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Additional Powhatan (County) Military and Pension Records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

## Historical Information

Powhatan County was named for the Indian chieftain who ruled the Native American inhabitants of tidewater Virginia in the early seventeenth century. It was formed from Cumberland County in 1777, and part of Chesterfield was added later.

## Scope and Content

Powhatan County (Va.) Militia Captain Letter, 1816 May 13. Consists of a letter from the Governor's Council recommending the consideration of Samuel Drake as Captain of the Militia instead of Abner Smith.

## Index Terms

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