



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

P.O. Box 546
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July 2015

"Farmville and Powhatan Railroad"

Robert G. Flippen (Bob)

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

7:00 pm

Historic Farmville Train Station

Guests always Welcomed

Board meets at 6:00 pm

The Farmville and Powhatan Railroad

Bob Flippen is the speaker at the July 21 meeting of the Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society. Bob is the Educational Specialist for High Bridge State Park. In addition to this, he is a historian, an author, and Vice President of this historical society. He is a graduate of Cumberland High School and received a BA degree in Anthropology with a minor in Political Science from George Washington University.

The Farmville and Powhatan Railroad was chartered in 1884 and completed in 1890. It ran from Bermuda Hundred to Farmville and mainly served Cumberland, Powhatan and Chesterfield Counties. The Farmville and Powhatan Railroad's depot and turntable was located near the site of "Buffalo Shook". It was in operation until 1905 when it was reorganized and renamed the Tidewater and Western Railroad. The Tidewater and Western Railroad closed in 1917 and the tracks

were sold to the U.S. government for use in France during World War I. At the meeting, Bob will disclose other fascinating facts about this railroad.



Bob Flippen

Interested in Railroads? Visit...

Richmond Railroad Museum

102 Hull Street

Richmond, Virginia

Open Saturday from 11-4, Sunday 1-4

Located in the restored 100 year old Southern
Railway Passenger
Station

Crewe Railroad Museum

111 West Virginia Avenue

Crewe, Virginia

Open Friday and Saturday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

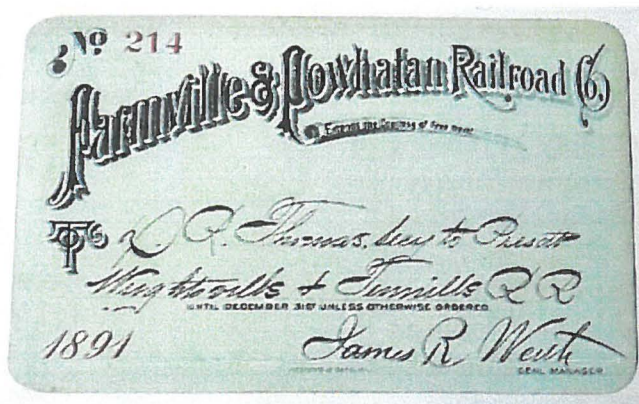
Upcoming Programs:

August 18, 2015: Edwina Covington, *Small Community Schools and their History (Hixburg, Pamplin, and Prospect)*

September 15, 2015: Jimmy Hurt, *Postcards of Farmville*

This Day in July in Prince Edward County History:

- 7-1-1900** Leslie Fogus joins Farmville police.
7-1-1934 Craddock-Terry commences manufacturing shoes.
7-1-2000 Longwood College assumes new designation as Longwood University
7-2-1896 Solomon Marable hanged for the murder of Mrs. Pollard
7-3-1902 The first automobile makes its appearance in Farmville; it was driven by Mr. A.F. Herman of Richmond, on his way to Lynchburg
7-4-1776 George Walton (born near Farmville, ca 1741) signs Declaration of Independence as delegate from Georgia
7-6-1901 Lightning strikes the Presbyterian Church steeple causing fire and \$300 in damage
7-7-1901 Bottling house at Lithia Springs burned
7-10-1927 Amandus Cox, livery stable operator, died
7-10-1928 First traffic light installed at Third and Main streets
7-11-1861 "Hampden-Sydney Boys" military company surrenders after battle of Rich Mountain in present-day West Virginia
7-12-1864 Birth of Henry R. McIlwaine at Hampden-Sydney (Virginia State Librarian, 1907-1934)
7-13-1781 Notorious British calvaryman, Colonel Banastre Tarleton, raids area around Prince Edward Court House village
7-16-1832 Hampden-Sydney literary society requests that Bible be taught as a college course
7-17-1825 James T. Gray, Farmville tobacconist, born
7-17-1843 First class meets at Farmville Female Seminary, which was founded in 1839
7-18-1955 A three-judge Federal Court rules the Prince Edward County will have to desegregate its public schools
7-22-1903 Southside Telephone Company chartered
7-23-1864 Dr. J.R. Spencer born
7-23-1836 The Mineralogical Society of Virginia formed in Worsham
7-26-1940 Farmville is the nation's hot spot. Thermometer tops 135° and then explodes!
7-27-1896 The Pythians reorganize their lodge here.



Donations Wanted...

The Farmville–Prince Edward Historical Society is looking of items or memorabilia that relate to Farmville or Prince Edward County history. When you are cleaning out your basements or attics, remember that the historical society would like to have any items that relate to the Town of Farmville or Prince Edward County.