

## Historic Rugby

Time stands still at Rugby, Tennessee – the restored Victorian village founded in 1880 by British author and social reformer, Thomas Hughes. It was to be a cooperative, class-free, agricultural community for younger sons of English gentry and others wishing to start life anew in America. At its peak, some 350 people lived in the colony. More than 70 buildings of Victorian design graced the townscape on East Tennessee's beautiful Cumberland Plateau. **(423) 628-2441 or Toll-free: 1-888-214-3400**

## Ye Ole Jail

Constructed from local sandstone, this was the county's second jail. The building was used as a jail from 1900-1979. Original cells are intact. Displays depict time period jail was in use. Ye Olde Jail now houses the Chamber of Commerce.

## Alvin C York Grist Mill

The York Mill, located at a bend in the Wolf River just downstream (and across the street) from the York house. Built around 1880, the mill consists of a two-story frame mill house mounted atop pillars of stacked rocks. A mill dam diverted water through a millrace, where it turned the mill's large turbine (when it was operational, the turbine was almost completely submerged). After the state purchased the mill in 1967, a new roof and a new coat of paint were added. The mill is no longer operational. Directions: Pall Mall is 10 miles north of Jamestown, TN on Hwy 127; about 40 miles from each of exits 300, 301, and 317 on I-40 and exit 141 on I-75. (931) 879-3657

## Sgt. Alvin C. York State Park

Sergeant Alvin C. York Historic Park is located nine miles north of Jamestown and pays tribute to Sgt. Alvin C. York, one of the most decorated soldiers of World War I. The park contains the farm and gristmill once owned by York who lived in the Pall Mall area for most of his life. Along with the millhouse and milldam, the park includes York's two-story house, York's general store and post office, the Wolf River Cemetery, the Wolf River Methodist Church, the York Bible Institute, an M247 Sergeant York tank and various picnic facilities.

Alvin York is one of the most celebrated soldiers in American history. He joined the pacifist Church of Christ in Christian Union in 1914, and when drafted for service in World War I in 1917, he applied for conscientious objector status, but was denied. On Oct. 8, 1918, while on patrol along the Meuse-Argonne Front in France, York and his platoon wandered behind enemy lines and were caught in an ambush that left over half the platoon dead. York then led the handful of survivors in a counterattack that resulted in the capture of 132 German soldiers.

York was awarded the Medal of Honor and became an instant celebrity, and upon his return to the United States he was barraged with offers for endorsements (both commercial and political), movies, and books, most of which he initially rejected, believing it was wrong to profit from an act of war. The Nashville Rotary Club raised the funds to buy York his Pall Mall farm, which it presented to York in 1922. After York's death, his widow sold the farm to the state of Tennessee.

As a historic park, the park offers tours and many opportunities to view historic items for York's life.

## Forbus General Store

The Forbus General Store was built by W. M. Johnson in 1892, and was operated by Johnson until his death in 1941. At one time, the store included a gas-powered gristmill, a blacksmith shop, and several granaries, but only the store stands today. The store purchased produce and furs from local residents and at one point had a contract to supply locally-grown apples to a Pennsylvania brandy maker. The store in turn sold hardware, clothing, fertilizer and feed, school textbooks, guns, furniture, and caskets. The store's top floor was once used as a meeting place for an Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge. The Forbus post office operated out of the store until 1965, and consolidated with the Pall Mall post office in 1972. The General Store Offers US made crafts, Watkins products, cooking utensils, moccasins, tourist items, wicker baskets and unique gifts. Specializing in homemade fudge and plate lunches. The store also hosts the nationally renowned "Pig Tournament", a card game that is growing in popularity. For more information contact Forbus General Store at (931) 879-5427.

## Mark Twain Park

The Mark Twain Park is a small, grassy area with trees located near the courthouse. The spring, located in the park was utilized by Twain's parents for their water while they lived in Jamestown. The park is located near the Jamestown post office and is open year round to the public.