



## Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546

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May 2013

### **“Growing Up in the Triangle”**

**(Kingsville, Worsham, and Hampden Sydney)**

**James E. Harris, Jr.**

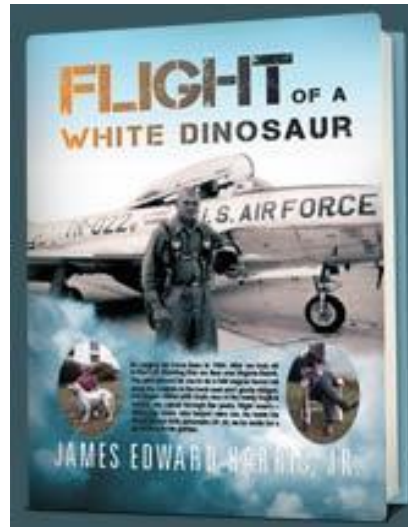
**Tuesday, May 21, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

**Farmville Train Station**

**Guests Always Welcomed**

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

James E. Harris, Jr. will present a program sharing some adventures and experiences on “Growing Up in the Triangle” – (Kingsville, Worsham, and Hampden



Sydney), inspirational people, with “individualism”

galore. Mr. Harris lives in Chesterfield County, is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a B. A. in psychology and also received his MPA from VCU. He is a retired pilot from the U. S. Air Force. Mr. Harris will also have copies of his book

*“Flight of a White Dinosaur.”*

Mr. Harris’ parents ran the Texaco/Esso station at Kingsville. His wife Caryl’s (Shepard) grandparents operated North Gate Texaco.

Mr. Harris said, *“The key for me about Kingsville, and probably anyone else who grew up in a small community in the 1940s and 1950s, is that it instilled family, Christian, and love of country values. The triangle was basically self contained and essential services were all there. You decide: providence or coincidence. I grow up*

*with the transportation world around me. Go to college and then enter the Air Force. Return to civilian life with my pilot's license, take my mother who had never flown but who loved flying on a cross country trip, have my first job after military service in my home town, meet and marry Caryl Shepard with the same background. Enter criminal justice work after family thought/discussions about my civilian calling. In spite of being in and out of Prince Edward Co. my "headquarters" per Mom was always there. My family has been blessed in every way and it's because not only of the triangle and Prince Edward and other parts of Southside Virginia that mean so much to us.”*



Texaco Station – Kingsville – 1925/26

Mr. Harris is currently writing a second book with Mary Nay, previously Womack, originally from Farmville, entitled, *Hardly Handicapped, Life’s Game of What If’s*.

## Upcoming Programs:

June 18, 2013 – program presented by Bob Flippen on *“Historic Points on the Appomattox River.”*  
July 16, 2013 – program by Nathan Ryalls (Class of 2011, Hampden-Sydney College) *“Textbook Published During the Confederacy.”*

## NOW AVAILABLE:



**Farmville Train Station Kits – 17” x 6”, 3 dimensional - \$15.00 (assembly required)**

## This Day in May in Prince Edward County History

- 5-1-1832 Gov. Philip Watkins McKinney born in Buckingham
- 5-2-1894 First official proposal by trustees to move Presbyterian seminary from its 70-year existence at Hampden-Sydney
- 5-3-1905 Farmville Guard left for Richmond to attend funeral of Major General Fitzhugh Lee
- 5-4-1895 Farmville Guard called to Pocahontas to guard working men from violence at the hands of strikers
- 5-4-1901 The first "dry" Saturday in Farmville history; no liquor sales
- 5-5-1942 World War II sugar rationing begins
- 5-5-1996 WFLO tower collapses
- 5-6-1776 William Watts and William Booker elected Prince Edward representatives to convention to establish constitution for Commonwealth, to replace colonial rule
- 5-6-1965 J.J. Newberry Department Store at Third and Main burned.
- 5-7-1846 Town and citizens decide to buy \$100,000 stock to secure railroad service to Farmville; original South Side Railroad proposal would have linked county seats, taking railroad through Worsham
- 5-7-1978 Farmville Flea Market opened at new Randolph Warehouse
- 5-10-1905 Odd Fellows Lodge instituted
- 5-10-1926 Dr. W. E. Anderson died
- 5-11-1964 U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy visits Farmville schools
- 5-12-1894 Farmville Herald begins editorial campaign to keep Union Seminary at Hampden-Sydney
- 5-12-1920 Fire department draft horse "Charlie" drops dead after pulling engine to fire on Buffalo Street
- 5-14-1937 Patterson's Drug Company buys stock of Canada Drug Company
- 5-15-1942 Gasoline rationing began during World War II
- 5-17-1954 U.S. Supreme Court rules on Brown v. Board, unanimously, striking down "separate-but-equal" public education with Prince Edward case included
- 5-20-1834 Birth of Hampden-Sydney president Richard McIlwaine, who represented Prince Edward county in Virginia Constitutional Convention
- 5-23-1901 The Masons meet for the first time in their new Lodge room
- 5-24-1777 Thomas Anderson Morton, who operated first store in Farmville on Second St. opposite Morton's tavern, was born
- 5-24-1833 Death of area famous Congressman John Randolph of Roanoke
- 5-24-1902 Charlotte, Farmville and James River Valley Railroad Company organized
- 5-26-1898 Farmville Guard leaves for service in Spanish-American War
- 5-26-1918 Farmville Guard leaves for service in World War I
- 5-27-1887 J. W. Dunnington, tobacconist, died
- 5-28-1832 Charles H. Erambert, lt. Farmville Guard, photographer, born
- 5-28-1963 Civil War era locomotive "The General" visits Farmville
- 5-29-1736 Birth of Patrick Henry, sometime resident of, and delegate from, Prince Edward
- 5-30-1905 First memorial service for Confederate dead held at the cemetery in Cumberland
- 5-31-1897 Earthquake and aftershocks rattled window panes



April 16, 2013 – Farmville Train Station's 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday presented by Bob Flippen and Jimmy Hurt