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Waynesboro, Virginia: July 4, 1845
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Scope & Content

Mr. Hawke's account of the celebration held in Waynesboro, Virginia on July 4, 1845 is based on articles from the Staunton Spectator. He describes the historical context for the celebration, the mood of the people and local attitudes of the time. An extensive list of toasts given at the dinner is provided. The toasts contain attitudes and opinions toward political as well as gender issues of the day.

Historical/Biographical Note

On July 4, 1845, Waynesboro along with the rest of the nation celebrated the 69th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. A few Revolutionary War veterans were still alive—on October 6, 1842 the Staunton Spectator had noted that one hundred veterans were still on the pension list. It had been the practice of Waynesboro to invite a Revolutionary War vet as the guest of honor, but this ended in 1838 when General Robert Porterfield declined the invitation due to his declining health.

Organization/Arrangement

Chronological

Miscellaneous