



About Amissville

Present-day Amissville was first settled in the mid-1700s on tracts of land granted by Thomas Lord Fairfax. Joseph Amiss and Edmond Bayse each purchased significant acreage from those tracts.

As the Amiss and Bayse families grew and acquired more land, and new settlers arrived in the area, a post office was needed. But there was no name for the new village. Legend has it, both the Amiss and Bayse families wanted to claim the name of the village. It was decided that landowners in the area should put it to a vote. The Amiss family won by one vote. Hence the name "Amissville."



From 1889 until 1960, **Tapp's general store**, located at the corner of Hinson's Ford Road and Route 211, ran an undertaking business. Bodies were transported in a fringe-topped, horse-drawn hearse.

Site of Tapp's general store

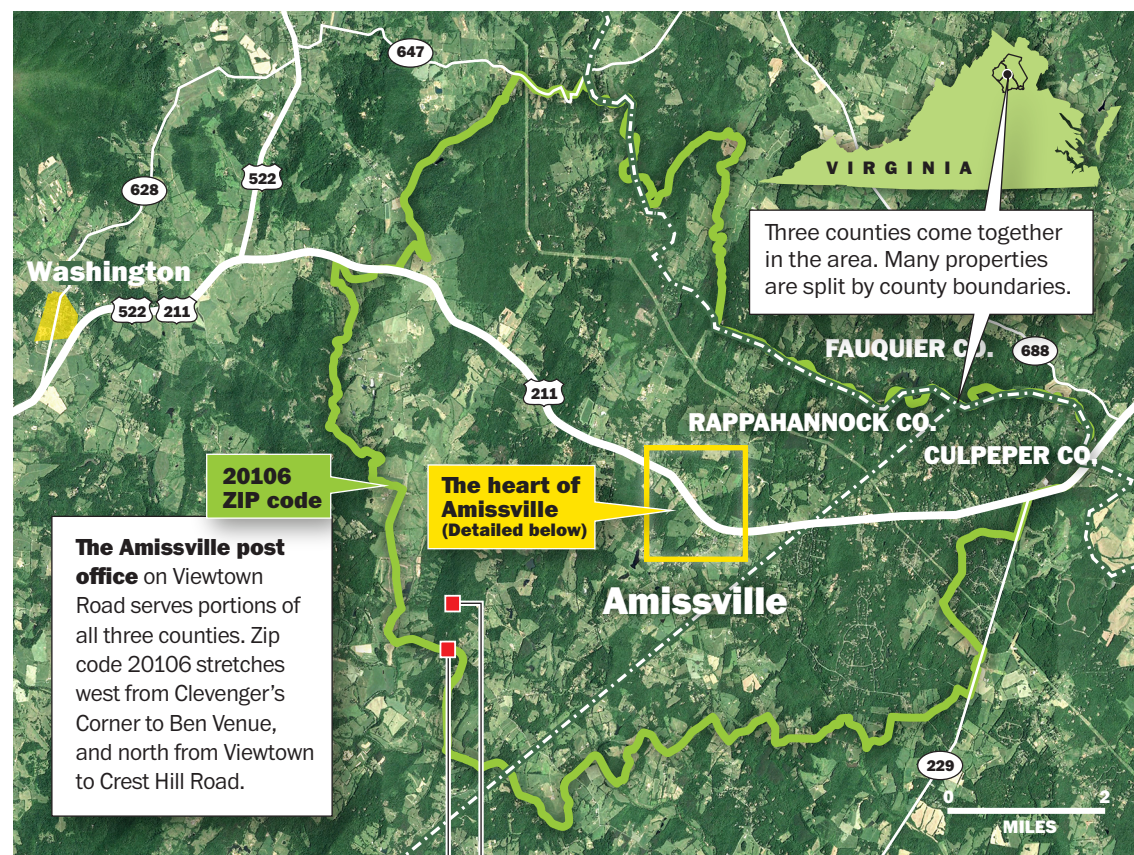
Early's Carpet

Mayhugh's store

What is now **Mayhugh's store** and gas station once housed the **Bel-Air Restaurant**, a popular bar and dance hall. It was also a general store and gun shop. The faint lettering "GUNS" is still visible on the roof.

The two-room, one-story **Amissville public school** was built in the early 1900s. Ira Beatty, father of movie stars Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine, taught there around 1925. Amissville also had several "graded" schools for African American students, built with financial assistance from the Rosenwald Foundation. Today, compared to other areas of the county, **Amissville sends the most kids to Rappahannock public schools** – some 25% of the student body. Some suggest housing in Amissville may be more affordable, and working parents are able to live closer to their jobs in Warrenton, and areas in Northern Virginia.

Organized in early 1870s, **Bethel Baptist Church** on Viewtown Road was likely the first African American church in the county.



The Amissville post office on Viewtown Road serves portions of all three counties. Zip code 20106 stretches west from Clevenger's Corner to Ben Venue, and north from Viewtown to Crest Hill Road.

The heart of Amissville (Detailed below)

Three counties come together in the area. Many properties are split by county boundaries.

Custer's Battle Mountain engagement

Many people think **Battle Mountain** is named for General George Custer's attack on Confederate troops in 1863. Not so. The Batailles, a French Huguenot family that settled in Amissville, changed their name to "Battle" when they arrived in America.



Amissville Fire and Rescue

When the new **Amissville fire and rescue station** was finished in 1974, country music singer and sausage mogul Jimmy Dean performed at the opening. The Amissville Volunteer Fire and Rescue company serves portions of Rappahannock, Culpeper and Fauquier counties.

Settle's Cars and Trucks

Site of the Amissville public school

Stuart Field

Hackley's Country Store

Amissville Post Office

Bethel Baptist Church

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