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### County Formation Maps

Many of you already know this, but you can get county formation maps by googling \*name of state\* county formation. Usually the first or second hit is [www.familyhistory101.com](#)

Click on that. Most pop up to the state page with maps and dates. Click on the date and you will see what the state looked like that year. It gives you the year that counties were formed.

Virginia is a little different. Scroll down to the 2 bars. One is for county formation and the other is a series of atlas maps. Comparing 1795 atlas map to the 1814 map is a giant leap. As you move west on the 1795 map you see us moving from the well known to the not so well known. There were so few major roads!

I loved the neat little rows of mountain bumps on the 1795 map. It does make it easy to see how the settlers from PA and MD tumbled down the Shenandoah River Valley between the Blue Ridge and the North Mountains spilling out into Henry and western Pittsylvania Counties.

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