

Rockingham County Voter and Election Records	
Collection Summary	
Title	Rockingham County Voter and Election records
Collection Reference Code	Ver
Inclusive Dates	1870-1980
Document Creator	Electoral Board, Election Officers, County and City Registrars
Extent	13 boxes; 9 bound volumes; 7 linear feet
Genre/Format	Official Court Records
Language	English
Location	Rockingham County Circuit Court Archives
Access and Restrictions	This work has been identified as being free of known restrictions under copyright law, including all related and neighboring rights. (https://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/mark/1.0/)
Bio/Historical Note	Every city and county in the Commonwealth of Virginia has a three-member Electoral Board, which ensures fair, free, open and transparent elections. The Electoral board for each city and county then appoints election officers, who serve as the administrators of polling sites and ballot collectors. County and City Registrars are also appointed by the Electoral board to ensure the registration of qualified voters in the Commonwealth.

Scope and Content	<p>There are nine different series within this record group. This first consists of voter registration books, which date from 1870-1952. These were broken into three divisions. There is a separate volume for white males registered to vote between 1870 and 1952, white females registered to vote from 1920-1952 and a volume for both male and female (one they were granted the right to vote) African Americans registered to vote from 1870-1952. These forms contained information such as the date of the registration, the persons name, date of birth, age, occupation, residence, naturalization status and precinct transfer (if applicable). The second series, List of Voters Registered, are loose records indicating individuals registered to vote in specific precincts. These are separate from the bound volumes, as the formats differ, but it is not clear how they were used differently. Registration of Oaths is the third series. They are naturally divided into two subseries Male Registrations (1915-1944) and Female Registrations (1920-1944). These were to be filed by the Registrar along with the Books of Registration. The oath established the individuals right to register under the Constitution and laws of the state. Series four contains voter transfer applications made to the Registrar by the individual wishing to transfer precincts. There is no information provided as to the reason for the request. Registration Laws is a series comprised of documentation relating to the Voter Registration Code of 1958. Certificates of Registration make up the sixth series of this record group. These were certificates used to certify a previously registered voter could transfer to a newly established voting precinct. Information listed includes the name, race, date of birth, age and occupation of the individual, as well as their former voting precinct. The Abstract of Votes series is divided into subseries for Local Elections, State Elections, National Elections, Elections on Legislature, and Special Elections. Special Elections refer to (but is not limited to) elections for Soil Conservation officers, elections on the change of municipal government, and bond issues. General Election Records consists of various records that did not fall into clearly established series. This includes Special Election Records, Newspaper Articles, Electoral Board Correspondences. Finally, Series nine contains Voting Precinct Petitions (1915-1931). These petitions were brought by local individuals requesting the establishment of a new voting precinct or the revision of precinct boundary lines.</p>
Arrangement	All series, and subsequent subseries, are arranged chronologically.
Index Terms	
Subject	Voting--1870-1980, Voting--History--20th century, Voting registers--Virginia, Voting registrars, Voting rights, Rockingham County (Va.), Rockingham County (Va.)--Genealogy--Sources, Rockingham County (Va.)--History--Sources.
Processing Informtaion/Archival History	These records have been maintained continuously by the Circuit Court. The electoral board was required to submit abstracts of votes for each election to the Clerk of the Court for safe keeping.

Contents		
Series I	Voter Registration	Location
	White Male Vol. 1	J.001_001_001
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	White Male Vol. 5	J.001_001_005
	White Male Vol. 6	J.001_001_006
	White Female Vol. 1	J.001_001_007
	White Female Vol. 2	J.001_001_008
	White Female Vol. 3	J.001_001_009
	"Colored" Male and	J.001_001_010
Series II	List of Voters	Location
Box I	Folder I: List of Voters Registered 1913-1944	C.005_003_003
Series III	Registration of Oaths	Location
Box I	Folder II: Registration of Oaths-Male	C.005_003_003
	Folder III: Registration of Oaths-Female	C.005_003_003
Series IV	Voter Transfer	Location

Box I	Folder IV: Voter	C.005_003_003
Series V	Registration Laws	
Box I	Folder V: Voter	C.005_003_003
Series VI	Certifications of Registrations	
Box I	Folder VI: Certificates of Registration (1904-	C.005_003_003
Series VII	Abstract of Votes	Location
Box II	National Elections	C.005_001_003
Box III	National Elections	
Box IV	Local Elections (1914-	C.005_003_003
	Local Elections (1962-	C.005_003_003
Box V	On Legislature (1912-	C.005_003_003
Box VI	State Elections (1913-	C.005_001_003
Box VII	State Elections (1919-	C.005_001_003
Box VIII	State Elections (1932-	C.005_001_003
Box IX	State Elections (1945-	C.005_001_003
Box X	State Elections (1960-	C.005_001_003
Box XI	Special Elections (1945-	C.005_003_004
	Unspecified (1917-1921)	C.005_003_004

Series VIII	General Election	Location
Box XI	Folder Title: Special Election Records, 1914	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Special Election Records, 1934	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Special Election Records, 1936	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Special Election Records, 1938	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Special Election Records, 1942	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Special Election Records, 1943	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Special Election Records, 1944	C.005_003_004
Box XII	Folder I: Newspaper	C.005_003_004
	Folder II: Electoral Board Correspondences	C.005_003_004
Series IX	Voting Precinct	Location
Box XII	Folder Title: Voting Precinct Petition, 1915	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Voting Precinct Petition, 1916	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Voting Precinct Petition, 1923	C.005_003_004
	Folder Title: Voting Precinct Petition, 1931	C.005_003_004

