



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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June 2013

“The Appomattox River – An Historical Reminiscence”

Bob Flippen

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Farmville Train Station

Guests Always Welcomed

Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.

Bob Flippen, Vice President of the Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society, will present a program about *“The Appomattox River – An Historical Reminiscence.”* Bob is an Education Specialist with High Bridge Trails State Park.



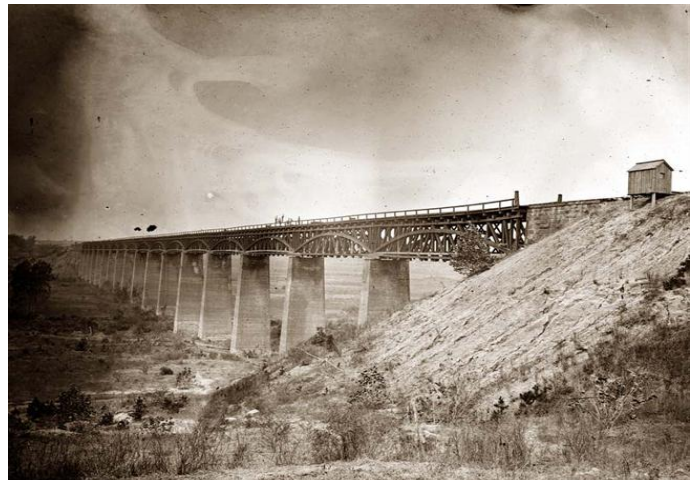
It will explore the many historical sites along its banks. Some of which include Hors du Monde (home of Col.

Henry Skipwith, Cumberland Co.), Jamestown, Venables Mill, High Bridge, Farmville, Stanley Park, and the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad.

The Appomattox River is a tributary of the James River, approximately 157 miles long, in central and eastern Virginia, named for the Appomattocs Indian tribe who lived along its lower banks in the 17th century. The Appomattox River rises in the Piedmont of northeastern Appomattox County, approximately 10 miles northeast of the town of Appomattox. It flows generally southeast through the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest to Farmville. From Farmville it flows in a large arc northeast then southeast across the coastal plain, passing southwest of Richmond and passing through the Lake Chesdin reservoir. It flows through Petersburg, its head of navigation, through the Tri-cities area, then joins the James River from the west at City Point in Hopewell.



Hors du Monde – by Benjamin Henry Latrobe, 1796



High Bridge

Upcoming Programs:

July 16, 2013 – program by Nathan Ryalls (Class of 2011, Hampden-Sydney College) “Textbooks Published During the Confederacy.”

NOW AVAILABLE:



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

This Day in June in Prince Edward County History

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| <p>6-1-2001 Telephone Area Code changes from 804 to 434</p> <p>6-2-1959 Board of Supervisors announces its intention to cease funding of public school system in Prince Edward until further notice</p> <p>6-4-1894 Hampden-Sydney College trustees voted unanimously to oppose "by any legal and moral means" Union Seminary's possible move elsewhere</p> <p>6-5-1788 Prince Edward delegate to Virginia Convention, Patrick Henry, argues against ratifying U.S. Constitution due to centralized power and no bill of rights</p> <p>6-5-1905 Crosses of Honor presented to many Farmville Confederates</p> <p>6-5-1836 Dr. Peter Winston, Surgeon Confederate Hospital, mayor, delegate, born</p> <p>6-6-1749 License issued for Anderson's Ordinary in Worsham area as condition for establishing the new Prince Edward County court there</p> <p>6-6-1907 Charles Bugg, grocer and postmaster, died</p> <p>6-6-1923 Farmville Lions Club chartered</p> <p>6-6-1944 Farmville veterans participate in Normandy invasion (D-Day).</p> <p>6-7-1905 Gov. Montague addressed the graduating class of the Normal School.</p> <p>6-7-1905 Narrow-gauge Farmville and Powhatan Railroad sold and renamed Tidewater and Western, but nicknamed "Tired and Weary"</p> <p>6-8-1791 George Washington crossed the Appomattox River at Rutledge's bridge near end of Bridge Street and spent night in Prince Edward Court House village</p> <p>6-9-1761 Petition sent to Cumberland Court to allow a bridge into Prince Edward</p> <p>6-9-1798 John Woodson surveys the town's first lots</p> <p>6-9-1924 Work starts on Hotel Weyanoke</p> <p>6-10-1926 Confederate Veteran State Convention in Farmville</p> <p>6-10-1943 Cannery opened in the basement of Farmville High School</p> <p>6-11-1926 Confederate veterans go to Appomattox Court House</p> <p>6-12-1926 S. W. Paulett elected State Commander at UCV Convention</p> <p>6-12-1820 R. S. Paulett, Farmville tobacconist, born</p> <p>6-12-1861 The Randolph Guard mustered into service</p> <p>6-12-1934 Council requests a state liquor store be opened in Farmville</p> <p>6-12-1943 Farmville's Lt. Robert L. Gilbert shoots down three Japanese planes during Solomon Islands campaign</p> | <p>6-13-1854 Hampden-Sydney trustees reluctantly acquiesce to actions of Virginia General Assembly assuming governance of the college's Medical Department (now MCV)</p> <p>6-15-1898 Spreading rails causes wreck on Farmville & Powhatan Railroad</p> <p>6-17-1903 Farmville Guard ordered to Richmond to quell labor riots</p> <p>6-17-1942 First darkness to dawn blackout. Air raid preparation</p> <p>6-19-1775 Prince Edward committeemen pass resolutions condemning action of Royal Governor Dunmore in moving gunpowder from Williamsburg</p> <p>6-19-1916 Farmville Guard receive orders to prepare for duty in Mexico</p> <p>6-19-1922 Farmville Creamery began operations</p> <p>6-21-1972 Hurricane Agnes brings Farmville's worst flood.</p> <p>6-22-1914 Rail traffic diverted to the new steel High Bridge which replace the wooden one</p> <p>6-22-1916 Farmville Guard ordered to military duty along U.S.-Mexican border</p> <p>6-23-1918 Robert B. Berkeley, Dr., lawyer, newspaper editor, died</p> <p>6-24-1906 The last services were held in the Methodist Church before the old structure was torn down</p> <p>6-26-1796 Benjamin H. Latrobe arrives at Bizarre</p> <p>6-26-1909 Dr. James L. White, founder White Drug Company, died</p> <p>6-26-1908 Socialist J. L. Fitts, addressed local farmers</p> <p>6-26-1918 Birth of noted Prince Edward entrepreneur-philanthropist J. B. Fuqua</p> <p>6-28-1783 County's eight-year-old Hampden-Sydney College finally officially chartered by Virginia General Assembly</p> <p>6-28-1929 E. H. Irby scores Farmville Golf Club's first hole-in-one</p> <p>6-29-1897 Daughters of the Confederacy gave basket picnic at Lithia Springs.</p> |
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Meetings are held January through November, the third Tuesday of the month at the Farmville Train Station, unless otherwise announced.

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