

County Officials in Arlington 1870 - 1960

By the Research and Records Committee, Arlington Historical Society.

A new Constitution for the Commonwealth of Virginia went into effect in 1870. It substantially modified the form of local government. Since its creation in 1634, the County Court had performed administrative as well as judicial functions. The new Constitution restricted the Court to the latter, and created a Board of Supervisors to administer the county.

Each county was divided into not fewer than three Townships each of which had its own set of officers and independent powers. Cities with a population of 5,000 or more were excluded from any Township—a formal recognition of the city-county separation peculiar to Virginia.¹ The Township as a unit of local government was foreign to Virginia, and the system was abolished by constitutional amendment in 1874. The Magisterial District was reestablished as the administrative unit, the boundaries remaining the same as those of the previously delineated Townships, but without independent officials.²

The date of the election for local officials with terms of less than three years was the fourth Tuesday in May as it had been for all since 1851. Until 1875, those with terms of three or more years were elected in November and took office on January 1. In that year, the date of election for this group was shifted to May.

The Supervisors, one for each Township or, later, Magisterial District, were elected annually for one year terms until 1875; thereafter the term was for two years. Together they formed the county Board of Supervisors. They took office on July 1 and might meet as often as necessary with the first Monday in December designated as the Annual Meeting. Since, however, the Supervisors might not draw pay for more than ten days (at \$3.00 a day) in any one year, they were apt to accomplish their business as expeditiously as possible.³ This limitation was raised to 18 days and the pay to \$4.00 a day in 1904. In 1877, the date of the Annual Meeting was advanced to November.

Even though the throng⁴ of independent Magisterial District officers had been done away with in the revision of 1874, the Districts were autonomous

¹ Ch. 39, 1869-70 *Acts of Assembly*.

² Ch. 76, 1874-5 *Acts of Assembly*.

³ For instance, there was no meeting of the Arlington Board between December 1870 and December 1871, nor between April 24 and October 23, 1872.

⁴ Each Township had elected a Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, Collector, Commissioner of the Roads, Overseer of the Poor, Justice of the Peace, and three Constables.

to a large degree with the Supervisor acting as the administrative officer. Separate road and school funds were set up for each District, as well as a general fund, and tax rates varied among them. It was only to consider and act on matters of concern common to the county as a whole that the Supervisors had to meet.

The Constitution of 1902 which went into effect in 1904, set the date for the election of all local elected officials in November; they took office the following January 1. A Supervisor was elected in each Magisterial District for a four year term. This system remained unchanged until the County Manager form of government went into effect in Arlington in 1932. Under the new arrangement (at that time confined to Arlington alone) the Magisterial Districts were abolished and the five members of the County Board (as the new governing body was styled) elected from the County at large for four year terms. As the result of an amendment to the County Manager Act in 1938, a referendum was held on whether the terms of the members of the County Board should be staggered. The vote was in the affirmative; thus beginning with the County Board elected in 1939 to take office in 1940, one member of the Board has been elected in each year and in the fourth year, two members are elected.

From 1870 to the present day, the elected constitutional officers (so called because they are provided for in the Constitution of Virginia) have remained the same. They—the County Clerk, Commonwealth's Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer, and Sheriff—perform functions for the State as well as the County. All but the Clerk who has an eight year term, now serve for four years. The Treasurer was a new officer in 1870. Previously taxes had been collected by the Sheriff.

From 1870 to 1875, the Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Treasurer served three year terms, the County Clerk four years. The latter's term was six years between 1875 and 1904. The terms of all the others were set at four years in 1875. The Commissioner of the Revenue was at first appointed by the State Auditor of Public Accounts but has been elected for a four year term since 1875.

The Last "Gentlemen Justices"

The County Court prior to 1870 was made up of four "Gentlemen Justices" from each of the four Wards into which the City of Alexandria was divided for the conduct of City business, and four from the Fifth District or the "country part of the county" as it was known. The members of the last County Court to function as an administrative body in Arlington⁵ in 1869 were:

⁵ The County was known as Alexandria County from 1801 to 1920 when its name was changed to Arlington by Act of the General Assembly. Records before the latter date, of course, all refer to it as Alexandria County. The bounds of the County were greater than now. Cf. *Arlington Historical Magazine*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (1964), "Annexation of a Portion of Arlington County by the City of Alexandria in 1915."

Lewis McKenzie, Presiding Justice

John Slater	W. L. Penn	Samuel Beach
Joseph Colton	Robert Bell	Paul R. Evans
C. C. Wade	S. B. Corbett	L. D. Harmon
Wm. W. White	Wm. N. Berkeley	C. W. Nowland
John Moore	James L. Dyson	

Allan Pearce (Also spelled Allen Pearce in the records)

D. K. Hauxhurst (Also spelled Hawxhurst)

G. Vandenburg (Also spelled Vandenberg)

This was two less than the required number of twenty. Apparently two vacancies had not been filled, possibly because of the imminent dissolution of this body. The Fifth District complement was full: Slater, Pearce, Vandenberg, and Corbett. Jefferson Tacey was the Clerk of Court (County Clerk), G. H. Ramey the Attorney for the Commonwealth, John C. Clark Commissioner of the Revenue, and I. C. O'Neal, Sheriff. At this time the County was part of the 1st Military District and appointments to office were made by the Commanding General. In 1869 this was Maj. Gen. George Stoneman.

The New System

The Constitution of 1869 (effective May 1, 1870) restored civil control. The first evidence of this in the "Minute Book" of the County Court is action to appoint new officials. The body of Justices of the Peace had been replaced by a single Judge: R. H. Cockerille. On May 2, 1870, acting under the authority of the Act of March 28, 1870, which implemented the new Constitution, he appointed Isaiah Fisher, Clerk of Court, I. C. O'Neal, Sheriff, and Arthur Taylor, Attorney for the Commonwealth. Isaiah Fisher declined to serve and Jefferson Tacey was subsequently appointed Clerk of Court.

To get the new system under way, Judge Cockerille appointed Garrett B. Wibirt, James C. Roach, and John R. Minor as Registrars for the Townships of Arlington, Jefferson, and Washington, respectively. The Governor had appointed commissions in each county to lay off the Townships. Here this meant the exclusion of the City of Alexandria from the County. After May 1, 1870, the "city part of the county" was no longer chargeable for any part of the County expense although charges due before that date were settled by a levy imposed by the first County Board of Supervisors. The members of the Commission to lay off the Townships in Alexandria County were: John Slater, G. B. Wibirt, John Birch, and George R. Adams.⁶ According to the Census of 1870, the population of Jefferson

⁶ Information on many of the individuals named here and in the appended lists is to be found in earlier articles in the *Arlington Historical Magazine*, especially Vol. 2, No. 2 (1962), "The Map of Arlington in 1878—Places and People," and Vol. 3, No. 1 (1965), "Public Schools in Arlington District of Alexandria County, Virginia, 1870-1905."

Township was 1,256, of Arlington, 1,374, of Washington, 555. Little wonder that the same names appear again and again among the office holders.

The election of the new Board of Supervisors was held on May 28, 1870, with the following Judges of Election appointed by the Court:

<i>Jefferson Township</i>	<i>Arlington Township</i>	<i>Washington Township</i>
James C. Roach	Garrett B. Wibirt	John R. Minor
Thos. Sanborn	Edward [Edwin] Ball	——— Stallcup [sic] ⁷
W. E. Carter	S. B. Wibirt	H. A. Lockwood

The new Board of Supervisors held its first meeting on August 29, 1870, when it elected a Chairman and proceeded to "lay the levy." The following data are from the "Minute Books" of the Board of Supervisors, of the County Board, and of the County Court which until 1904 had the power to fill vacancies in many offices and before which officials qualified. There are some gaps in the record, and some mysterious appearances and disappearances of individuals. The Research and Records Committee would welcome any corrections or supplementary information.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 1, 1870—September 5, 1870

H. Dwight Smith, Arlington Township, Chairman
 Charles W. Payne, Washington Township
 Supervisor elected for Jefferson Township (Storm V. Boyd) failed to qualify

September 5, 1870—June 30, 1871

H. Dwight Smith, Arlington Township, Chairman
 Charles W. Payne, Washington Township
 James C. Roach, Jefferson Township (Appointed)

July 1, 1871—June 30, 1872

H. Dwight Smith, Arlington Township, Chairman
 Edward Deeble, Washington Township
 William A. Rowe*, Jefferson Township
 *Given variously as Wroe, Roe, and Rome. In later years, consistently Rowe.

July 1, 1872—December 5, 1872

William A. Rowe, Jefferson Township, Chairman
 Henry W. Febrey, Washington Township
 John B. Syphax, Arlington Township (Resigned 12/5/72)

December 5, 1872—March 3, 1873

William A. Rowe, Jefferson Township, Chairman
 Henry W. Febrey, Washington Township
 H. Dwight Smith, Arlington Township (Appointed 12/5/72; resigned, 3/3/73)

⁷ This probably was Samuel Stalcup, a well known teacher both before and after this date.

March 3, 1873—April 8, 1873

William A. Rowe, Jefferson Township, Chairman
Lott W. Crocker*, Arlington Township
Henry W. Febrey, Washington Township

*Appointed 3/3/73; probably did not qualify as see Schutt, below.

April 8, 1873—June 30, 1873

William A. Rowe, Jefferson Township, Chairman
Henry W. Febrey, Washington Township
Francis G. Schutt, Arlington Township, "Associate" (Appointed 7/8/73)

July 1, 1873—July 8, 1873

William A. Rowe, Jefferson Township, "President"
Supervisor elected for Arlington Township, ? ? ? , failed to qualify
Supervisor elected for Washington Township, Edward Deeble, failed to qualify

July 8, 1873—December 1, 1873

William A. Rowe, Jefferson Township, "President"
Francis G. Schutt, Arlington Township, "Associate" (Appointed 7/8/73)
(vacancy), Washington Township

December 1, 1873—June 30, 1874

William A. Rowe, Jefferson Township, "President"
Francis G. Schutt, Arlington Township, "Associate"
Samuel Titus, Washington Township, "Associate" (Appointed 12/1/73)

July 1, 1874—June 30, 1875

Francis G. Schutt, Arlington District, Chairman
William A. Rowe, Jefferson District
Gilbert Vandenburg*, Washington District

*This name also appears in the records as Vandebergh and Vandeburgh.
Properly, it is Vandenberg.

July 1, 1875—June 30, 1876*

Francis G. Schutt, Arlington District, Chairman
William A. Rowe, Jefferson District
Gilbert Vandenberg, Washington District

*Term changed to two years.

July 1, 1876—June 5, 1877

Francis G. Schutt*, Arlington District, Chairman
William A. Rowe, Jefferson District
Gilbert Vandenberg, Washington District

*Notation on June 5 that he was no longer on the Board as he had
moved from Arlington District, date unspecified.

June 5, 1877—June 25, 1877

Gilbert Vandenberg, Washington District, Chairman
William A. Rowe, Jefferson District
(vacancy), Arlington District

June 25, 1877—June 30, 1877

Gilbert Vandenberg, Washington District, Chairman
William H. Robinson*, Arlington District (Appointed 6/25/77)
William A. Rowe, Jefferson District

*Also appears as Robertson, as it does on the 1878 map of the County,
but more frequently as Robinson.

July 1, 1877—April 2, 1879

Charles W. Payne, Washington District, Chairman
William H. Robinson, Arlington District
William A. Rowe, Jefferson District (Resigned 4/2/79; moved from Jefferson
to Arlington District)

April 2, 1879—June 30, 1879

Charles W. Payne, Washington District, Chairman
William H. Robinson, Arlington District
(vacancy), Jefferson District

July 1, 1879—June 30, 1881

William A. Rowe, Arlington District, Chairman
Travis B. Pinn, Jefferson District
Francis G. Schutt, Washington District

July 1, 1881—August 15, 1881

William A. Rowe, Arlington District, Chairman
Christopher Costello*, Washington District
Travis B. Pinn, Jefferson District (Resigned 8/15/81)

*Also given as Costollow or Costolow.

August 15, 1881—June 30, 1883

William A. Rowe, Arlington District, Chairman
Christopher Costello, Washington District
Francis M. Mills, Jefferson District (Appointed 8/15/81)

July 1, 1883—April 1, 1884

Christopher Costello, Washington District, Chairman
John W. Pendleton, Jefferson District
Perkin W. Squier*, Arlington District

*Postmaster of Alexandria City. Court declared seat vacant under the Virginia law prohibiting Federal employees from holding office in the State, and appointed a successor.

April 1, 1884—November 15, 1884

Christopher Costello, Washington District, Chairman
Curtis B. Graham, Jr., Arlington District (Appointed 4/1/84)
John W. Pendleton, Jefferson District

November 15, 1884—June 30, 1885

Christopher Costello, Washington District, Chairman
Curtis B. Graham, Jr., Arlington District
George W. Saulisbury*, Jefferson District

*Nothing in the record shows why Saulisbury took Pendleton's place, nor exactly when; the meeting of 11/15/84 is the first in which he is shown as "present."

July 1, 1885—June 30, 1887

Richard W. Johnston, Jefferson District, Chairman
John D. Payne, Washington District
George W. Veitch, Arlington District

July 1, 1887—November 13, 1888

A. B. Grunwell, Washington District, Chairman
Tibbett Allen, Jefferson District (Resigned; date ?)
Horatio Ball*, Arlington District

*This was Jr. as his father had died in 1873 at the age of 88 of "old age."

November 13, 1888—June 30, 1889

A. B. Grunwell, Washington District, Chairman
Horatio Ball, Arlington District
Frank Hume, Jefferson District (Appointed; date ?)

July 1, 1889—June 30, 1891

Frank Hume*, Jefferson District, Chairman
Frederick S. Corbett, Arlington District
Walter G. Willson, Washington District

*Hume was also Delegate to the General Assembly in 1890 as he was 1899-1900.

July 1, 1891—June 30, 1892

Frank Hume, Jefferson District, Chairman
Millard F. Birch, Arlington District
Walter G. Willson, Washington District

July 1, 1892—June 30, 1893

Frank Hume, Jefferson District, Chairman
Millard F. Birch, Arlington District
William N. Febrey*, Washington District

*The record does not show why Febrey succeeded Willson who presumably had been elected for the two year term in May 1891.

July 30, 1893—June 30, 1895

Frank Hume, Jefferson District, Chairman
John W. Clark, Arlington District
R. Henry Phillips, Washington District

July 1, 1895—June 30, 1897

A. B. Grunwell, Washington District, Chairman
Frederick S. Corbett, Arlington District
William Duncan, Jefferson District

July 1, 1897—October 11, 1897

George N. Saegmuller, Washington District, Chairman
William Duncan, Jefferson District
A. D. Torreyson*, Arlington District

*The election in Arlington District was contested with Torreyson and F. S. Corbett each getting 209 votes on the first count. The Court found for Corbett who was declared to have been a member of the Board since July 1 though Torreyson had been sitting.

October 11, 1897—June 30, 1899

George N. Saegmuller, Washington District, Chairman
William Duncan, Jefferson District
Frederick S. Corbett, Arlington District

July 1, 1899—June 30, 1901

George N. Saegmuller, Washington District, Chairman
Frederick S. Corbett, Arlington District
Dr. D. N. Rust, Jefferson District

July 1, 1901—December 31, 1903*

Rezin W. Darbey, Arlington District, Chairman
C. J. Costolow, Washington District
William Duncan, Jefferson District

*The Constitution of 1902 changed the term of office to four years on a calendar year basis. The extra six months of this Board covered the transition period.

Calendar Years Unless Otherwise Specified

1904—1907

Dr. D. N. Rust, Jefferson District, Chairman
W. W. Douglas*, Arlington District
W. N. Febrey, Washington District

*The election was contested by F. S. Corbett: the Court held for Douglas.

1908—1911

W. N. Febrey, Washington District, Chairman
Frederick S. Corbett, Arlington District
Edward Duncan, Jefferson District

1912—1915

Edward Duncan, Jefferson District, Chairman
Robert L. Walker, Washington District
W. C. Wibirt, Arlington District

1916—March 27, 1919

Robert L. Walker*, Washington District, Chairman
Edward Duncan, Jefferson District
W. C. Wibirt, Arlington District
*Resigned 3/27/19 to take post of Sanitary Inspector for the County.

March ?, 1919—December 31, 1919

W. C. Wibirt, Arlington District, Chairman
Clarence R. Ahalt, Washington District (Appointed; date ?)
Edward Duncan, Jefferson District

January 1, 1920—February 20, 1920

Thomas J. DeLashmutt, Arlington District, Chairman
Edward Duncan, Jefferson District
(vacancy)*, Washington District
*Clarence R. Ahalt elected but moved from District before term began.

February 20, 1920—April 12, 1920

Thomas J. DeLashmutt, Arlington District, Chairman
Edward Duncan, Jefferson District
Frank Upman, Washington District (Appointed; date ?)

April 12, 1920—December 31, 1923

Thomas J. DeLashmutt, Arlington District, Chairman
Edward Duncan, Jefferson District
W. T. Weaver*, Washington District
*Appointed. The record does not show why (nor exactly for how long)
Upman served such a short time.

1924—1927

E. C. Turnburke, Washington District, Chairman
Edward Duncan, Jefferson District
W. J. Ingram, Arlington District

1928—1931

Edward Duncan, Jefferson District, Chairman
B. M. Hedrick, Arlington District
E. C. Turnburke, Washington District

COUNTY BOARD

County Manager plan of government

January 1, 1932—May 31, 1933

Harry A. Fellows, Chairman
John C. Gall (Resigned 5/31/33)
Fred A. Gosnell, Sr.
Lyman M. Kelley
Elizabeth B. Magruder

June 1, 1933—December 11, 1933

Harry A. Fellows, Chairman
Fred A. Gosnell, Sr. (Resigned 12/11/33)
Lyman M. Kelley
Elizabeth B. Magruder
B. M. Smith (Appointed 6/1/33)

December 11, 1933—December 31, 1933

Harry A. Fellows, Chairman
Christopher B. Garnett (Appointed 12/11/33)
Lyman M. Kelley
Elizabeth B. Magruder
B. M. Smith

January 1, 1934—November 3, 1934

Lyman M. Kelley, Chairman (Removed by Court order 11/3/34)
Harry A. Fellows
Christopher B. Garnett
Elizabeth B. Magruder
B. M. Smith

November 8, 1934—December 31, 1935

B. M. Smith, Chairman
Harry A. Fellows
Christopher B. Garnett
Elizabeth B. Magruder
W. A. E. McShea (Appointed 11/8/34)

1936

George M. Yeatman, Chairman
W. P. Ames Elizabeth B. Magruder
F. Freeland Chew W. A. E. McShea

1937

W. A. E. McShea, Chairman
Elizabeth B. Magruder W. P. Ames
George M. Yeatman F. Freeland Chew

1938

Elizabeth B. Magruder, Chairman
W. P. Ames W. A. E. McShea
F. Freeland Chew George M. Yeatman

1939

F. Freeland Chew, Chairman
W. P. Ames W. A. E. McShea
Elizabeth B. Magruder George M. Yeatman

1940

Elizabeth B. Magruder, Chairman
Edmund D. Campbell Basil M. DeLashmutt
F. Freeland Chew Leo C. Lloyd

1941

F. Freeland Chew, Chairman
Edmund D. Campbell Leo C. Lloyd
Basil M. DeLashmutt Elizabeth B. Magruder

1942

Edmund D. Campbell, Chairman
F. Freeland Chew Leo C. Lloyd
Basil M. DeLashmutt Elizabeth B. Magruder

1943

Basil M. DeLashmutt, Chairman
Edmund D. Campbell Leo C. Lloyd
F. Freeland Chew Elizabeth B. Magruder

1944

Leo C. Loyd, Chairman

Edmund D. Campbell	Basil M. DeLashmutt
F. Freeland Chew	Elizabeth B. Magruder

1945

F. Freeland Chew, Chairman

Edmund D. Campbell	Leo C. Loyd
Basil M. DeLashmutt	Elizabeth B. Magruder

1946

Edmund D. Campbell, Chairman

F. Freeland Chew	Leo C. Loyd
Basil M. DeLashmutt	Elizabeth B. Magruder

January 1, 1947—March 11, 1947

Elizabeth B. Magruder, Chairman (Resigned as Chairman 3/11/47)	
F. Freeland Chew	Daniel A. Dugan
Basil M. DeLashmutt	Leo C. Loyd

March 11, 1947—May 10, 1947

Basil M. DeLashmutt, Chairman	
F. Freeland Chew	Elizabeth B. Magruder (Resigned 5/10/47)
Daniel A. Dugan	Leo C. Loyd

May 17, 1947—November 3, 1947

Basil M. DeLashmutt, Chairman	
F. Freeland Chew	Daniel A. Dugan
Harry W. Cuppett (Appointed 5/17/47)	Leo C. Loyd (Died 11/3/47)

November 26, 1947—December 31, 1947

Basil M. DeLashmutt, Chairman	
F. Freeland Chew	Daniel A. Dugan
Harry W. Cuppett	Alfred E. Frisbie (Appointed 11/26/47)

1948

Daniel A. Dugan, Chairman

Florence Cannon	Basil M. DeLashmutt
F. Freeland Chew	Alfred E. Frisbie

1949

Basil M. DeLashmutt, Chairman

Florence Cannon	Daniel A. Dugan
F. Freeland Chew	Alfred E. Frisbie

1950

Daniel A. Dugan, Chairman

Florence Cannon	Robert W. Cox
F. Freeland Chew	Alfred E. Frisbie

1951

Florence Cannon, Chairman

F. Freeland Chew	Daniel A. Dugan
Robert W. Cox	Alfred E. Frisbie

January 1, 1952—September 17, 1952

Robert W. Cox, Chairman*
Alan L. Dean*
Daniel A. Dugan*

Alfred E. Frisbie
Robert A. Peck

*Removed from office under a ruling of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals that the exemption of members of the Arlington County Board from the prohibition against Federal employees holding office in Virginia had been provided through an unconstitutional statute.

September 18, 1952—November 10, 1952

Alfred E. Frisbie, Chairman
M. Rex Byrne*
Howard R. Massey*

Robert A. Peck
John A. Tillema*

*Appointed to the vacancies until they could be filled by election.

November 10, 1952—December 31, 1952

Alfred E. Frisbie, Chairman
Leone B. Buchholz*
Robert H. Detwiler*

Alvin F. Kimel*
Robert A. Peck

*Elected 11/4/52 to fill the unexpired terms; took office on 11/10/52.

1953

Robert A. Peck, Chairman

Leone B. Buchholz
Robert H. Detwiler

Alvin F. Kimel
George M. Rowzee, Jr.

1954

Leone B. Buchholz, Chairman

Wesley W. Cooper
Alvin F. Kimel

Robert A. Peck
George M. Rowzee, Jr.

1955

George M. Rowzee, Jr., Chairman

Leone B. Buchholz
Wesley W. Cooper

Alvin F. Kimel
Robert A. Peck

1956

Wesley W. Cooper, Chairman

Leone B. Buchholz
Ralph Kaul

David L. Krupsaw
George M. Rowzee, Jr.

1957

Wesley W. Cooper, Chairman

Lucas H. Blevins
Leone B. Buchholz

Ralph Kaul
David L. Krupsaw

1958

Ralph Kaul, Chairman

Lucas H. Blevins
Herbert L. Brown, Jr.

Leone B. Buchholz
David L. Krupsaw

1959

David L. Krupsaw, Chairman

Lucas H. Blevins
Herbert L. Brown, Jr.

Ralph Kaul
Leo Urbanske, Jr.

January 1, 1960—January 21, 1960

Herbert L. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Lucas H. Blevins
Ralph Kaul

David L. Krupsaw (Died 1/21/60)
Leo Urbanske, Jr.

January 29, 1960—December 31, 1960

Herbert L. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Lucas H. Blevins
Ralph Kaul

Leo Urbanske, Jr.
Ernest D. Wilt (Appointed 1/29/60)

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Three year term, 1870-75; four years, 1875—date.

To April 1870

G. H. Ramey (Appointed)

May 2, 1870—December 31, 1870

W. Arthur Taylor (Appointed)

May 15, 1871—December 31, 1873

G. H. Ramey*

*"Qualified" May 15. No explanation has come to light on how the office was filled between January 1, 1871, and May 15. In April 1873 George A. Mushback was "Acting Commonwealth's Attorney" as Ramey was ill.

January 1, 1874—June 30, 1883

Edmund Burke

July 1, 1883—June 30, 1891

James E. Clements

July 1, 1891—?

Richard E. Johnston*

*It has not been possible to determine the exact term or terms which Mr. Johnston served. The late Senator Frank L. Ball stated his recollection that Mr. Johnston was elected in 1891, 1895, and 1899. James E. Clements, however, resigned as "Acting Commonwealth's Attorney" on June 4, 1903 (having served in that capacity at a time when he was also Superintendent of Schools), and Mr. Johnston served between then and December 31, 1903.

January 1, 1904—December 31, 1915

Crandall Mackey

January 1, 1916—December 31, 1923

Frank L. Ball

January 1, 1924—December 31, 1931

William C. Gloth

January 1, 1932—December 31, 1947

Lawrence W. Douglas

January 1, 1948—December 31, 1951

Denman T. Rucker

January 1, 1952—

William J. Hassan

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Appointed by the Auditor of Public Accounts, one year term, 1870-75;
elected, four year terms, 1875—date.

May 2, 1870—?

H. K. Bradshaw*

*Appointed for "the term of one year, and until your successor shall be appointed and qualified." No record of a successor has been found so he may have served until the system changed.

July 1, 1875—June 30, 1876

?*

*One "Randall" Holmes was reported elected and failed to qualify. A William Zimmermann was said to be in line for appointment. The "Randall" probably is an error for "H. L.," as other accounts have Henry L. Holmes elected in 1875. He probably failed to qualify as he was only 20 years old at the time, having been born on June 3, 1855. He was again elected the next year.

July 1, 1876—December 31, 1903

Henry L. Holmes

January 1, 1904—December 31, 1911

Curtis B. Graham

January 1, 1912—December 31, 1919

W. H. Duncan

January 1, 1920—March 12, 1951

Harry K. Green (Died)

March 16, 1951—

George C. Fischer (Appointed for unexpired term; subsequently elected).

TREASURER

Three year term, 1870-75; four years, 1875—date.

July 1, 1870—May 25, 1875

Virgil P. Corbett (Died)

June 1, 1875—June 30, 1875

Frank (Francis) E. Corbett (Appointed)

July 1, 1875—July 14, 1875

(Vacant)*

*John B. Syphax, elected in May, failed to qualify because he was unable to obtain the required amount of security. At the time he was a member of the House of Delegates.

July 14, 1875—January 14, 1880

Jefferson Tacey (Appointed; died)

February ?, 1880—June 30, 1881

F. R. Windsor (Appointed)

July 1, 1881—December 31, 1907

William C. Wibirt

January 1, 1908—February 26, 1932

E. Wade Ball (Resigned)

February 26, 1932—December 31, 1939

Charles T. Jesse (Appointed for unexpired term, then elected)

January 1, 1940—December 31, 1951

John Locke Green

January 1, 1952—

Colin C. MacPherson

SHERIFF

Three year term, 1870-75; four years, 1875—date.

April 5, 1869—December 31, 1873

I. C. O'Neal*

*The first initial is either "I" or Old Style for "J". His first name never appears written out. He was reappointed May 2, 1870, when the new form of government went into effect. He was elected in November 1870.

January 1, 1874—March 2, 1874

R. D. Ruffin (Resigned)*

*He was declared ineligible by the Court because he was not a resident of the County at the time of election.

May 1, 1874—December 31, 1875

James C. Roach (Appointed 4/6/74)

January 1, 1876—June 30, 1879

William C. Wibirt

July 1, 1879—June 30, 1883

Frederick S. Corbett

July 1, 1883—June 30, 1895

Richard A. Veitch (Appointed)*

*William L. Lomax had been elected but failed to qualify.

July 1, 1895—December 31, 1911

William H. Palmer

January 1, 1912—September ?, 1912

Jacob E. Birch (Died)

September 16, 1912—December 31, 1915

A. H. Barbor (Appointed)

January 1, 1916—December 31, 1919

Howard B. Fields

January 1, 1920—December 31, 1923

A. C. Clements

January 1, 1924—December 31, 1943

Howard B. Fields

January 1, 1944—December 31, 1947

Homer Bauserman

January 1, 1948—December 31, 1951

J. Elwood Clements

January 1, 1952—October 20, 1960

Carl Taylor (Died)

October 28, 1960—December 31, 1963

T. W. Frederick (Appointed)

January 1, 1964—

J. Elwood Clements

COUNTY CLERK

Clerk of Courts and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 1870-1932. Under the Manager plan of government the Clerk to the County Board is appointed annually by the Board.

Four year term, 1870-1875; six years, 1875-1904; eight years, 1904—date.

June 6, 1870—December 31, 1870

Jefferson Tacey

January 1, 1871—September 2, 1872

George C. Seaton (Removed by Court order)

September 2, 1872—December 31, 1872

David M. Hunter (Appointed)

January 1, 1874—February 19, 1879

Louis E. Payne (Resigned)

February ?, 1879—March ?, 1879

G. H. Ramey (Appointed on an "Acting" basis?)

February ? (or March ?) 1879—June 30, 1879

Alexander Hunter (Appointed)

July 1, 1879—June 29, 1886

Benjamin Austin ("Removed")*

*Does this term here mean removed by Court order (as it sometimes does), or moved from the jurisdiction (which it also sometimes does?)

June 29, 1886—June 30, 1899

Howard H. Young (Appointed)

July 1, 1899—August 24, 1919

George H. Rucker (Died)

August 26, 1919—December 31, 1919

Alan B. Prosis (Appointed)

January 1, 1920—April 20, 1932

William H. Duncan (Resigned)

April 22, 1932—December 31, 1935

John A. Petty (Appointed)

January 1, 1936—May 5, 1945

C. Benj. Laycock (Died)

May 9, 1945—

H. Bruce Green (Appointed for unexpired term; then elected.)