

New York native Abraham Vandal settled Fayetteville or Vandalia around 1812. Historians believe his cabin was located on the present site of the Fayette County National Bank.

In 1834, Vandal gave the county the lot, located near a dead chestnut tree in a rye field, for the courthouse. Since the construction of the first courthouse in 1838, three subsequent buildings have shared the same site.

Fayette County and its seat of government, Fayetteville, both take their names from the French statesman and friend of the American Revolution, the Marquis de Lafayette.

Vandal died on November 12, 1848, and is buried in the Westlake Cemetery at Ansted.



CENTENNIAL REDEMPTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
STATE LAW PROHIBITS
FEES AND OTHER
FINANCIAL BURDENS
ON PREMISES
BY CODE 81-7-18 (a)



MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE
(1775-1834)
FRENCH STATESMAN
FRIEND OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
"... THE NEW COUNTY SO TO BE FORMED
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COUNTY TO PERPETUATE A
REMEMBRANCE OF HIS VIRTUES AND
PHILANTHROPY THROUGHOUT FUTURE
AGES OF OUR POLITICAL EXISTENCE."
PETITION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA 1784