



## Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546

Farmville, Virginia 23901

January, 2013

# “Show & Tell”

*Bring something old, unusual, or a conversation piece to share with the group*

**Tuesday, January 15, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Farmville Train Station**

*Guests Always Welcomed*

**Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.**



Two quilts (circa 1930's) donated to FPEHS are on display at the Farmville Visitor's Center. Made by Florence Hamilton Bonn – Burkeville, VA – 1899-1981

## MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE FOR 2013

Beginning January 2013, all membership fees are due as we change to a calendar year collection schedule, January – December. You may pay your 2013 fee at our monthly meeting or send to PO Box 546, Farmville, VA 23901 – \$15.00 individual/\$25.00 family.

### Upcoming Programs:

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

April 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m. - Jimmy Hurt will be doing a program on the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historic Farmville Train Station. Anyone with information about the Train Station contact Jimmy Hurt at 434-392-8831.

### November in Prince Edward County History

**11-1-1926** The Longwood Garden Club

**11-2-1908** Free mail delivery began in Farmville

**11-3-1857** 66 Negro slaves emancipated in the will of John Watson begin the journey to resettlement in Liberia

**11-3-1941** The old electric plant at foot of Randolph Street burned

**11-7-1898** A.A. Cox's livery stable burns with 9 horses

**11-7-1908** County historian Herbert Clarence Bradshaw born in Rice

**11-8-1917** R. A. Baldwin died, founder of Baldwin's

**11-9-1895** First fire fought with water from a plug. Mrs. Sallie Hunt's residence on Baptist Hill

**11-10-1900** The First National Bank organized

**11-11-1918** Farmville holds large nighttime celebration for World War I armistice declaration

**11-12-1905** Lutheran Church dedicated.

**11-13-1912** The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians have numerous religious conversions take place.

**11-15-1890** The Farmville *Herald* begins publication

**11-17-1753** Bill passes colonial Assembly to divide Amelia

County, creating Prince Edward County

**11-17-1894** County voters reject bond issue for 7-mile connection to Hampden-Sydney

**11-17-1923** South wing of Normal School burned

**11-18-1926** Southside Community Hospital opened

**11-19-1867** Birth of noted educator and longtime Longwood president, Joseph L. Jarman

**11-22-1875** Death of pioneer surgeon and medical educator, Dr. John Peter Mettaufer

**11-23-1893** Z.A. Blanton, Captain Farmville Guard, councilman, Planters Bank assistant cashier, died.

**11-23-1902** Death of famed medical researcher Dr. Walter Reed, a childhood resident of Prince Edward

**11-25-1836** Farmville Baptist Church organized

**11-26-1917** Construction begins on a new Post Office, present-day U.S. Federal Building

**11-29-1796** Petition presented to Virginia General Assembly for founding Jamestown, on the Appomattox River east of Farmville

**11-29-1942** World War II coffee rationing began.

## December in Prince Edward County History

- 12-1-1904** First rural mail route opens in county; it would not be free until 1930's  
**12-1-1947** Southside Council on Health Care organized  
**12-1-1892** J. R. Martin elected Captain, Farmville Guard  
**12-2-1836** N. E. Venable, Confederate marine, druggist, born  
**12-3-1940** H.C. Crute, druggist and water works patron, died  
**12-4-1890** Petition presented to Farmville Town Council to obtain electric service  
**12-5-1944** George M. Robeson, founder of Farmville Manufacturing Company and international plow-handle mogul, died  
**12-4-1969** Steeple replaced on the Presbyterian Church  
**12-8-1899** W. W. H. Thackston, mayor, Virginia Dental Association founder, died  
**12-9-1952** U.S. Supreme Court hearings begin on appeals by Prince Edward and other jurisdictions on "separate-but-equal" public school systems  
**12-11-1850** Farmville Lodge No. 41 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons chartered by Grand Lodge of Virginia  
**12-11-1889** Baptist Church has memorial service for Jefferson Davis  
**12-12-1849** Walter Grey Dunnington, tobacconist, born

## January in Prince Edward County History

- 1-1-1754** Colonial act establishing Prince Edward County takes effect  
**1-1-1824** Union Theological Seminary formally opens at Hampden-Sydney  
**1-2-1898** Fire in Farmville destroys over thirty buildings originating at the corner of Third and North in the Lumpkin factory. Powder kegs exploded raining fire on the town.  
**1-2-1894** Farmville Guard escort former Gov. McKinney back to Farmville.  
**1-3-1933** Farmville Mills burned.  
**1-4-1898** Death of R. L. Dabney, famous Presbyterian theologian, architect, and former county luminary, in Texas  
**1-5-1942** Tire rationing began in WW II  
**1-8-1754** First convening of Prince Edward County court  
**1-8-2004** Commemorative postmark, first day issue, 250th anniversary for Prince Edward County  
**1-14-1813** Virginia General Assembly declares the Buffalo River a "public highway" from its mouth at Farmville to Carter's Mill  
**1-14-1904** Farmville Dispensary opened.  
**1-15-1798** Farmville's birthday. Established by act of the Virginia General Assembly.  
**1-17-1898** B.S. Hooper, Republican congressman (1883-1885) from Farmville, died.  
**1-18-1952** Pedestrian lights installed at Third & Main  
**1-18-1980** Death of county's noted civil rights leader, Rev. L. Francis Griffin  
**1-20-1977** The Red Lion was destroyed by fire.  
**1-21-1880** P.H. Jackson, tobacconist and host to Robert E. Lee, died.  
**1-22-1821** Dr. James T. Spencer born  
**1-22-1869** U.S. military replaces 52-year Clerk of Court Branch Worsham with carpetbagger appointee Joseph Jorgenson  
**1-22-1901** The First National Bank opened its doors for business  
**1-22-1905** T. J. Davis, Farmville grocer, died aged 80 years  
**1-23-1940** 24 inches of snow blankets area  
**1-23-2008** Clyde Jefferson Davis, respected Pontiac GMC truck dealer for 50 years, died of a heart attack, age 82  
**1-27-1857** Hampden-Sydney student Ned Longhorne kills schoolmate Charles Edie in Cushing Hall in an "affair of honor"  
**1-27-1870** Virginia Senators and Representatives sit in Congress for the first time since 1861

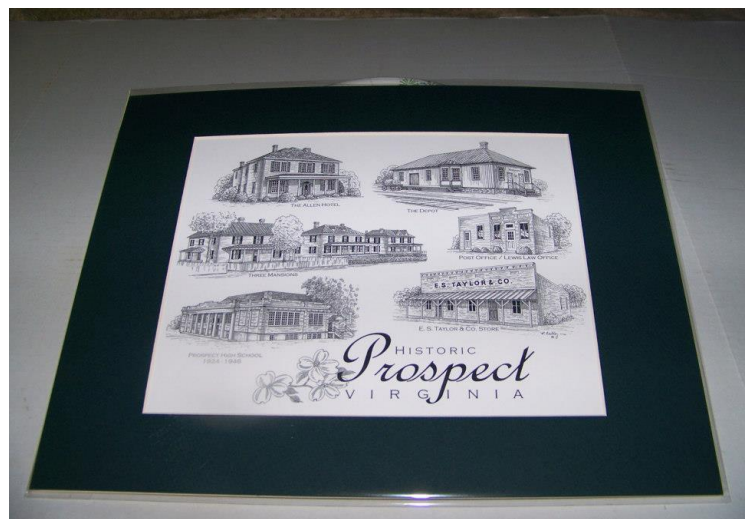
- 12-14-1900** Banquet honoring Joseph Mannoni held at Randolph House  
**12-17-1873** County's first agricultural Grange chapter met near Prospect  
**12-19-1753** Virginia's Royal Governor Dinwiddie signs bill to divide Amelia County, creating Prince Edward County  
**12-22-1795** Virginia General Assembly incorporates the "Upper Appomattox Company" designed to clear the Appomattox River for navigation from Petersburg to Farmville and beyond  
**12-23-1905** Prof. Mattoon severely burned while impersonating Santa Claus at the Normal School.  
**12-24-1844** Col. Charles McKinney Walker, commission merchant, born  
**12-25-1885** Union Seminary faculty reluctantly approves one-day Christmas holiday  
**12-27-1860** Moses Tredway, innkeeper and town trustee, died  
**12-29-1890** Farmville Electric Light, Heat and Power Company franchised  
**12-30-1938** Farmville Manufacturing Company wins bid to build new courthouse

- 1-28-1858** Large fire damages much of downtown Farmville  
**1-28-1891** Dr. Horace Grymes Taliaferro, chief of Confederate General Hospital, died  
**1-29-1922** 24 inches of snow fell  
**1-30-1920** Dr. Peter Winston, physician, druggist, and mayor died at age 84  
**1-31-1977** Gov. Godwin orders strict energy conservation measures

## Annual Review of 2012

108 members – 12 new in 2012  
Deceased – Billy Watkins, John Brinkley

## Prospect Historical Society



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