

## The Town of Orange, 1872

### From an article in the Orange County Historical Newsletter:

“... the village of Orange Courthouse officially became the Town of Orange...in 1872.

“Acts of the Virginia General Assembly in 1855, 1870, and 1871 led up to the first elections of a Board of Trustees (now called Town Council) for the Town of Orange. In March of 1872 a petition was filed in the County Court requesting the election. The records show that approximately 72 residents were eligible to vote, and since the petition had been signed by a majority of these, Judge William G. Williams ordered that the election take place. R.G. Eckloff, George Cullen, Joseph H. Houseworth, Alexander Dabney, and James L. Robinson were appointed to run this election which was held in June of '72. Forty-five voters participated in the election of the following members of the Board: P.P. Slaughter, R.G. Eckloff, P.B. Hiden, James L. Robinson and Thomas P. Wallace. The first meeting was held later that month and P.B. Hiden was selected as President of the Board and thus the first Mayor of the Town of Orange.”<sup>1</sup>

The map (and key) below shows the location of lot owners at the time that the Town of Orange was officially established 1872.<sup>2</sup>

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| 1. <b>County Courthouse</b> | 2. S. Yates          | 3. Joseph Hiden             |
| 4. Not listed               | 5. Mrs. M. Taylor    | 6. S. Yates                 |
| 7. S. Yates                 | 8. Mrs. L. Davenport | 9. P.B. Hiden               |
| 10. Mackenzie               | 11. ? Scott          | 12. McConkey & Co.          |
| 13. J. M. Chapman           | 14. R. S. Boulware   | 15. Mackenzie               |
| 16. R. Stanard              | 17. J. Taliaferro    | 18. Mrs. M. Hiden           |
| 19. A. Madison              | 20. J.J. Robinson    | 21. W. H. Ricketts          |
| 22. C. Raby                 | 23. F. Lipscomb      | 24. J. F. Allen             |
| 25. J. H. Houseworth        | 26. J.H. Houseworth  | <b>27. Methodist Church</b> |
| 28. Mrs. P. Curtis          | 29. F. Lipscomb      | 30. C. Faulconer            |
| 31. A. Daley                | 32. P. B. Hiden      | <b>33. Episcopal Church</b> |
| <b>34. Colored Church</b>   | 35. C. Robinson      | 36. R.S. Boulware           |
| 37. T. Newman               | 38. L. Robinson      | 39. J.H. Houseworth         |
| 40. W.C. Williams           | 41. H. Malcombe      | 42. V.A. Houseworth         |
| 43. W. Stephens             | 44. W. Stephens      | 45. Benjamin Rose           |
| 46. W. C. Williams          | 47. C. Hellwig       | 48. L. T. Oden              |
| 49. R.G. Eckloff            | 50. L.L. Perry       | 51. C. Hellwig              |
| 52. Mrs. Read               | 53. Colston          | 54. A. Daley                |
| 55. Webb                    | 56. M.B. Lipscomb    | 57. M.B. Lipscomb           |
| 58. M.B. Lipscomb           | 59. M.B. Lipscomb    | 60. M.B. Lipscomb           |

<sup>1</sup> Author unknown, “Happy 120th Anniversary!”, *Orange County Historical Society Newsletter*, Volume 23, Number 8 (August 1992), 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

- 61. Not Listed
- 64. R.G. Eckloff
- 67. Fitzhugh Lipscomb
- 70. O & A RR Depot**
- 73. Illegible
- 76. Clerk's Office**
- 79. J.H. Johnson
- 82. Baptist Church**
- 85. Mrs. L.A. Shepherd
- 88. Dr. R.D Taliaferro
- 91. R. Triplett
- 94. G. Cullen
- 97. Dr. E.P. Taliaferro
- 100. A.R. Thompson

- 62. M.B. Lipscomb
- 65. P.P. Slaughter
- 68. H. Stanard
- 71. Illegible
- 74. Illegible
- 77. J.H. Houseworth
- 80. Orange County Jail**
- 83. Dr. E. Row
- 86. T.A. Robinson
- 89. M. Maddox
- 92. T.J. Payton
- 95. Mrs. P. Fry
- 98. Mrs. C. Ballard
- 101. W.C. Atkins

- 63. R.G. Eckloff
- 66. Dr. E.P. Taliaferro
- 69. W.H. Chapman
- 72. C. Fellwig
- 75. Illegible
- 78. A. Daley
- 81. Dr. E. Row
- 84. A.T. Shepherd
- 87. Mrs. C. Rawlings
- 90. Mrs. S. Bull
- 93. M.V. Wayland
- 96. Miss M. Balch
- 99. Presbyterian Church**
- 102. Miss Julia Atkins

