

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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Thomas B. Barton
1828 – 1865

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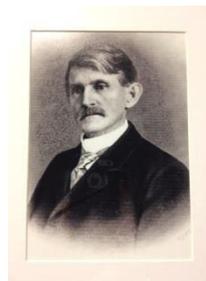
Darwin Dolbert
1865 – 1867



Casper Wister Wallace
1875 – 1878



Alfred B. Rawlings
1882 – 1899



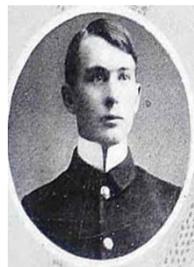
Robert Edmund Waller
1900 – 1904
1913 - 1918



Lee Jackson Graves
1904 – 1907



T. Stokeley Coleman, Sr.



S. Peter Powell



Emmett R. Carner



Solon B. Coleman

1907 – 1913



T. Stokeley Coleman, Jr.
1943 – 1962

1918 – 1931



Alfred W. Garnett
1962 – 1969

1932 – 1939

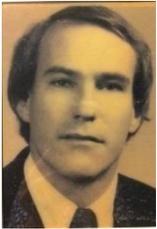


James E. Jarrell, Jr.
1970 – 1972

1940 – 1943



Gerald F. Daltan
1972 - 1975



M.R. "Chip" Reamy
1976 – 1980



Mark S. Gardner
1980 – 1987



William F. Neely
1988 – 2015



Travis D. Bird
2016 - Present

