



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546

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September, 2012

“John Randolph of Roanoke”

Presented by

David E. Johnson

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Farmville Train Station

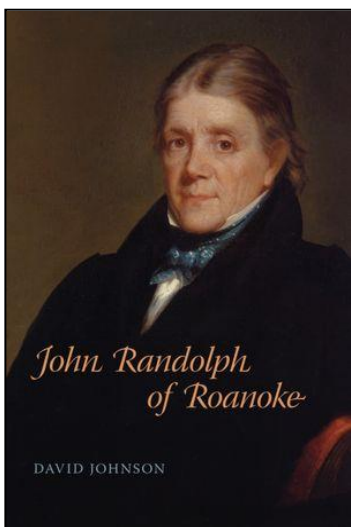
Guests Always Welcomed

Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.

September 18, 2012 – Program by David E. Johnson, from Midlothian, on “John Randolph of Roanoke”

David Johnson is Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He graduated from the College of William and Mary and T. C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond. He is the author of a biography on Douglas Southall Freeman which was published in 2002, and his latest biography, “John Randolph of Roanoke”.

One of the most eccentric and accomplished politicians in all of American history, John Randolph (1773-1833) led a life marked by controversy. The long-serving Virginia congressman and architect of southern conservatism grabbed headlines with his prescient comments, public brawls, and clashes with every president from John Adams to Andrew



Jackson. The first biography of Randolph in nearly a century, *John Randolph of Roanoke* provides a full

account of the powerful Virginia planter's hard-charging life and his impact on the formation of conservative politics.

In this rich biography, David Johnson draws upon an impressive array of primary sources--Randolph's letters, speeches, and writings--previously unavailable to scholars. *John Randolph of Roanoke* tells the story of a young nation and the unique philosophy of a southern lawmaker who defended America's agrarian tradition and reveled in his own controversy.

Upcoming Programs:

October 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m. –



“A Conversation with Patrick Henry”, an interpretation of Patrick Henry in period dress by William A. Young. To be held at the Parents and Friends Lounge, Venable Hall, Hampden-Sydney College. Co-sponsored by the Atkinson Museum, Hampden-Sydney College. Bill has performed in 21 states and London, England. He is a retired trial lawyer and works as a historical interpreter

for the National Park Service at Jamestown, VA.

<http://www.historyinperson.com>

November 20, 2012, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Business meeting, Farmville Train Station.

December, 2012 – no meeting

January 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – Show and Tell. Bring something of interest to share with group.

February 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – *Railroads and the Civil War* with Howard Gregory.

March 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – *Mama, I Am yet Still Alive: A Composite Diary of 1863 in the Confederacy* by Jeff Toalson.

September in Prince Edward County History

9-1-1775 Williamsburg newspaper carries first advertisement for new college for men to open sometime that fall in Prince Edward

9-1-1902 30 cars of processed tobacco leave for Norway

9-1-1891 Farmville Silver Band organized

9-2-1964 County's public school system reopens as an integrated system, after being closed for five years

9-3-1831 Union Seminary founder John Holt Rice dies

9-3-1906 The first brick of the Methodist church was laid in northwest corner

9-4-1919 Farmville turns out to welcome its returning World War I veterans

9-5-1898 Union Theological Seminary moves to Richmond

9-5-1935 Hurricane-spawned tornado damages trees and buildings at Hampden-Sydney and Kingsville

9-6-1893 Noted Negro, Goliath Armistead died

9-6-1933 Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Warehousemen's Association organized at Planters Warehouse

9-6-1933 Farmville Council approves sale of "near beer" (3.2% alcohol)

9-7-1897 Norfolk & Western Railroad fined by Mayor Burton for excessive speed in town

9-9-1885 Opera House contracted to be built by Burton and Davis

9-11-1934 Farmville's ABC store opened

9-13-1944 Honor Roll of World War II veterans unveiled on Courthouse lawn

9-15-1907 Prof. August Schemmel, opens Farmville's Conservatory of Music

9-17-1862 Prominent county lawyer J. T. Thornton is mortally wounded in battle at Sharpsburg, Maryland

9-20-1809 Missouri governor and Confederate Major General Sterling Price born near Hampden-Sydney

9-22-1865 High Bridge reopens to regular traffic five months after being burned during the retreat

9-22-1914 County voters approve (640-205) request for statewide Prohibition

9-23-1890 After a bitterly contested election, Republican Party seats black educator J. M. Langston as this district's U.S. Congressman

9-23-1923 Birth of county's famed soldier and educator, Lt. Gen. Samuel V. Wilson

9-24-1776 Buffalo Presbyterian Church Session adopts "Petition for Religious Liberty" which was eventually sent to Virginia House of Delegates

9-24-1890 Tobacconist, J.W. Dunnington, born

9-25-1869 Rev. Daniel Witt baptizes over forty people in Miller's mill pond

9-25-1922 Charles Edward Burrell published *A History of Prince Edward County, Virginia from its Formation in 1753, to the Present*

9-25-1912 Fire Prevention Bureau meets and Farmville businesses pass inspection

9-28-1728 First known land grant to settler in Prince Edward area goes to Richard Jarvis, Jr., for property along the Bush River

9-28-1917 *Birth of a Nation* plays at the Normal School auditorium

9-28-1955 The old armory on Main Street was sold at auction for \$45,000

9-30-1933 County voters approve bond issue to build present courthouse

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(seated, left to right) Dale Bolt, Robert Flippen, Kay Whitfield
 (standing, left to right) Margaret Stockton, Rev. Willie Thompson, Jimmy Hurt, Edwina Covington, Julian Covington, Allison Martin, John Thomasson, Jo D. Smith, Richard Stockton, Billy Poulston
 (not pictured, Phyllis Guilliams)

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Meetings are held January through November, the third Tuesday of the month at the Farmville Train Station, unless otherwise announced.

DUES – all existing member dues that are due through December 2012 will be \$10 individual/\$20 family.

Beginning January 2013, all members dues will be due as we change to a calendar year collection schedule January – December.
 \$15.00 individual/\$25.00 family.