



## ***Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society***

***P.O. Box 546***

***Farmville, Virginia 23901***

***April, 2014***

### ***"Irregular Warfare in the Confederacy"***

***by Karissa Marken***

**Tuesday, April 15, 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.

**Karissa Marken** will present a PowerPoint presentation for the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. She grew up in the "Prince Edward portion of Meherrin" and is the daughter of Jonathan Marken from Farmville



Printing. Karissa attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. She currently is in her third year at Liberty University in the history graduate program. She has a dog named Mosby, likes to bake, and likes baseball. She recently had an article published entitled *"The Stories Behind 12 Seemingly Obvious Baseball Rules."*

### ***"Raiders, Rangers, and Rogues: Irregular Warfare in the Confederacy"***

"Pro-Confederate and pro-Union bushwhackers and guerrillas terrorized their opponents and implemented their own law and order in areas the regular army did not control, while partisan rangers and cavalry raiders contributed tactical advantages to the war effort. By the end of the conflict, neither the Confederate government nor the Union military could effectively control or counter irregular warfare, and the chaos caused some states to threaten to secede from the Confederacy. This talk will examine the three components of irregular warfare and some of their key figures, including William Quantrill, John Mosby, Jesse McNeill, and John Hunt Morgan. It will also discuss how continuing the war through guerrilla means was a viable option, and why the Confederate leaders ultimately rejected it."



The photo on the left is of Colonel John Singleton Mosby (1833-1916), *"The Gray Ghost"* of the Confederacy – the ranger, fugitive, friend of President U. S. Grant, diplomat, and inspiration for a 1950's television show. He was born in Powhatan County, attended Hampden-Sydney College for two

years (his father was a HSC graduate) and graduated from the University of Virginia. In 1857, he established a law practice in Howardsville, Virginia, where he met and married Pauline Clarke. They would eventually have 3 children. He led the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Cavalry, known as *Mosby's Rangers* or *Mosby's Raiders*. Of his exploits in the war, he wrote "It is a classical maxim that it is sweet and becoming to die for one's country; but whoever has seen the horrors of a battlefield feels that it is far sweeter to live for it."

## Upcoming Meeting – May 20, 2014

"Joel Sweeney & the Banjo" – presented by David Wooldridge.



David is a Museum Technician with Appomattox Court House National Historic Park.

Appomattox Court House was the birthplace of Joel Sweeney (1810-1860) – the first documented white banjo player. Joel, along with the rest of his musical family, including a brother who



spent the Civil War playing as "Jeb Stuart's personal minstrel," went on to

become the preeminent name in early banjo history helping to bring the banjo into popular American music and culture.

## April in Prince Edward County History

- 4-2-1905 The first black Baptist Church freed itself of indebtedness
- 4-3-1944 Gov. Darden attends banquet honoring the local company of Virginia State Guard
- 4-4-1902 "The Gladiator" opens at the Opera House
- 4-6-1865 Confederate forces are defeated in several battles along Saylor's Creek
- 4-7-1865 High Bridge partially burned; skirmish at Worsham; Federals occupy Hampden-Sydney; battles at Cumberland Church and Plank Road, Farmville occupied
- 4-7-1865 Gen. U. S. Grant, staying at Randolph House hotel, sends a note to Lee encouraging surrender
- 4-8-1865 U.S. Army segments consolidate at Prospect depot en route to Appomattox Court House
- 4-8-1896 Odd Fellows Lodge organized
- 4-9-1865 Army of Northern Virginia surrenders to Gen. Grant at Appomattox Court House
- 4-10-1865 Gen. Grant spends night near Prospect United Methodist Church
- 4-10-1922 First motorized fire truck acquired
- 4-12 -1861 Regional Congressman Roger Pryor helps to open fire on Fort Sumter
- 4-12-1892 Farmville Populist Party organized
- 4-12-1917 Farmville Guard dispatched to St. Paul, Virginia, to guard bridges and tunnels
- 4-13-1803 Initial meeting of board of Buffalo Circulating Library
- 4-13-1920 Mrs. Martha E. Forrester holds first meeting of her Council of Negro Women
- 4-14-1938 Asa Dickinson Watkins, sheriff, judge, commonwealth attorney, died
- 4-14-1974 Coronary Intensive Care Unit opens at Southside Community Hospital
- 4-15-1895 Thornton-Pickett Camp of United Confederate Veterans organized
- 4-15-1933 Roy Clark born nearby in Meherrin
- 4-15-1987 Farmville-Prince Edward Community Library opens; formed

by merger of Reading Room and Public Library

- 4-16-1865 Memorial service for President Lincoln is held in Farmville Presbyterian Church
- 4-17-1924 B. M. Cox, sheriff, postmaster, Normal School business manager, died
- 4-21-1861 County representative J. T. Thornton votes for Virginia secession (vote: 88-55)
- 4-21-1936 Farmville High School burns
- 4-22-1866 Henry Watkins Allen dies in exile in Mexico City
- 4-22-1892 Birth of civil rights leader, Dr. Vernon Johns, near Darlington Heights
- 4-22-1901 Constitutionality of the Dispensary argued before Judge George Hundley
- 4-23-1919 Carter Glass trophy train came to Farmville displaying captured World War I weapons and material
- 4-23-1951 450 Moton High School students stage strike, protesting inadequate facilities
- 4-24-2001 The Rotunda and Ruffner East and West destroyed by fire; Grainger Hall destroyed beyond repair
- 4-25-1946 Thomas Hardy Graham VFW Post organized.
- 4-25-1953 Robert Morris Chapter Order of the Eastern Star initiated
- 4-26-1924 Taylor Manufacturing Company located end of Buffalo Street burned
- 4-27-1905 Lodge No. 200 Odd Fellows organized here
- 4-27-1951 Farmville Herald dismisses Moton student strike as a "lack of discipline"
- 4-29-1820 Henry Watkins Allen, Brigadier General, CSA, and governor of Louisiana born near Farmville
- 4-29-1895 Philanthropist Lewis Ginter offers Richmond site for relocating Union Seminary
- 4-29-1901 All saloons in Farmville closed by liquor Dispensary law
- 4-29-1903 Farmville N&W Passenger Station opened
- 4-29-1916 Farmville Dispensary closes
- 4-30-1904 Colonel Richard A. Booker, Captain of Farmville Guard, tobacconist and proprietor of Randolph House, died