



## *Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society*

*P.O. Box 546*

*Farmville, Virginia 23901*

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### ***"A Visit from Mrs. Stonewall Jackson"***

***by Beth Reynolds***

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Farmville Train Station**

***Guests Always Welcomed***

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

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE FOR 2014**

All membership fees are now due for the calendar year January – December 2014. You may pay your 2014 fee at our monthly meeting or send to PO Box 546, Farmville, VA 23901 – \$15.00 individual/\$25.00 family.

### **Membership Approves Officers and Executive Board**

The membership approved new officers and new executive board members on February 18, 2014. According to Article VI, Section 6.02 "The officers shall serve a two-year term and can serve up to three (3) successive terms. Terms shall begin on January 1st." According to Article IV, Section 4.03, "The term of office for each director shall be three (3) years. Directors shall not serve on the Board more than two (2) successive terms."

<b>President</b>	Kay Whitfield – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 yr. term	<b>Historian</b>	Billy Poulston – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 yr. term
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Flippen "		
<b>Secretary</b>	Dale Bolt "	<b>Board of Directors</b>	Tom Dennison – 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 yr. term
<b>Treasurer</b>	Phyllis Guilliams "		Marianne Dennison "

Continuing on the board are Edwina Covington, Julian Covington, Allison Stokes Martin, Jimmy Hurt, and Rev. Dr. William E. Thompson, who are all in their 1<sup>st</sup> 3 year term that will end January 2015.

### **Beth Reynolds portrays Anna Jackson**

Beth Reynolds portrays Mary Anna Morrison Jackson (July 21, 1831, Lincoln Co., NC – March 24, 1915, Charlotte, NC), the beloved wife of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Her presentation will focus on the life of Anna and Thomas during the Civil War. It is a very romantic type of story. Gen. Jackson will also attend the program.

Mary Anna Morrison was the daughter of Robert Hall Morrison, a Presbyterian minister and first President of Davidson College. Her mother, Mary Graham, was the niece of William Alexander Graham, a Senator and later Governor of North Carolina, and also a Senator in the Confederate Congress. Anna received her formal education at Salem Academy (now Salem College).

Anna was introduced to Thomas Jackson by her sister Isabella, who was married to Daniel Harvey Hill, a professor at Washington College (W&L), in Lexington, VA. They were married July 16, 1857 in Lincolnton,



NC. They purchased a brick house in Lexington, where they lived from 1858 to the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. Their first daughter died in infancy in 1858. Their second child, Julia Laura, was born in Charlotte, NC on November 23, 1862.

Anna lived with relatives in Charlotte during the war. She visited her husband after he was mortally wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville, and was at his bedside when he died on May 10, 1863. Anna never remarried after her husband's death; living with her father after the war, until moving to Charlotte in 1873 while Julia completed her education. Her daughter, Julia, had two children before she died in 1889, at the age of twenty-six, which Anna then reared. Anna frequently attended Confederate veterans' reunions and wrote two books on her husband.

Anna Jackson died in Charlotte, NC on March 24, 1915, at the age of eighty-three. She was buried with full military honors next to her husband and daughters at the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery in Lexington.

## Author of Hatfields and McCoys book to speak at Longwood

Dean King, an award-winning and best-selling author whose nonfiction books include a recent account of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, will speak Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in Longwood University's Wygal Auditorium.

The event, free and open to the public will include a book signing at 8 p.m. by the historian, adventurer and journalist from Richmond, who has chased historical and maritime adventure stories across several continents, often retracing his character's footsteps.

The most recent of King's 10 books, *The Feud: The Hatfields & McCoys, The True Story*, was published in May 2013 to critical acclaim. *USA Today* gave it "4 Stars," and the *Wall Street Journal* called it "popular history as it ought to be written." King, whose magazine stories have appeared in *Granta*, *Garden & Gun* and *Outside* magazine, among others, was the producer of the History Channel reality documentary series "Hatfields & McCoys: White Lightning," which evolved from his research. He has been the chief storyteller on two History Channel documentaries.

## New Member – Helen Persons – Farmville (Executive Director of Downtown Farmville)

### March in Prince Edward County History

- 3-1-1841 Blanche Kelso Bruce, first black U.S. Senator (elected from Mississippi), born in Farmville
- 3-1-1899 Gov. P.W. McKinney died at his home in Farmville
- 3-1-1917 Farmville Guard returned from Mexican Expedition.
- 3-1-1943 World War II canned goods rationing began
- 3-2-1942 World War II defense training classes begin for Prince Edward citizens
- 3-2-1964 Prince Edward Hotel collapses while under renovation
- 3-3-1884 Farmville and Powhatan Railroad chartered (narrow-gauge line to James River)
- 3-4-1903 Tobacco factory known as "Dunlop's" burned, half million pounds of tobacco lost
- 3-4-1913 Farmville Guard marches at Woodrow Wilson's Inaugural
- 3-4-1949 East wing of State Teachers College burned, displacing 46 students
- 3-5-1839 Farmville Female Seminary established by local supporters (official birth date of Longwood University)
- 3-5-1846 The South Side Rail Road chartered
- 3-6-1935 Birth of Barbara Johns, organizer of 1951 student strike at Moton School
- 3-7-1884 Virginia General Assembly passes law establishing State Female Normal School to train teachers at the already-existing "female seminary"
- 3-7-1886 State Female Normal School incorporated
- 3-7-1921 J.B. Wall purchased *The Farmville Herald*
- 3-8-1938 Farmville Rotary Club organized
- 3-10-1816 Judith Randolph, Farmville's "matriarch" died in Richmond, far from Bizarre plantation
- 3-12-1896 Farmville Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy organized
- 3-12-1956 "Southern Manifesto" introduced in U.S. Congress as regional attempt to offset effects of *Brown v. Board of*

### Education

- 3-13-1926 Devastating fire on Main Street. Burns 8 buildings in seven hours
- 3-13-1974 Uniroyal began finishing golf balls in the Farmville plant
- 3-15-1781 Peter Francisco and dozens of Prince Edward volunteers support Continental Gen. Greene at Battle of Guilford C. H. in North Carolina
- 3-15-1924 Star Warehouse burned to the ground
- 3-17-1917 Garden Club organized
- 3-19-1872 Last session held in 118-year old county court at Worsham
- 3-20-1775 Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech in Richmond
- 3-20-1821 Hampden-Sydney trustees begin plans for its signature building New College (Cushing Hall)
- 3-21-1891 Gen. Joseph Eggleston Johnston died in Washington D.C.
- 3-21-1903 All saloons closed under the dispensary act
- 3-22-1807 Former U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr spends night as prisoner at Prince Edward tavern on the way to his trial for treason
- 3-23-1861 The tobacco factory of Peters & Blanton burned
- 3-23-1902 "Billy" the *Herald's* office mocking bird found dead
- 3-24-1975 Amtrak's first stop in town "The Mountaineer" made the pull
- 3-26-1872 First session of carpetbagger-sanctioned county court at relocated judicial site in Farmville
- 3-27-1837 Farmville and Danville Railroad Co. chartered
- 3-28-1954 Fluorine is added to the water supply
- 3-28-1962 Martin Luther King, Jr., visits Farmville in support of reopening the public school system
- 3-29-1897 McDaniel family opens county's first private school for black children
- 3-29-1957 Hampden-Sydney's McIlwaine Hall burns under suspicious circumstances
- 3-31-1938 Farmville Rotary Club chartered