

## James Solomon Russell – Saint Paul’s College Museum & Archives information

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**James Grimstead**  
Chairman

### Who was James Solomon Russell?

*Pioneer who provided educational and spiritual development to the underprivileged.*

### When and where was he born?

*Palmer Springs, VA (Mecklenburg County) on December 20, 1857*

### Who was his father?

*Solomon Russell*

### Who was his mother?

*Araminta*

### Did he have any children? Yes!

*Araminta Czarina, James Alvin, Otelia Virginia, Herman Webster, Charlotte Baylies*

### Where did he attend school?

*Hampton Institute and St Stephen’s Mission Training School for Coloreds - Petersburg, VA*

### What religion was he?

*Episcopalian*

### Born in Mecklenburg, why did he come to Brunswick?

*After ordination, Bishop Whittle of the Diocesan of So. VA assigned him to Brunswick County.*

### Where can you get more information on JSR?

*Museum library, our new revised edition of JSR “Adventure in Faith” upcoming book.*

### What is the purpose of the museum?

*To preserve and exhibit the works and archives of Archdeacon James Solomon Russell*

### How big is the museum, Rooms Layout?

*1-JSR Family Rm, 2 SPC Rms, 1 JSRHS Rm, 1 Conf Rm, 1 Library, 1 Prep Rm, 1 Edu. Rm, 1 Stor.*

*See Layout Sheet for Details*

### How do we make a donation?

*Treasurer, any Committee Member, Direct Mail*

### Is my donation tax-deductible?

*Yes*

### What are the future plans of the museum?

*We have a lot going on! Get on our mailing list for all new updates*

## Open

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Chairman; Bobby Conner, Vice-Chairman; Tea Whitehead, Secretary; and Regina Gordon, Treasurer. Others who have attended meetings are Shirley Grimstead, Dr. Virginia Russell, Sylvia Allen, Carolyn Lofton, Barbara Jarrett Harris, Cleo Goodwyn, Gloria Menyweather-Wood, Carlton Powell, Rev. Terrence Walker, Barbara Whitehurst-Malone, Dr. Angela Parker and Dr. Stanley Johnson.

“This new museum will be a great asset to this community, both to alumni groups and all visitors who want to research and browse the works of this distinguished intellectual pioneer and hopefully inspire our youth to pinpoint this place to make their mark,” said Chairman Grimstead.

A Facebook page has also been established which is named the James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul’s College Museum and a website is in the process of being developed.

Call James Grimstead (434) 848-2173 for more information about the open house or to become involved with the museum and archives.

## Stroke

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in general and vascular neurology.

Reservations are not required for this program; however, they are recommended. For more information or to register to attend, please call (434) 774-2550 or visit [www.vcu-cmh.org](http://www.vcu-cmh.org).

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Proud graduates from Southside Virginia Community College are Ingrid Fogg, left, of Kenbridge, David Evans of Lawrenceville, and Melissa Wood of Jarratt.

## First

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“When you began this journey, it may have seemed like a mission impossible. I am so happy to celebrate with you...mission accomplished,” she said.

“Virginia has a history of leading the way, we have a chance to do that again, you are our best asset and greatest treasure,” she concluded.

Pamela Northam became the First Lady of Virginia when her husband, Governor Ralph Northam, was sworn in as governor of January 13, 2018. An educator, environmentalist an longtime advocate, Mrs. Northam has taken a leading role in Hampton Roads and Virginia to protect water quality and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

During the ceremony, the college awarded two Honorary Associate Degrees in Humane Letters. These are conferred by the State Board for Community Colleges in recognition of distinguished achievement. These were presented to Dietra Y. Trent, Ph.D., former Secretary of Education for Virginia and a strong

advocate and true champion of education. A native of Halifax County, she has a fondness for the college that serves her community.

Also awarded was Russell B. Clark. In his role as County Administrator for Charlotte, he was on the job for 37 years, and worked collaboratively with SVCC, other county governments and many partners through the state for the betterment of the area. He is a member of the SVCC Foundation Board of Directors, serves on the board for Virginia’s Heartland Regional Partnership, Virginia’s Growth Alliance and the Bank of Charlotte County.

Honors program graduates were Katelyn Bryant and Emily Davis. Two students were nominated this year and named to the All-Virginia Academic Team sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. These students were recognized as well, Anesia Powell and Sara Ruotolo-Sarnataro.

Dr. Al Roberts, SVCC President, conferred the degrees on the SVCC students, shaking each hand as they crossed the stage.



Graduates at Southside Virginia Community College’s Commencement.

## Farm bill fails to pass House; rural America wins, for now

**L Y O N S**, NEBRASKA—On May 18, 2018 the House of Representatives failed to pass H.R. 2, its draft of the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, commonly known as the farm bill. Representatives voted 198 in favor and 213 against.

Center for Rural Affairs Executive Director Brian Depew said this is a win for rural America.

“The bill’s proposals were a giant step in the wrong direction,” he said.

The draft included eliminating the Conservation Stewardship Program and cut funds for working lands conservation by nearly \$5 billion over 10 years.

“The bill also proposed

a troubling set of roll-backs to common-sense limitations on subsidy payments, and created loopholes for the largest operations to access unlimited subsidy payments,” Depew said.

Finally, the bill aimed to slash funding for programs that spark rural economic development including the Value-Added Producer Grant Program, the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program, and the Rural Microentrepreneur Program.

“These programs facilitate the development of rural businesses, and their loss would have been sorely felt in rural America,” Depew said.

The House Agriculture

Committee passed its draft of the bill on April 18. This week, lawmakers considered 106 amendments and discussed the bill on the House floor.

“Thankfully, these proposals will not be moving forward,” Depew said. “America needs a bipartisan farm bill that supports rural communities.”

The current farm bill expires Sept. 30, 2018.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs



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