

## Travel Trunks Offer A Glimpse Into History

The Historic Preservation Team has several travel trunks available for teachers to rent that are designed to enhance the classroom experience. Topics include the County's agricultural history, perspectives of the American Civil War and primary & secondary research documents on two specific soldiers who fought in battles that took place here in Prince William County. One is a Virginia college student and the other an Irish immigrant who settled with his family in Braintree, Massachusetts. The trunks are lightweight, easily transportable and contain all the materials you need for the lesson.

### Civil War Trunks

The Civil War trunks include the following topics; The Formation of Governments: The Union: Students are encouraged to determine how the political leaders of the day chose to believe that the southern states who seceded from the Union had committed a rebellious act by using our country's founding documents the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.

Explore what Fredrick Douglass had to say about the Declaration of Independence and it's meaning to the country's enslaved population and take the opportunity to compare the US Constitution and Bill of Rights with A Provincial Constitution that had been drafted by John Brown that was to be unveiled after the raid into the Southern States.

We know this raid that originated at Harpers Ferry, Virginia in 1859 was unsuccessful and Brown's attorney used this document to plead insanity at Brown's trial. Are there any potentially good motives within the document. Students are encouraged to use critical thinking when comparing and contrasting these documents.

The Formation of Governments: The Confederacy Students are given the opportunity to compare and contrast the founding documents of the United States

and the founding documents of the Confederacy. How were these documents similar and how were they different? What is Secession, what were the causes and was it illegal? What did prominent Southerners like Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis think? Define Secession and Civil War.

You Can Be A History Detective, William Baxter Ott Using primary Sources trace the life of William B. Ott, a 21 year old College student at Washington College located in Lexington, Virginia who fought in the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861

You Can Be A History Detective, Sergeant Daniel Corrigan, an Irish immigrant who settled in Braintree, Massachusetts. He worked as a flax dresser and enlisted in Company E, 19th Massachusetts Volunteers in 1861 as a private. He fought in the October 1863 Battle of Bristoe Station.

The Life of the Common Soldier: Food, Clothing, Shelter- Beans, Bullets, and Bandages. Students can explore the fundamental things needed to function as a soldier in the field during this time of war in our history.

All of these trunks include lesson plans; primary source documents; reproduction artifacts and flash drives with power point slides printable forms to enhance the experience, music patriotic stationary.

### STEAM/STEM Agriculture Truck

The trunk offers an understanding of the importance, developments and evolution of agriculture in the Prince William community.

Activities are designed for students in the third through seventh grade. Materials in the trunks cover a wide array of agricultural topics including:

- Best agriculture practices discovered throughout history
- Erosion and its effect on Prince William County over time
- Hands-on activities about collecting plants and growing vegetables
- Advances and changes in agricultural practices.

### Trunk Rental Details

Historic Preservation Division staff can conduct an hour-long interpretive program with trunks at a cost of \$50 per class period or \$150 for a full day. Each traveling trunk costs \$30.00 for a three day rental.

Trunks are light weight plastic and on wheels for easy transportation. Teachers who rent the trunk themselves are responsible for picking up and dropping off the trunks at the Historic Preservation Division office. Special accommodations can be considered for delivery and pick up with proper advanced communication.



### Rates

Program Rates and Add-Ons are per student, unless noted. Chaperones and teachers free.

**Field Trips:** \$6/per student

**Afterschool Programs:** \$2 per student, per session

**Musket Firing Demonstration:** \$1/per student

**Traveling Trunks:** \$30/3 day

**Staff Accompanying Traveling Trunk:** \$50 per class period or \$150 for a full day

### Hours

**Field Trip Hours:** 10:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday Depending on the activities and the tours that are selected, the program can last from one hour to three hours.

**Traveling Trunk Hours:** Pickup available 8:00am-4:00pm Mon.-Fri.

**Afterschool Hours:** 2:30pm-5:00pm Monday-Friday

For more information, or to make a reservation visit our website or call:

**Ben Lomond Historic Site**  
10321 Sudley Manor Dr.  
Manassas, VA 703-367-7872

**Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre**  
12229 Bristow Rd.  
Bristow, VA 703-365-7895

**Rippon Lodge Historic Site**  
15500 Blackburn Rd.  
Woodbridge, VA 703-499-9812

**Lucasville School**  
10516 Godwin Dr.  
Manassas, VA 703-367-7872

**Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park**  
Iron Brigade Unit Ave. & 10th Alabama Way  
Bristow, VA 703-366-3049

**Traveling Trunk Programs**  
We can come to you! 703-792-4754

**Free parking** is conveniently located at all sites within walking distance of buildings. All sites are accessible to the first floor of the historic buildings.



**For Planning Assistance, Please Contact:**

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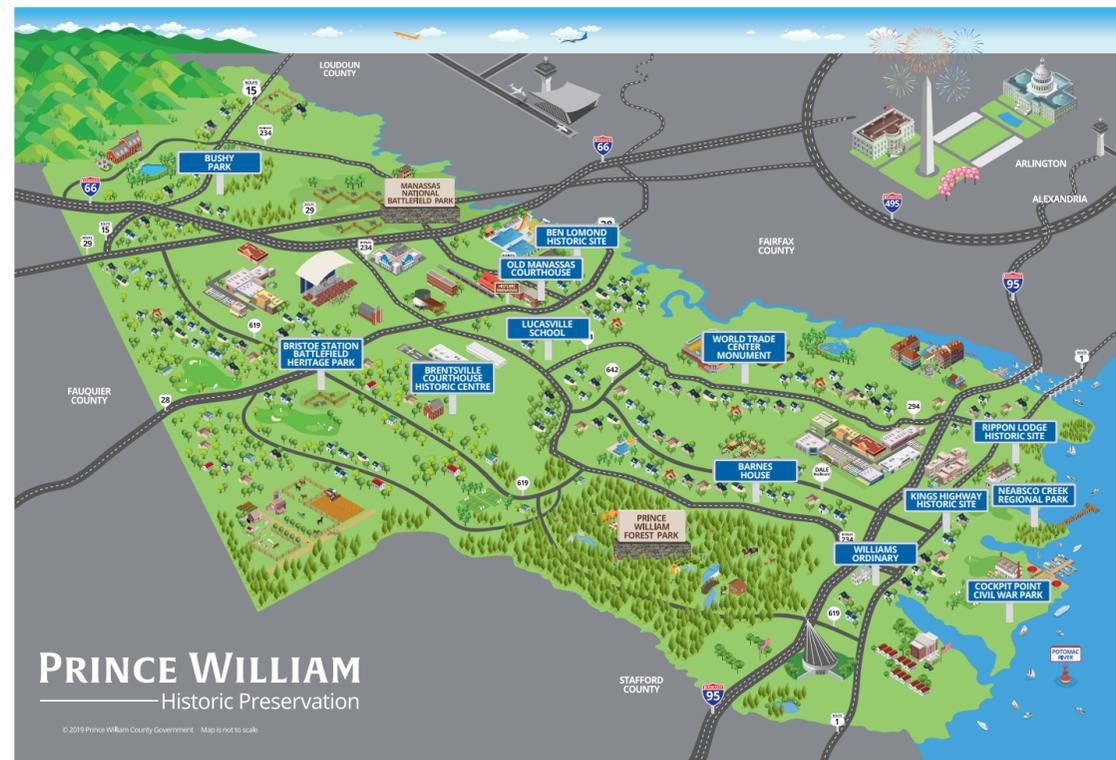
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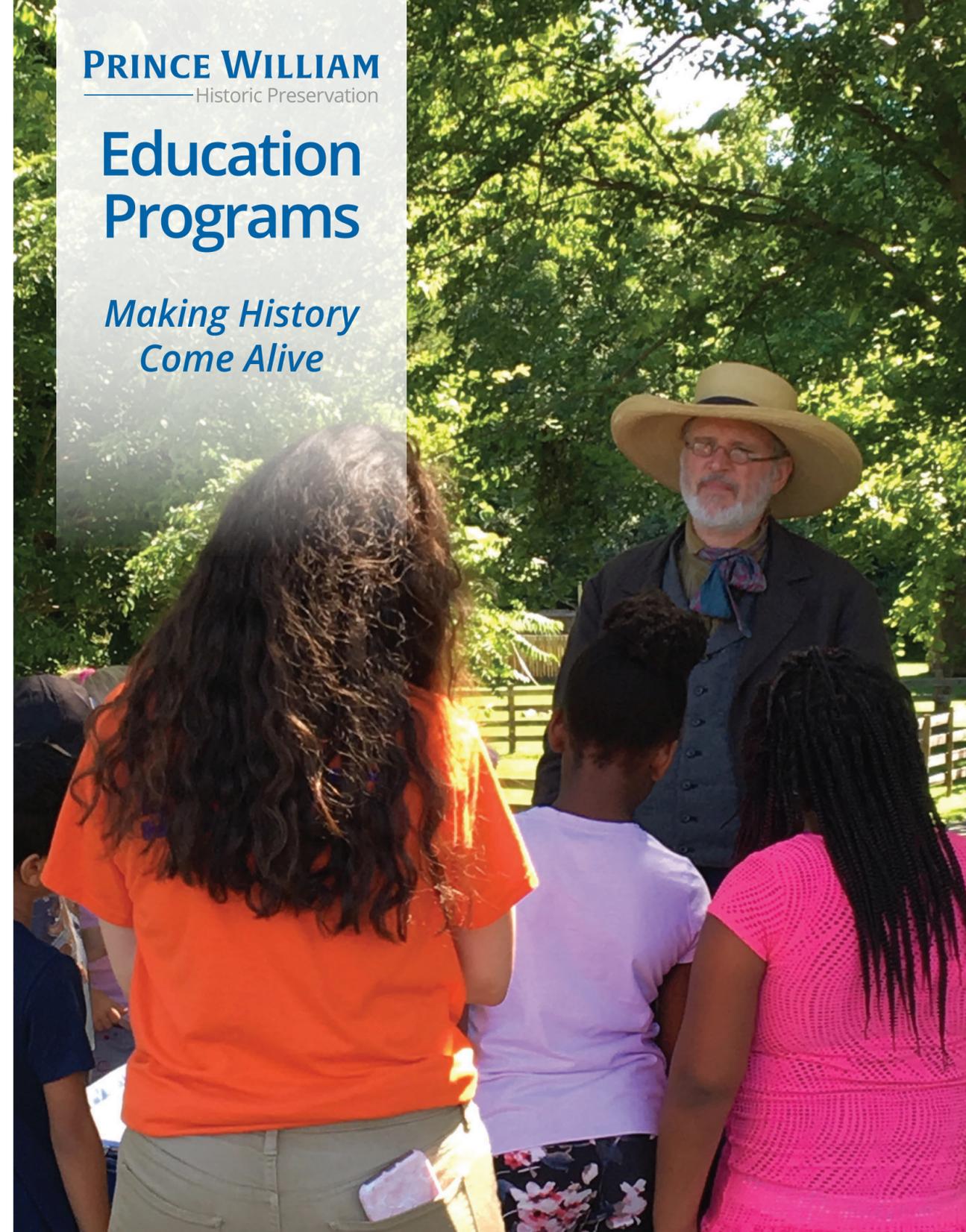
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**PRINCE WILLIAM**  
Historic Preservation

# Education Programs

*Making History Come Alive*



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Prince William County Historic Preservation Division

Join us for an unforgettable field trip to one of our historic sites. Prince William County Historic Preservation Division offers unique and memorable experiences to students of American History. From a Colonial-era home and 19th century courthouse, jail, and school house to a Civil War battlefield and hospital, our knowledgeable staff makes history come alive and immerses you in a well-rounded SOL based experience. We also offer Civil War and STEM/STEAM Agriculture Trunks for classroom exploration.

## Popular Field Trip Activities:

- Crafts
- Games
- Campfire Programs
- Hands-on Tours
- Take-home surprises!
- Immersive Experiences
- Musket Firing Demonstrations

## With our Field Trips and Traveling Trunks, learn about:

- History
- Civics
- Science
- Technology
- Math
- English/Language Arts
- Health
- And more!



## Ben Lomond Historic Site

Ben Lomond Historic Site interprets centuries of local history, from the life of the enslaved in the County to its role in the Civil War. Student visitors to the site have opportunities to learn local history from hands-on activities and inquiry based tours of the site and learn through primary source documents and artifact analysis.



The site includes four historic buildings: the main house, dairy, smokehouse, and enslaved quarters, which is the only structure of its kind open to the public in Prince William County. The main house is interpreted as a Civil War hospital in the wake of the war's first major battle near Manassas.

### Pringle House Hospital: Civil War Medicine at First Manassas

Immerse your students in the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of a Civil War hospital. Students get the opportunity to try on Civil War uniforms, handle reproduction artifacts, and learn about the medical practices used at the beginning of the war and how they shaped modern medicine and medical practices.



### Life on the Plantation: Enslaved Life at Ben Lomond

Visit one of only three enslaved quarters still standing in Prince William County and learn about the daily lives of enslaved peoples at Ben Lomond. Despite being forced into their situation, the enslaved carved their own roles in Virginia's society and sought to subtly control their lives as best as they could under the circumstances.

## Rippon Lodge Historic Site

Rippon Lodge Historic Site is the second oldest surviving structure in Prince William County. The circa 1747 lodge provides unique insight not only on Colonial life, but how the homestead changed over the centuries, and those individuals who played a vital role in its growth and survival.

With history expanding over 250 years, Rippon Lodge Historic Site offers a variety of opportunities to learn



and experience local history. Students learn through hands-on activities, inquiry based tours, and use of primary and secondary resources and artifact analysis. Relevant topics addressed include architecture, Colonial American, the Revolutionary War, early forms of transportation, agriculture, Woodbridge during the 1920s, and World War II.

### Be the Blackburns: Colonial Life in Price William County

Students experience life as it would have been for the Blackburn Family children, including the similarities of today plus the vast differences in responsibilities. Activities include early educational practices, household chores, bartering and commerce, and what children did for leisure.



### Along for the Ride: Highways During the Colonial Period

This program offers opportunities for students to learn about the important modes of transportation used during the Colonial period. Activities include the daily and vital roles the Potomac River for colonialist, mapping geographic features and water navigation, and the other types of transportation available to the Blackburns.



## Lucasville School

Historic Lucasville School is the only surviving African American one-room schoolhouse open to the public in Prince William County. This schoolhouse, open from 1885-1926, provides a unique setting to experience what public education was like during segregation.

There are opportunities to introduce the effect of Jim Crow laws, Reconstruction, and how African Americans overcame

these struggles. When visiting Lucasville, students gain a better understanding of how education of the past differs from today, through hands-on activities and inquiry based tours.

### Field Trips at Lucasville School:

#### School: Past and Present

Students will learn about the difference between the past and present in education through the one-room African American schoolhouse. Activities are designed to give students the opportunity to make connections between going to school today versus over 100 years ago.

### Reconstruction at Lucasville School

Reconstruction after four years of devastating war meant opportunities for education,

especially among African-American children. Students of today get opportunities to glimpse the lives of these students and teachers who are getting an education perhaps for the first time in their lives. The story of Lucasville School reveals challenges in recovery from the American Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, and how it has led to opportunities today.



## Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

Brentsville Courthouse is an ideal place to learn the role of government in 19th Century Virginia and today. The restored 1822 Courthouse and Jail, 1850s farm house, and 1929 one-room schoolhouse set the stage for a number of unique opportunities to experience lessons in civics and history through hands-on activities and inquiry based tours of the site.

Students gain an understanding of the past through work with primary resources and artifact analysis.

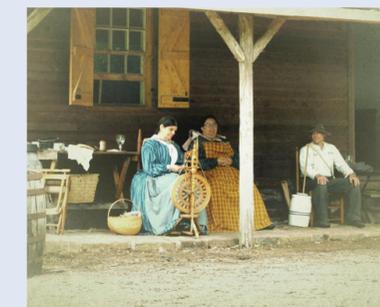


The one-room schoolhouse, which was opened to Brentsville citizens during the Great Depression through World War II is available for a look at education in a rural community through compare and contrast activities.

The 1850s farm house provides opportunities to learn of life on a Prince William County farm, over 150 years ago.

### Order in the Court!

Law and order, crime and punishment in antebellum Virginia was a bit different than today. However many of the traditions of this 19th century courtroom are still visible in our modern legal system. Students are given the opportunity to assume roles of Brentsville citizens and participate in one of three mock trials inside the courthouse.



### The One Room Schoolhouse

Students learn about life in a rural community from the Great Depression through World War II by exploring the typical day in a one room schoolhouse.

### Life on a Farm in 1850

Students learn about life on a farm with hands-on activities, using period items. Learn about a typical farm day for a middle class family in 1850.