



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

*P.O. Box 546
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March, 2015

"The Construction of the First High Bridge and the Battle of High Bridge"

Robert "Bob" Flippen

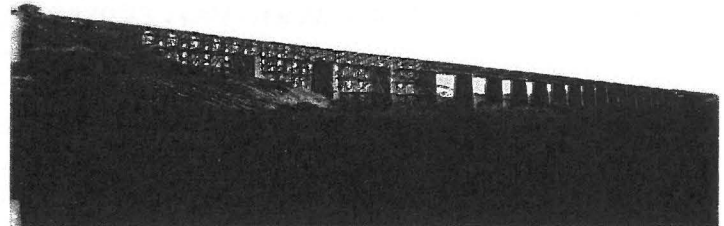
Tuesday, March 17, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Historic Farmville Train Station

Guests Always Welcomed

Board meets at 6:00 p.m.



Bob Flippen is the speaker at the March 17th meeting of the Farmville/Prince Edward Historical Society which meets in the historic Farmville Train Station (510 West Third Street) at 7:00 p.m. He is an author, local historian, and the Educational Specialist for High Bridge State Park. He will present a program on the construction of the first High Bridge and the 1865 Battle of High Bridge. High Bridge is a railroad bridge that was built in 1854 across the Appomattox River connecting Petersburg, Virginia to Lynchburg, Virginia. The bridge is 2,400 feet long and ranges from 60 feet to 125 feet high. It was originally made of wood, standing on 20 brick piers with a pedestrian walkway next to the tracks and a nearby wagon bridge. The Battle of High Bridge was fought April 6-7, 1865.

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 for an individual member or \$25.00 family Membership.

New Members: Fred Hanbury and Vivian Ellison

Editor of Newsletter

An editor of the newsletter is needed. The president and treasurer are responsible for the printing and distribution of the newsletter. If you are interested in filling this position or will help with the newsletter, please contact Kay Whitfield.

LAST STAND - THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO FARMVILLE VA

Sunday, March 29, 2015 (9:00 AM-6:00 PM)

Immerse yourself in history meeting the men from both the Confederate and Union camps; the women who had to survive these times; General Lee and General Grant; spend time at the Confederate Cemetery where re-enactors in "widow's weeds" along with a graveside service will take place.

Palm Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.— NOON Riverside Park

Confederate Soldier Burial Re-enactment Noon—5:00 p.m. Confederate Cemetery

Living History Village ---General Lee and General Grant will be in attendance Noon—5:00 p.m.

History Tour (guided and self-guded walking tour) Noon —5:00p.m.

Volunteers are Needed for March 29, 2015!!!

Please go to **farmvilleva.com** and click on the "Volunteer Spot" and it will show all the volunteers that are needed for "Last Stand" event here in Farmville on March 29, 2015. This is one way you can help your town.

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK and
LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY FREE CIVIL WAR SEMINAR
JARMAN AUDITORIUM, LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY
FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA**

Friday March 13 through Sunday March 15, 2015

Speakers: Tracy Chernault, Michael, Gorman, Chris Chalkins, Patrick Schroeder, Ron Wilson, Elizabeth Varon,
Mark Bradley

<http://www.longwood.edu/philpolhist/41037.htm>

**Sailor's Creek Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemorative Event
March 28, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The Overton-Hillsman farm house, circa 1780, opens for guided tours from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. From 2 to 4 p.m., visitors experience the Battle of Sailor's Creek as it unfolds on the terrain where the engagement took place 150 years ago.

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**Farmville-Prince Edward Community Library March 15, 2015 2:00 p.m.
"Anna Morrison Jackson and the Wives of the Confederacy"**

Upcoming Programs:

April 21, Pat Schroeder, "Thirty Myths about Lee's Surrender"

May 19, Jim Godburn, "The Battle of Sailor's Creek"

June 16, Faye Tuck Weatherford, "David Bruce (1793-1838) Tobacconist of Farmville"
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This Day in March in Prince Edward County History

- 3-1-1841** Blanche Kelso Bruce, first black U.S. Senator (elected from Mississippi), born in Farmville
- 3-1-1899** Gov. P.W. McKinney died at his home in Farmville
- 3-1-1917** Farmville Guard returned from Mexican Expedition.
- 3-1-1943** World War II canned goods rationing began
- 3-2-1942** World War II defense training classes begin for Prince Edward citizens
- 3-2-1964** Prince Edward Hotel collapses while under renovation,,,,,
- 3-3-1884** Farmville and Powhatan Railroad chartered (narrow-gauge line to James River)
- 3-4-1903** Tobacco factory known as "Dunlop's" burned, half million pounds of tobacco lost
- 3-4-1913** Farmville Guard marches at Woodrow Wilson's Inaugural
- 3-4-1949** East wing of State Teachers College burned, displacing 46 students
- 3-5-1839** Farmville Female Seminary established by local supporters (official birth date of Longwood University)
- 3-5-1846** The South Side Rail Road chartered
- 3-6-1935** Birth of Barbara Johns, organizer of 1951 student strike at Moton School
- 3-7-1884** Virginia General Assembly passes law establishing State Female Normal School to train teachers at the already-existing "female seminary"
- 3-7-1886** State Female Normal School incorporated
- 3-7-1921** J.B. Wall purchased *The Farmville Herald*
- 3-8-1938** Farmville Rotary Club organized
- 3-10-1816** Judith Randolph, Farmville's "matriarch" died in Richmond, farm from Bizarre plantation
- 3-12-1896** Farmville Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy organized
- 3-12-1956** "Southern Manifesto" introduced in U.S. Congress as regional attempt to offset effects of *Brown v. Board of Education* hours