

Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

*P.O. Box 546
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September 2015

"Postcards from Home"

Jimmy Hurt

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

7:00 pm

Historic Farmville Train Station

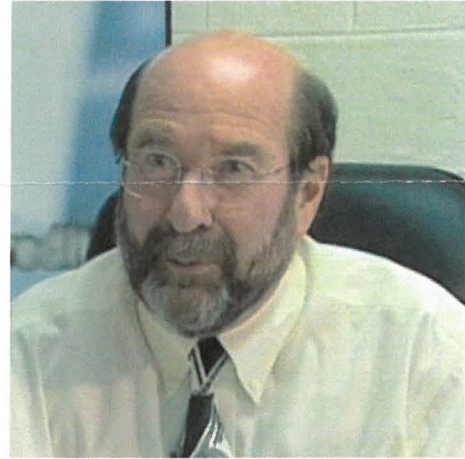
Guests always Welcomed

Board meets at 6:00 pm

On Tuesday, September ~~15~~, 2015, at the historic Farmville Train Station, Jimmy Hurt will give a power point presentation on his collection of old Farmville Postcards. In this age of e-mails and texting, the postcard has vanished. However, much can be learned from an old postcard. History can be tracked on postcards. Postcards can show buildings, people, and events from the past. According to the dictionary, "a postcard or post card is a rectangular piece of thick paper or thin cardboard intended for writing and mailing without an envelope." Shapes other than rectangular may also be used. One can send a postcard for a lower fee than a letter.

Jimmy Hurt is a member of the Farmville – Prince Edward Historical Society Board of Directors. He has lived most of his life in the Prince Edward County. He is a graduate of Prince Edward Academy. He and his family were the owners of **Bob's Supermarket**. This was the first supermarket in Farmville to have a large parking lot connected to it. Jimmy, a

respected businessman in Farmville, recently retired from Dollar Bill's Auto of Farmville.



Question of the Day:
What is deltiology?



2015 High Bridge Half Marathon and 5K
Saturday, September 12, 2015

Marathon starts 7:30 am

5K starts 8:00 am

**Farmville Downtown at High Bridge Trail
State Park Plaza.**

This Day in September in Prince Edward County History

- 9-1-1775** Williamsburg newspaper carries first advertisement for new college for men to open later that fall in Prince Edward, promising that it would "form good men and good citizens"
- 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 Theological 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
- 9-16-2008** Lester E. Andrews, Sr., prominent businessman of Farmville Manufacturing and Andrews, Large, and Whidden, Inc. and civic leader, died
- 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

Upcoming Programs:

October 20, 2015: Gerald Spates, "Collection of Civil War Relics"

November 19, 2015: Annual Business Meeting—no program

January 19, 2015: "Show and Tell"

Donations Wanted...

The Farmville–Prince Edward Historical Society

is looking for 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.