of Louisiana born near Farmville
- 4-29-1895** Philanthropist Lewis Ginter offers Richmond site for relocating Union Seminary
- 4-29-1901** All saloons in Farmville closed by liquor Dispensary law
- 4-29-1903** Farmville N&W Passenger Station opened
- 4-29-1916** Farmville Dispensary closes
- 4-30-1904** Colonel Richard A. Booker, Captain of Farmville Guard, tobacconist and proprietor of Randolph House, died