



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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September 2014

“Confederado” and “Women of War”

by Casey Clabough

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Farmville Train Station

Guests Always Welcomed

Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.

Casey Clabough is the author of the travel memoir *The Warrior's Path: Reflections Along an Ancient Route*, the memoir *SCHOOLED: Life Lessons of a College Professor*, the novel *Confederado*, *Women of War: Selected Memoirs, Poems and Fiction*, a biography of southern writer George Garrett, six scholarly books on southern and Appalachian writers, and *Idiot's Guide to Creative Writing*. Clabough serves as editor of the literature section of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities' *Encyclopedia Virginia*, general editor of the literary journal *James Dickey Review*, and series editor of the multi-volume



“Best Creative Nonfiction of the South.” His work has appeared in over a hundred anthologies and magazines, including *Creative Nonfiction*, the *Sewanee Review*, and the *Virginia Quarterly Review*. Clabough’s awards include the Bangladesh International Literary Award, an Artists Grant from the Brazilian Government, and several U.S. based fellowships. He lives on a farm in Appomattox, Virginia and runs the English graduate program at Lynchburg College. His mother is Jenny Whitaker and his father is Howard Clabough. Dr. Clabough earned his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and his PhD from the University of South Carolina where he studied under the author James Dickey until he passed away during his first year in Columbia.



A Novel of the Americas



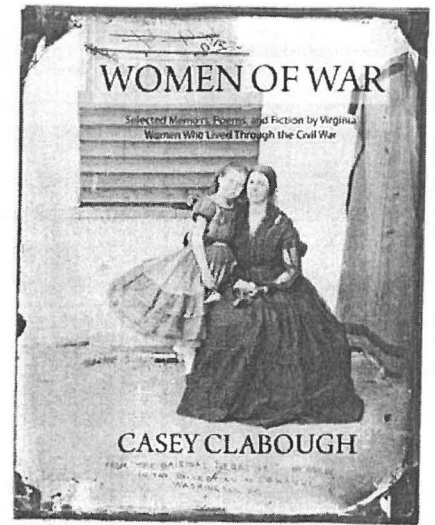
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Confederado: A Novel of the Americas – Alvis Stevens, a Confederate soldier of central Virginia, has a price on his head. The death of one abusive federal occupation soldier in the wake of the Civil War weighs more heavily upon him than all of the men he killed during the conflict as a member of Mosby's Rangers. The devastation visited upon the South has already forced some of its citizens to seek new lives abroad. Alvis seeks to evade his pursuers and join the migration to Brazil. Based on a true story and rich in historical events and personages, *Confederado* records one man’s epic adventure across wars and hemispheres.

Women of War: Selected Memoirs, Poems, and Fiction by Virginia Women Who Lived Through the Civil War – In their variety, the memoir, poetry, and fiction included in this exciting new anthology show the transitory nature of the literature of southern women who lived through a violent and defining crossroads in their lives. In rare and rediscovered excerpts and

verses these women writers evidence the early hopes of a cause destined to be lost, the propagandic rhetoric which accompanied it, and the destruction ultimately visited upon them, their homes, and their families. Paradoxically, even as these women defended and spoke out for a cause concerned in

part with extending human bondage, they found themselves forced to experience the harsh wind of freedom and personal agency as their husbands, sons, and fathers abandoned them to their homes and, in many cases, never returned. Dr. Clabough has chosen these pieces carefully and arranged them chronologically or thematically depending on the content of each genre. A book that should prove useful to literary scholars, historians, and anyone possessed on an interest in the Civil War, *Women of War* brings to light a cornucopia of heretofore obscure women's writings which enrich our understanding of a complex, unsettling time unmatched in our nation's history. This new book includes writings by women from places like Richmond, Amelia, and Lynchburg.



Upcoming Meetings:

October 21 – “*The Blueway*” – by Damien Fehrer, Friends of the Appomattox River. The Farmville Blueway includes portions of Buffalo Creek and the Appomattox River and is approximately 4 miles of water trails. Making these streams easily accessible will serve the public interest and add vitality to our community by making an area rich in natural and human history available for all to discover. It will provide recreational and educational opportunities for the community, while allowing our community to reap economic and social benefits from the river while maintaining their natural, historic, and scenic value.

Donations – the Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society gladly accepts donations of historical artifacts, both from this locality and items of other importance. See Billy Poulston, historian, or any officer or member of the Board of Directors, to donate.

September in Prince Edward County History

9-1-1775 Williamsburg newspaper carries first advertisement for new college for men to open sometime that fall in Prince Edward

9-1-1902 30 cars of processed tobacco leave for Norway

9-1-1891 Farmville Silver Band organized

9-2-1964 County's public school system reopens as an integrated system, after being closed for five years

9-3-1831 Union Seminary founder John Holt Rice dies

9-3-1906 The first brick of the Methodist church was laid in northwest corner

9-4-1919 Farmville turns out to welcome its returning World War I veterans

9-5-1898 Union Theological Seminary moves to Richmond

9-5-1935 Hurricane-spawned tornado damages trees and buildings at Hampden-Sydney and Kingsville

9-6-1893 Noted Negro, Goliath Armistead died

9-6-1933 Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Warehousemen's Association organized at Planters Warehouse

9-6-1933 Farmville Council approves sale of "near beer" (3.2% alcohol)

9-7-1897 Norfolk & Western Railroad fined by Mayor Burton for excessive speed in town

9-9-1885 Opera House contracted to be built by Burton and Davis

9-11-1934 Farmville's ABC store opened

9-13-1944 Honor Roll of World War II veterans unveiled on Courthouse lawn

9-15-1907 Prof. August Schemmel, opens Farmville's Conservatory of Music

9-17-1862 Prominent county lawyer J. T. Thornton is mortally wounded in battle at Sharpsburg, Maryland

9-20-1809 Missouri governor and Confederate Major General Sterling Price born near Hampden-Sydney

9-22-1865 High Bridge reopens to regular traffic five months after being burned during the retreat

9-22-1914 County voters approve (640-205) request for statewide Prohibition

9-23-1890 After a bitterly contested election, Republican Party seats black educator J. M. Langston as this district's U.S. Congressman

9-23-1923 Birth of county's famed soldier and educator, Lt. Gen. Samuel V. Wilson

9-24-1776 Buffalo Presbyterian Church Session adopts "Petition for Religious Liberty" which was eventually sent to Virginia House of Delegates

9-24-1890 Tobacconist, J.W. Dunnington, born

9-25-1869 Rev. Daniel Witt baptizes over forty people in Miller's mill pond

9-25-1922 Charles Edward Burrell published *A History of Prince Edward County, Virginia from its Formation in 1753, to the Present*

9-25-1912 Fire Prevention Bureau meets and Farmville businesses pass inspection

9-28-1728 First known land grant to settler in Prince Edward area goes to Richard Jarvis, Jr., for property along the Bush River

9-28-1917 *Birth of a Nation* plays at the Normal School auditorium

9-28-1955 The old armory on Main Street was sold at auction for \$45,000

9-30-1933 County voters approve bond issue to build present courthouse