

The Louisa County Seal

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The design of the official Louisa County Seal adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1985 is very simple. The motif is a picture of Princess Louisa of England for whom the county is named superimposed on an outline map of Louisa County. Encircling this central feature is the founding date (1742), a dogwood bloom and a bundle of broadleaf tobacco, symbols of the county's bounty and economy.<sup>1</sup>

In 1976 a seal committee was appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Chaired by Attorney John B. Gilmer, the committee included Supervisor Frank Boxley and County Administrator Ed. Kube. Later the committee was expanded to include Willie Harper and Matt. Kersey, supervisors and Robert Klepper who had succeeded Ed. Kube as County Administrator.<sup>2</sup>

After extensive research in the State Library, local records, and conferences with heraldic experts, the committee approved the design described above. The art work was done by the Graphics department of Virginia Power. It was unanimously adopted as the official County Seal by the Board of Supervisors in 1985. Now it appears on the county stationery and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Minutes Louisa County Board of Supervisors June 3, 1985.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Minutes Louisa County Board of Supervisors meetings, November 19, 1976; May 24, 1984.