



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546

Farmville, Virginia 23901

January, 2014

“Show & Tell”

Bring something old, unusual, or a conversation piece to share with the group

Tuesday, January 21, 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.

Nominees for Officers and Executive Board

The Executive Board reviewed the terms of office for officers and board members according to the Society's By-Laws. 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.”

The Executive Board suggests the following slate of new officers and new executive board members.

President	Kay Whitfield	Historian	Billy Poulston
Vice President	Bob Flippen		
Secretary	Dale Bolt	Board of Directors	Tom Dennison
Treasurer	Phyllis Guilliams		Marianne Dennison

Additional nominations and discussion are open from the floor before voting during the January 21st meeting. Continuing on the board are Edwina Covington, Julian Covington, Allison Stokes Martin, Jimmy Hurt, and Rev. Dr. William E. Thompson.

Thanks to Jo D. Smith, Margaret Stockton, and Richard Stocking for serving on the board. They each served two 3 year terms and are ineligible to serve at the present time.

November in Prince Edward County History

- 11-1-1926 The Longwood Garden Club
- 11-2-1908 Free mail delivery began in Farmville
- 11-3-1857 66 Negro slaves emancipated in the will of John Watson begin the journey to resettlement in Liberia
- 11-3-1941 The old electric plant at foot of Randolph Street burned
- 11-7-1898 A.A. Cox's livery stable burns with 9 horses
- 11-7-1908 County historian Herbert Clarence Bradshaw born in Rice
- 11-8-1917 R. A. Baldwin died, founder of Baldwin's
- 11-9-1895 First fire fought with water from a plug. Mrs. Sallie Hunt's residence on Baptist Hill
- 11-10-1900 The First National Bank organized
- 11-11-1918 Farmville holds large nighttime celebration for World War I armistice declaration
- 11-12-1905 Lutheran Church dedicated.
- 11-13-1912 The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians have numerous religious conversions take place.
- 11-15-1890 The Farmville *Herald* begins publication
- 11-17-1753 Bill passes colonial Assembly to divide Amelia

- County, creating Prince Edward County
- 11-17-1894 County voters reject bond issue for 7-mile connection to Hampden-Sydney
- 11-17-1923 South wing of Normal School burned
- 11-18-1926 Southside Community Hospital opened
- 11-19-1867 Birth of noted educator and longtime Longwood president, Joseph L. Jarman
- 11-22-1875 Death of pioneer surgeon and medical educator, Dr. John Peter Mettauer
- 11-23-1893 Z.A. Blanton, Captain Farmville Guard, councilman, Planters Bank assistant cashier, died.
- 11-23-1902 Death of famed medical researcher Dr. Walter Reed, a childhood resident of Prince Edward
- 11-25-1836 Farmville Baptist Church organized
- 11-26-1917 Construction begins on a new Post Office, present-day U.S. Federal Building
- 11-29-1796 Petition presented to Virginia General Assembly for founding Jamestown, on the Appomattox River east of Farmville
- 11-29-1942 World War II coffee rationing began.

December in Prince Edward County History

- 12-1-1904** First rural mail route opens in county; it would not be free until 1930's
- 12-1-1947** Southside Council on Health Care organized
- 12-1-1892** J. R. Martin elected Captain, Farmville Guard
- 12-2-1836** N. E. Venable, Confederate marine, druggist, born
- 12-3-1940** H.C. Crute, druggist and water works patron, died
- 12-4-1890** Petition presented to Farmville Town Council to obtain electric service
- 12-5-1944** George M. Robeson, founder of Farmville Manufacturing Company and international plow-handle mogul, died
- 12-4-1969** Steeple replaced on the Presbyterian Church
- 12-8-1899** W. W. H. Thackston, mayor, Virginia Dental Association founder, died
- 12-9-1952** U.S. Supreme Court hearings begin on appeals by Prince Edward and other jurisdictions on "separate-but-equal" public school systems
- 12-11-1850** Farmville Lodge No. 41 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons chartered by Grand Lodge of Virginia
- 12-11-1889** Baptist Church has memorial service for Jefferson Davis
- 12-12-1849** Walter Grey Dunnington, tobacconist, born

January in Prince Edward County History

- 1-1-1754** Colonial act establishing Prince Edward County takes effect
- 1-1-1824** Union Theological Seminary formally opens at Hampden-Sydney
- 1-2-1898** Fire in Farmville destroys over thirty buildings originating at the corner of Third and North in the Lumpkin factory. Powder kegs exploded raining fire on the town.
- 1-2-1894** Farmville Guard escort former Gov. McKinney back to Farmville.
- 1-3-1933** Farmville Mills burned.
- 1-4-1898** Death of R. L. Dabney, famous Presbyterian theologian, architect, and former county luminary, in Texas
- 1-5-1942** Tire rationing began in WW II
- 1-8-1754** First convening of Prince Edward County court
- 1-8-2004** Commemorative postmark, first day issue, 250th anniversary for Prince Edward County
- 1-14-1813** Virginia General Assembly declares the Buffalo River a "public highway" from its mouth at Farmville to Carter's Mill
- 1-14-1904** Farmville Dispensary opened.
- 1-15-1798** Farmville's birthday. Established by act of the Virginia General Assembly.
- 1-17-1898** B.S. Hooper, Republican congressman (1883-1885) from Farmville, died.
- 1-18-1952** Pedestrian lights installed at Third & Main
- 1-18-1980** Death of county's noted civil rights leader, Rev. L.

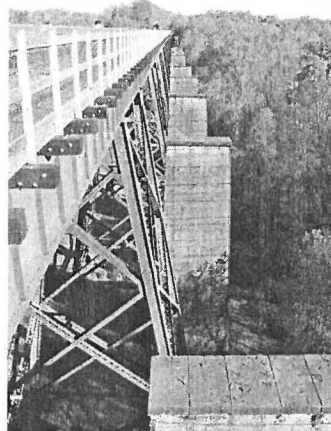
- 12-14-1900** Banquet honoring Joseph Mannoni held at Randolph House
- 12-17-1873** County's first agricultural Grange chapter met near Prospect
- 12-19-1753** Virginia's Royal Governor Dinwiddie signs bill to divide Amelia County, creating Prince Edward County
- 12-22-1795** Virginia General Assembly incorporates the "Upper Appomattox Company" designed to clear the Appomattox River for navigation from Petersburg to Farmville and beyond
- 12-23-1905** Prof. Mattoon severely burned while impersonating Santa Claus at the Normal School.
- 12-24-1844** Col. Charles McKinney Walker, commission merchant, born
- 12-25-1885** Union Seminary faculty reluctantly approves one-day Christmas holiday
- 12-27-1860** Moses Tredway, innkeeper and town trustee, died
- 12-29-1890** Farmville Electric Light, Heat and Power Company franchised
- 12-30-1938** Farmville Manufacturing Company wins bid to build new courthouse

Francis Griffin

- 1-20-1977** The Red Lyon was destroyed by fire.
- 1-21-1880** P.H. Jackson, tobacconist and host to Robert E. Lee, died.
- 1-22-1821** Dr. James T. Spencer born
- 1-22-1869** U.S. military replaces 52-year Clerk of Court Branch Worsham with carpetbagger appointee Joseph Jorgenson
- 1-22-1901** The First National Bank opened its doors for business
- 1-22-1905** T. J. Davis, Farmville grocer, died aged 80 years
- 1-23-1940** 24 inches of snow blankets area
- 1-23-2008** Clyde Jefferson Davis, respected Pontiac GMC truck dealer for 50 years, died of a heart attack, age 82
- 1-27-1857** Hampden-Sydney student Ned Longhorne kills schoolmate Charles Edie in Cushing Hall in an "affair of honor"
- 1-27-1870** Virginia Senators and Representatives sit in Congress for the first time since 1861
- 1-28-1858** Large fire damages much of downtown Farmville
- 1-28-1891** Dr. Horace Grymes Taliaferro, chief of Confederate General Hospital, died
- 1-29-1922** 24 inches of snow fell
- 1-30-1920** Dr. Peter Winston, physician, druggist, and mayor died at age 84
- 1-31-1977** Gov. Godwin orders strict energy conservation measures



Prince Edward County Clerk's Office and Courthouse – 1915



High Bridge Trail State Park

