

The Commonwealth's Attorney, known as the Crown Attorney or King's Attorney prior to the American Revolution, is the highest law enforcement officer for his/her jurisdiction in Virginia. After the American Revolution the position appears to have been by Court appointment however in present day it is a Constitutional office, established under Section 4, Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia, the Commonwealth's Attorney is elected by regular election held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November every four years. (Va. Constitution Art. 7 § 4 (1971))

It is known that William Russell served as the first Crown Attorney for Spotsylvania from 1722 – 1727 and was succeeded by Zachary Lewis in 1733.

The following is recognition to those who have served the office. We acknowledge that the list is somewhat incomplete and is still a work in progress. Please contact our office should you have any additional history or photographs to contribute.

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**William Russell**  
1722 – 1727

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**Zachary Lewis**  
1733 – 1764

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**John Minor**  
1784

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**Lewis Burwell Williams**  
1823

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**Thomas B. Barton**  
1841 – 1865

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**Darwin Dolbert**  
1865 – 1867

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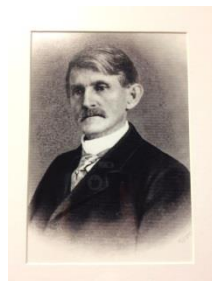
**Thomas B. Barton**  
1867 – 1874



**Casper Wister Wallace**  
1875 – 1878



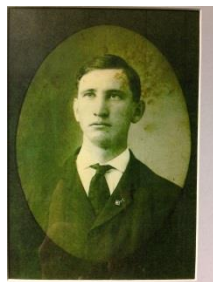
**Alfred B. Rawlings**  
1882 – 1899



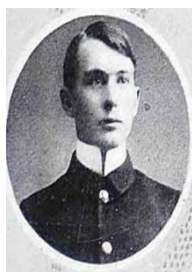
**Robert Edmund Waller**  
1900 – 1904  
1913 - 1918



**Lee Jackson Graves**  
1904 – 1907



**T. Stokely Coleman, Jr.**  
1943 – 1962



**S. Peter Powell**  
1918 – 1931



**Emmett R. Carner**  
1932 – 1939



**Solon B. Coleman**  
1940 – 1943



**T. Stokeley Coleman, Jr.**  
1943 – 1962



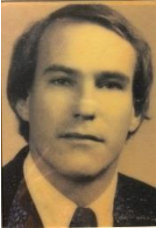
**Alfred W. Garnett**  
1962 – 1969



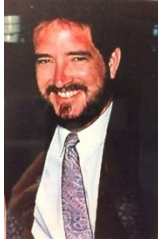
**James E. Jarrell, Jr**  
1970 – 1972



**Gerald F. Dalton**  
1972 - 1975



**M.R. "Chip" Reamy**  
1976 – 1980



**Mark S. Gardner**  
1980 – 1987



**William F. Neely**  
1988 – 2015



**Travis D. Bird**  
2016 - Present

