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Related Material

Additional Goochland County 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

Goochland County was named for Sir William Gooch, lieutenant governor of Virginia from 1727 to 1749. It was formed from Henrico County in 1728. The county seat is Goochland.

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.

The Nineteenth Amendment was granted the right to vote to women. It was proposed on June 4, 1919 and ratified on August 18, 1920.

The National Voting Rights Act of 1965 outlawed discriminatory voting practices that had been responsible for the widespread disenfranchisement of African Americans in the United States. The Act prohibited states from imposing any "voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure ... to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color." Congress intended the Act to outlaw the practice of requiring otherwise qualified voters to pass literacy tests in order to register to vote, a principal means by which southern states had prevented African-Americans from exercising the franchise.

Scope and Content

Goochland County (Va.) Election Records, circa 1902-1965, include Goochland County lists of registered voters compiled in the individual county precincts and the general voter registration book.

Goochland County lists of registered voters consist of the individual rolls of registered voters, colored and white, for the following precincts: Caledonia, Three Square, Snead's Store, Hadensville, Goochland, Watkinsville, Centerville, Manakin, Tabscott, Rocketts, Bowles Store, and Ford's Store. Rolls also include

names of women who registered following passage of Nineteenth Amendment in 1920 and the names of African-Americans who registered following passage of the National Voting Rights Act of 1965. Information found in the rolls 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.

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