

# **BEGINNINGS OF THE VIRGINIA SECTION**

## **April 9, 1915**

The Virginia Section grew out of the Virginia Chemists Club which was founded in 1907. In 1909, the Club petitioned the Council of the American Chemical Society to convert the Virginia Chemists Club into a local section of the ACS. That request was denied. In February, 1915, nine members of the Chemists Club signed a new petition to establish a local section in Virginia.

The petition, dated February 12, 1915 in Richmond, Va., reads as follows:

**We, the undersigned, favor the formation of a Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society, to bear the name “The Virginia Chemists Club, The Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society”, with headquarters in Richmond, and with territory to include all of the state of Virginia outside of Alexandria County but with the exclusion of all members from the new section who have their professional address in Washington, D.C. We hereby respectfully petition the Council of the American Chemical Society for the formation of such a section.**

The petition was signed by F. B. Carpenter, E. W. Magruder, Frank R. Elder, Robt. F. McCracken, C. M. Bradbury, Alex M. Forrester, Robt. B. Arnold, Eugene C. Bingham, and Henry Froehling. Accompanying the petition was a list of 33 names, presumably members of the Chemists Club who supported the petition.

The ACS Council approved the petition and granted the charter to the Virginia Section on April 9, 1915. The Charter reads as follows:

**By authority of the Directors and the Council of the American Chemical Society, a local section of that society, to be known as the Virginia Section, with headquarters at Richmond, Va., and embracing the territory of the state of Virginia outside of Alexandria County, is hereby established.**

The charter was signed by C. H. Herty, President, and Chas. L. Parsons, Secretary, and dated Washington, D.C., April 9, 1915.



Charles H. Herty

Charles L. Parsons





Here is a copy of the original charter. The handwritten note was added in 1927 when Alexandria County was divided into the city of Alexandria and the County of Arlington.

CHARTER  
OF THE VIRGINIA SECTION  
OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

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*D. H. Hartley*  
President

*Chas. L. Parsons*  
Secretary

Washington, D. C.,  
April 9, 1915.

*4-7-27: There is now  
no Alex. Co. Changed to read,  
Arlington County and Alexandria,  
Va.*

P E T I T I O N .

Richmond, Va., Feb. 12, 1915.

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Malcolm A. Holliday  
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B. V. Jones  
P. C. Hoffman  
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