

# A Guide to the Petersburg (Va.) Roll of Voters Registered, 1902-1903

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## Descriptive Summary

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### Language

English

### Collector

Petersburg (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

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### Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, Library of Virginia

**Repository**

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

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**Use Restrictions**

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**Acquisition Information**

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Additional Petersburg (City) Election Records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult "[A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm.](#)"

## Historical Information

Petersburg was formed from parts of Dinwiddie, Prince George, and Chesterfield counties. A garrison and fur trading post called Fort Henry was established in 1645 on the site of the Indian village of Appamattuck. The present name, suggested in 1733 by William Byrd II, honors Peter Jones, Byrd's companion on expeditions into the Virginia backcountry. Petersburg was established in 1748 and incorporated as a town in 1784. In the latter year the towns of Blandford, Pocahontas, and Ravenscroft were added to Petersburg. It was incorporated as a city in 1850. Petersburg was enlarged by annexation from both Prince George and Dinwiddie counties in 1972.

The 1902 voter registration books were created following the passage of the 1902 Virginia state constitution. The purpose of the 1902 state constitution was to maintain white suffrage while eliminating African-American voters by means of literacy tests as well as property and poll tax requirements.

## Scope and Content

Petersburg (Va.) Roll of Voters Registered, 1902-1903, records the roll of registered voters in the City of Petersburg. The volume is divided by precincts: Bollingbrook, New Market, and Courthouse; and within each precinct on the basis of color. Information found in the volumes includes date of registration; number of registered voter; name of registered voter; date of birth; age; occupation; residence; length of residence in state, county, and precinct; whether exempt from poll tax; if naturalized, and if so, date of papers and by what court issued; if transferred from another precinct, and if so, when and to what precinct.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Petersburg (Va.) Circuit Court

**Subjects:**

African Americans--History--1877-1964

African Americans--Suffrage

African Americans--Virginia--Petersburg

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## **Geographical Names:**

Petersburg (Va.)--Genealogy

Petersburg (Va.)--History--20th century

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Election records--Virginia--Petersburg

Local government records--Virginia--Petersburg

Voters' lists--Virginia--Petersburg

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