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## Historical Information

Mecklenburg County was named, like Charlotte County, for Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, consort of George III. It was formed from Lunenburg County in 1764.

The 1870 Virginia Constitution required that each county in the state be divided into no less than three townships (see Article VII, section 2). Based on the New England administrative organization of a county, each township would elect the administration officials for the offices of supervisor, clerk, assessor, collector, commissioner of the roads, overseer of the poor, justice of the peace, and constable. The supervisors of each township would comprise the board of supervisors for the county, and would be responsible for auditing the county accounts, examining the assessors' books, regulating property valuation, and fixing the county levies. The Acts of Assembly provided that each township be divided into school and electoral districts (see Acts of Assembly 1869-1870, Chapter 39). A constitutional amendment in 1874 changed the townships into magisterial districts and each district elected one supervisor, three justices of the peace, one constable, and one overseer of the poor. The supervisors of the districts made up the county board of supervisors whose duties were identical as those set out in 1870. The published Acts of Assembly appended a list of township names by county following the acts for every year that townships existed in Virginia.

## Scope and Content

Mecklenburg County (Va.) Report of commissioners appointed to lay off county into townships, 1870, gives the township names and boundaries. Also included in the report is the location of the voting place for each township. Townships include Clarksville, Palmer's Springs, Boydton, Bluestone, Christiansville, Buckhorn, Flat Creek, and South Hill. The commissioners were Harriss, Puryear, Mason and Haines. The report was admitted to the record by the clerk of court on 1870 April 24.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Mecklenburg County (Va.). Circuit Court.

**Subjects:**

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**Geographical Names:**

Mecklenburg County (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

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## **Added Entry - Corporate Name:**

Mecklenburg County (Va.) County Court.

Township of Bluestone (Mecklenburg County, VA)

Township of Boydton (Mecklenburg County, VA)

Township of Buckhorn (Mecklenburg County, VA)

Township of Christiansville (Mecklenburg County, VA)

Township of Clarksville (Mecklenburg County, VA)

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Township of South Hill (Mecklenburg County, VA)