



# *Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society*

P.O. Box 546  
Farmville, Virginia 23901

January 2016

## **"Show and Tell"**

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

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

**Historic Farmville Train Station**

**Guests Always Welcomed  
Board meets at 6:00 pm**

The Farmville -Prince Edward Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at the Historic Farmville Train Station, which is located at 510 West Third Street, Farmville. The January program will be a "Show and Tell." Members are asked to bring an old, unusual item that they will share with the group.

### *Upcoming Programs:*

**January 19, 2016: "Show and Tell"**

**February 22, 2016: David Speers,  
State Geologist**

**March 15, 2016: Jane Clark,  
"Peter Francisco"**

**April 19, 2016: William Thompson,  
"1857 Murder at H-SC"**

## **Membership Fees Now Due for 2016**

All membership fees are now due for the calendar year January-December 2016. You may pay your 2016 fee at our monthly meeting or send to PO Box 546, Farmville, VA 23901.  
\$15 individual or \$25 family

## **Famous Virginians Born in January**

**Robert E. Lee** was born on January 19, 1807. He was known for commanding the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia in the American Civil War from 1862 until his surrender in 1865. Lee was a top graduate of the United States Military Academy and an exceptional officer and military engineer in the United States Army for 32 years. During this time, he served throughout the United States, distinguished himself during the Mexican-American War, served as Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, and later was president of Washington [and Lee]. He married Mary Custis.

**Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson** was born on January 21, 1824, in Clarksburg, Virginia. He graduated from the United States Military Academy. He served in the Mexican War and in 1851 he accepted a teaching position at VMI. He joined the Confederate Army in 1861. He was wounded and died after the Battle of Chancellorsville on May 10, 1863.

## *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.

### January

- 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 escorts 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 in what is now Worsham
- 1-8-2004** Commemorative postmark, first day issue, 250th anniversary of 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. Francis Griffin
- 1-20-1977** The Red Lyon was destroyed by fire.
- 1-21-1880** P. H. Jackson, tobaccoist 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