

# A Guide to the Records of the Secretary of the Commonwealth: Requests for Pardons and Restoration of Rights, 2001-2013 (bulk 2010-2013)

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection Number

51134

### Language

English

### Creator

Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth

### Extent

13 cu. ft. (13 boxes)

### Repository

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

This collection is restricted for 75 years (2085) due to privacy protected information. COV 2.2-3706; 16.1-305; 2.2-3801; 42.1-78

## Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

Transferred from the Virginia Secretary of Administration on January 23, 2014.

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# Historical Information

Robert F. McDonnell was elected 71st governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in November 2009 and inaugurated on 16 January 2010. He served until 11 January 2014. Janet Vestal Kelly (formerly Janet Polarek until 2012) served as the Secretary of the Commonwealth throughout McDonnell's tenure. She had previously served as the Chief Operations Officer during his gubernatorial campaign and as a staff member while McDonnell served as Attorney General.

The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth has evolved from early colonial times when there existed a Secretary of the Colony. The Office became a gubernatorial appointment subsequent to a 1958 Act of the Assembly. The Secretary of the previous Commonwealth next in line is under the jurisdiction of the Governor's Office. The Secretary is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years. Currently the Secretary of the Commonwealth is responsible for gubernatorial appointments, clemency and restoration of civil rights requests and extraditions. Other responsibilities include authenticating and certifying the records of the courts and of any state agency.

# Scope and Content

This collection consists primarily of correspondence from petitioners requesting either a pardon, clemency, or the restoration of rights. It also includes supporting documentation from petitioners, as well as correspondence between agencies and the Parole Board.

# Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series:

- Series I: Pardons
- Series II: Restoration of Rights

# Contents List

## Series I. Pardons, 2001-2013.

**Boxes** 1-12

### Extent

Extent: 12 boxes (12 cu. ft.).

### Arrangement

Folders are arranged alphabetically by last name when possible.

### 2001-2007.

**Box** 1

### A-Z, 2008.

**Box** 2

### A-Z, 2009.

**Box** 3

**A-J, 2010.**

**Box 4**

**K-S, 2010.**

**Box 5**

**T-Z, 2010.**

**Box 6**

**A-L 2011.**

**Box 7**

**M-Z 2011.**

**Box 8**

**A-L, 2012.**

**Box 9**

**M-Z, 2012.**

**Box 10**

**A-N, 2013.**

**Box 11**

**O-Z, 2013.**

**Box 12**

## **Series I. Restoration of Rights,, 2010-2013.**

**Box 13**

### **Extent**

Extent: 1 box (1 cu. ft.).

### **Arrangement**

Folders are arranged chronologically.

**Restoration of Rights, 2010-2013.**

**Box 13**