



1749 Culpeper County formed from Orange County by Lord Fairfax VI named for Lord Culpeper (his wife's family). It would include the land that would later become Madison County (1793) and Rappahannock County (1833).

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1759 The Town of Culpeper was formed by Robert Coleman and originally called Fairfax for Lord Fairfax.

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March

The Stamp Act was repealed, and Culpeper's resigned Justices were reinstated. Parliament passed a new law called the Declaration Act, stating that "they had the right and authority to legislate for the colonies in all cases whatsoever."

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1774 Culpeper County signs a declaration of Resolve, establishing a Committee of Correspondence and pledging support for those advocating resistance to the Crown.

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1781 Lafayette marched through Culpeper County crossing the Rapidan River at Raccoon Ford.

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1789 The Constitution was ratified.

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1750

1750-1759 To support the court system there were stocks, a jail, a clerk's office and most likely a tavern or two to provide food and lodging for those attending the court. There would also have been a livery to board or rent out horses.

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The first constructed courthouse on the North East corner of Main and Davis Streets.

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1767-1774 Several Baptist preachers were incarcerated in the Culpeper County jail for preaching without a license.

1767-1774

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March

British Parliament passes the Stamp Act (a tax imposed upon the colonists on paper goods and payable in scarce silver coins rather than Colonial currency.)

October

The Stamp Act Congress met in New York City with nine of the 13 colonies represented. Virginia was not among the 9. It was concluded and declared by this group that the British Parliament did not have the legal right to tax the colonists as they had no representatives in that body.

November

The Stamp Act was activated. 16 of the 20 Justices of the Peace in Culpeper County refused to enforce the Stamp Act and resigned their position. There were not enough Justices remaining and none nominated for replacement leaving the county without any judicial recourse.

1776

The Declaration of Independence was adopted.

1775

The Culpeper Minute Men Militia is formed comprised of men from Culpeper, Orange and Fauquier. They mustered in Clayton's Field near today's Yowell Meadow Park.

Culpeper Minute men were engaged in the first battle on Virginia soil at Great Bridge.

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The war ended in independence for the colonies and the United States of America was born.

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The Bill of Rights was ratified.

1795

