



## Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546

Farmville, Virginia 23901

January, 2015

# Show & Tell

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

**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Farmville Train Station**

**Guests Always Welcomed**

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

## Membership Fees Due For 2015

All membership fees are now due for the calendar year January – December 2015. You may pay your 2015 fee at our monthly meeting or send to PO Box 546, Farmville, VA 23901 – \$15.00 individual/\$25.00 family.

## Vacancy in Office of Secretary

Due to the untimely passing of the society's secretary, Dale Bolt, the office of secretary is vacant at this time.

The secretary's duties are to take the minutes at all board meetings, to report those minutes at the following meeting, and to store the minutes and other correspondence of the society.

Someone else is needed to compose the monthly newsletter (January through October). The president and treasurer are responsible for the printing and distribution.

Please submit suggested replacements to President Kay Whitfield.

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"The Farmville Coal and Iron Company owns several thousand acres of land, divided approximately as follows: Nine hundred acres of town property, beautifully located and offering most desirable sites for homes, business houses and manufacturing plants; fifteen hundred acres of coal property, consisting of at least six workable seams of coal. This coal is semi-bituminous in character, and admirably adapted for steam and domestic purposes....The company has secured, by purchase, the options over two thousand acres of iron-ore land, which contains three distinct seams of ore lying in parallel....All those valuable properties are adjacent to the town of Farmville, and can be reached by existing and proposed railroads. This company is authorized by its charter to issue a million dollars in stock....

"The shares are \$100, payable 10 per cent per month until fully paid. The owner of two shares of paid-up stock will be entitled to one business or residence lot of the company's town site property....The receipts from the sale of stock will be devoted to the improvement of the property, the development and equipment of mines, and the construction of the different industrial plants. The dividends for the holders of the Farmville Coal and Iron company's stock will be derived from the sale of town lots, villa and manufacturing sites, the income from the blast furnaces, coke ovens, coal and iron mines, and all other industries in which the company are identified. It is proposed to have a sale of town lots during the spring, and the purchaser of property can pay for it with the stock of the company, each share of stock having a purchasing value of \$125."

- Cambridge Tribune, April 4, 1891

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## 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

## 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.

**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.

**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