



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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June 2014

"Battle of Staunton River Bridge"

by J. Shane Newcombe & Janet Johnson

Tuesday, June 17, 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 past 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. This is the final notice for 2014. This will be your last newsletter if not paid this month.

"Battle of Staunton River Bridge" will be presented by J. Shane Newcombe (Vice-President) and Janet Johnson (President), of the Staunton River Foundation.

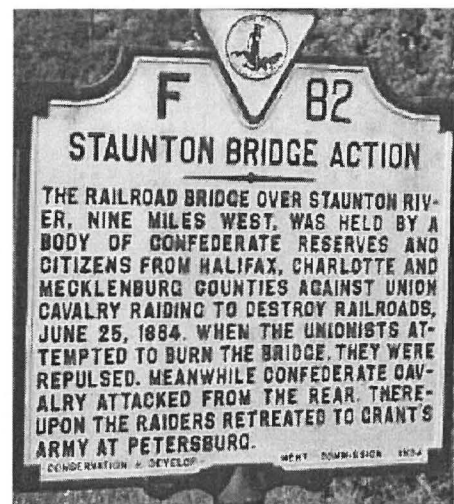
The program will be a PowerPoint presentation with handouts, posters, and artifacts of the fort. They will cover all important elements: battle history, directions, things to do, schedule of events, ticket prices and more.



A Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Staunton River Bridge will be held the weekend of June 21 -22, 2014. Tickets are \$12 Saturday/ \$8 Sunday. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://squareup.com/market/historic-staunton-river-foundation-inc>. They will be having Mr. Seldon Richardson, the great-great grandson of Confederate Capt. Benjamin L. Farinholt (who defended the bridge 3 times again the invading Yankees), who will give the initial command to begin the battle at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday.

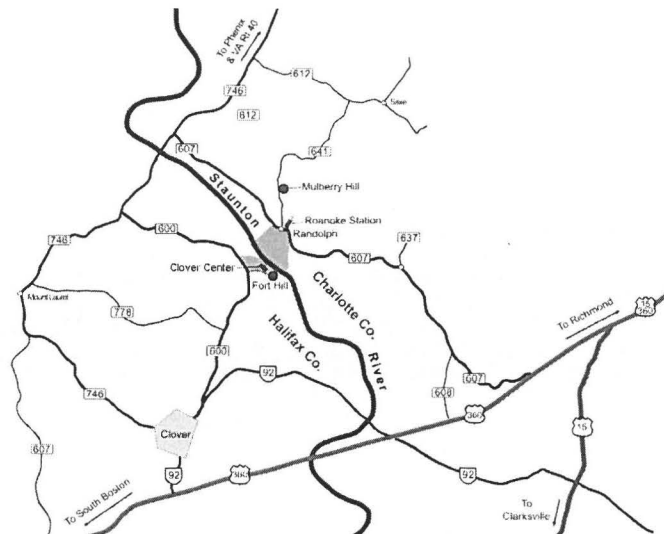
The **Battle of Staunton River Bridge** was an engagement on June 25, 1864, between Union and Confederate forces during Wilson-Kautz Raid of the American Civil War. The battle took place around the Staunton River Bridge, over the Staunton River, in Halifax and Charlotte counties, Virginia.

The defense of the Staunton River Bridge ensured the survival of the Richmond & Danville rail supply line, which was a key part of the chain supplying the besieged Confederate forces in Petersburg. However, Lee was forced to abandon Petersburg in April 1865 when his supply lines were finally cut.



Battle of Staunton River Bridge 2014 Event Schedule

June 19 – Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check-in – 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reenactors, Sutlers, Vendors
June 20 – Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check-in – 9:00 am to 12:00 midnight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reenactors, Sutlers, Vendors Park opens to spectators – 9:00 am Reenactors must carry their provost pass at all time. Park closes to spectators – Dusk
June 21 – Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reveille – 7:00 am Check-in – 7:00 am to 10:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reenactors, Sutlers, Vendors Park opens to spectators – 8:00 am Camps open to spectators – 9:00 am Military Service Awards presented by the United Daughters of the Confederacy Halifax Chapter 1321 – 9:00 am to 9:30 am Recognition of the Soldiers, Old Men, and Young Boys of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge – 9:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wreath Laying at Fort Hill Photograph of the Descendants of the Soldiers, Old Men, and Young Boys Tour of Mulberry Hill – 12:00 noon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted by the H. A. Carrington and Halifax Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Union Communication Signal Corps Living History (throughout the day) Tactical Demonstration – 2:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of Colonel Henry E. Coleman Battle of Staunton River Bridge (scripted) – 3:20 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seldon Richardson to give initial command Great great grandson of Captain Benjamin L. Farnholt Pass and Review Camps close to spectators – 5:30 pm Civil War Music – 8:00 pm Night Cannon Demonstration – 9:00 pm Park closes to spectators – 10:00 pm Taps – 11:00 pm, all quiet
June 22 – Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park opens to spectators – 8:00 am Camps open to spectators – 9:00 am Living History (throughout the day) Church Service – 9:00 am, Spectators are welcomed to attend Camps close to spectators – 12:00 noon Battle of Staunton River Bridge (scripted) – 1:00 pm Final Pass and Review Park closes to spectators – Dusk



For more information:

<http://www.historicstauntonriverfoundation.org/>

Upcoming Meetings:

July 15 – Phyllis Guilliams, Life in Japan and a Historic Japanese Dolls Collection

August 19 – Rena' Koesler, A Trip to Nepal.

www.longwood.edu/staff/koeslerra/NEPAL.HTM

June in Prince Edward County History

- 6-1-2001** Telephone Area Code changes from 804 to 434
- 6-2-1959** Board of Supervisors announces its intention to cease funding of public school system in Prince Edward until further notice
- 6-4-1894** Hampden-Sydney College trustees voted unanimously to oppose "by any legal and moral means" Union Seminary's possible move elsewhere
- 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
- 6-5-1905** Crosses of Honor presented to many Farmville Confederates
- 6-5-1836** Dr. Peter Winston, Surgeon Confederate Hospital, mayor, delegate, born
- 6-6-1749** License issued for Anderson's Ordinary in Worsham area as condition for establishing the new Prince Edward County court there
- 6-6-1907** Charles Bugg, grocer and postmaster, died
- 6-6-1923** Farmville Lions Club chartered
- 6-6-1944** Farmville veterans participate in Normandy invasion (D-Day).
- 6-7-1905** Gov. Montague addressed the graduating class of the Normal School.
- 6-7-1905** Narrow-gauge Farmville and Powhatan Railroad sold and renamed Tidewater and Western, but nicknamed "Tired and Weary"
- 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
- 6-9-1761** Petition sent to Cumberland Court to allow a bridge into Prince Edward
- 6-9-1798** John Woodson surveys the town's first lots
- 6-9-1924** Work starts on Hotel Weyanoke
- 6-10-1926** Confederate Veteran State Convention in Farmville
- 6-10-1943** Cannery opened in the basement of Farmville High School
- 6-11-1926** Confederate veterans go to Appomattox Court House
- 6-12-1926** S. W. Paulett elected State Commander at UCV Convention
- 6-12-1820** R. S. Paulett, Farmville tobacconist, born

- 6-12-1861** The Randolph Guard mustered into service
- 6-12-1934** Council requests a state liquor store be opened in Farmville
- 6-12-1943** Farmville's Lt. Robert L. Gilbert shoots down three Japanese planes during Solomon Islands campaign
- 6-13-1854** Hampden-Sydney trustees reluctantly acquiesce to actions of Virginia General Assembly assuming governance of the college's Medical Department (now MCV)
- 6-15-1898** Spreading rails causes wreck on Farmville & Powhatan Railroad
- 6-17-1903** Farmville Guard ordered to Richmond to quell labor riots
- 6-17-1942** First darkness to dawn blackout. Air raid preparation
- 6-19-1775** Prince Edward committeemen pass resolutions condemning action of Royal Governor Dunmore in moving gunpowder from Williamsburg
- 6-19-1916** Farmville Guard receive orders to prepare for duty in Mexico
- 6-19-1922** Farmville Creamery began operations
- 6-21-1972** Hurricane Agnes brings Farmville's worst flood.
- 6-22-1914** Rail traffic diverted to the new steel High Bridge which replace the wooden one
- 6-22-1916** Farmville Guard ordered to military duty along U.S.-Mexican border
- 6-23-1918** Robert B. Berkeley, Dr., lawyer, newspaper editor, died
- 6-24-1906** The last services were held in the Methodist Church before the old structure was torn down
- 6-26-1796** Benjamin H. Latrobe arrives at Bizarre
- 6-26-1909** Dr. James L. White, founder White Drug Company, died
- 6-26-1908** Socialist J. L. Fitts, addressed local farmers
- 6-26-1918** Birth of noted Prince Edward entrepreneur-philanthropist J. B. Fuqua
- 6-28-1783** County's eight-year-old Hampden-Sydney College finally officially chartered by Virginia General Assembly
- 6-28-1929** E. H. Irby scores Farmville Golf Club's first hole-in-one
- 6-29-1897** Daughters of the Confederacy gave basket picnic at Lithia Springs.