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STATE OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County:

The Grand Jurors in and for the body of said County of Rockingham and now attending said Court at its October Term, 1920, upon their oaths, do present that Lester House within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully manufacture, sell, offer, keep, store and expose for sale, give away, transport, dispense, solicit, advertise and receive orders for ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of W.L. Dillard and C. R. Fawley, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the Grand Jury to give evidence.

October Term, 1920.

Commonwealth of Virginia



We the jury find the accused, <sup>Lester House</sup> guilty as charged in this indictment and pay his punishment a fine of \$100.00 and confinement in jail for 60 days.

Wm. H. Burton, Foreman \*

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Commonwealth

vs. Indictment

Lester House

For misdemeanor

A True Bill

For emam

D. W. Earmen  
Commonwealth's Attorney

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New Market R.F. #1

Virginia, Rockingham County, towit;

Be it remembered that this day Lester B. House & J. H. Bull came before me, H. W. Bertram Bail Commissioner for Rockingham County, and severally and respectively acknowledged theme selves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of Two Hundred & fifty dollars, that is to say the said Lester B. House in the sum of \$250<sup>00</sup> dollars and the said J. H. Bull in the <sup>paid</sup> sum of \$250<sup>00</sup> dollars, to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements for the use of the Commonwealth rendered, at the same time waiving their homestead exemptions as to this obligation, and all claim or right to discharge any liability arising to the Commonwealth under this recognizance, with coupons detached from the bonds of this state;

YET UPON THIS CONDITION, that if the said J. H. Bull & Lester B. House shall personally appear before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County on the first day of the next term thereof, ~~it being the 15th day of~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1920, then and there to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning a certain misdeameant of which he stands charged and shall not depart therefrom without leave of said court, then this recognizance shall be void, otherwsie to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me this 17 day of September 1920.

H. W. Bertram Bail Commissioner.

The foregoing recognizance is certified to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County.

H. W. B.



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Virginia, Rockingham County, town;

Be it remembered that this day

Leah M. Howe & J. H.

Abell came before me, H. W. Bartram Bail Commissioner

for Rockingham County, and severally and respectively acknowledged them

selves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of two

hundred & fifty dollars, that is to say the said Leah M. Howe

in the sum of \$250 dollars and the said J. H. Abell

in the sum of \$250 dollars, to be levied of their

respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements for the use of the

Commonwealth rendered, at the same time waiving their homestead

exemptions as to this obligation, and all claim or right to discharge

any liability existing to the Commonwealth under this recognizance, with

coupons detached from the bonds of this state;

YET UPON THIS CONDITION, that if the said Leah M. Howe

shall personally appear before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County

on the first day of the next term thereof, ~~it being the first day of~~

~~1927~~ then and there to answer the Commonwealth for

and concerning a certain ~~instrument~~ of which he stands charged and shall

not depart therefrom without leave of said court, then this recognizance

shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me this 13 day of September 1920.

H. W. Bartram Bail Commissioner.

The foregoing recognizance is certified to the Clerk of the Circuit

Court of Rockingham County.

ASWD



*Exhibited by Sheriff of Rockingham for arrest of defendant...  
whereas it is shown by the return of the Justice of the Peace...  
that the defendant is in possession of the same...  
1920*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

To the Sheriff of said County:

Whereas W. L. Dillard Sheriff of the said

County has this day made complaint and information on oath  
before me, J. W. Pickering, a Justice of the  
Peace of said County, that he has cause to believe and does  
believe that ardent spirits are being manufactured or stored  
for sale, barter, gift, or use, in violation of law, in a certain  
dwelling house or out buildings, situate on the farm of \_\_\_\_\_  
V. L. Biedler in the County of Rockingham,  
Virginia, and occupied by Lester House.

These are, therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth  
of Virginia to command you forthwith to search said buildings  
for ardent spirits and their containers, and bring the same  
and the person in whose possession they are found before me or  
some other Justice of the said County to answer the said com-  
plaint and to be further dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand this 25th day of August, 1920.

J. W. Pickering  
Justice of the Peace

Witness W L Dillard  
G R Fawley

*0.10  
1.50  
100.00*

*Massachusetts*



Executed by Searching For Ardent Spirits & Finding Still and  
worn & by arresting the within Lester B House & taking his  
body before J W Picheering J.P. this the 25 day of August  
1920 W.D. Dillard S.R.C.

Lester B. House was brought before me,  
and waived a hearing, and committed for  
the action of grand jury.

Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of Aug, 1920.

J. W. Picheering J.P.

Commonwealth

V.S.

Lester House

Justice Fee 2.00

100 Arrest

1.20

2.20 \$4.20

mileage 1.00

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and the person in whose possession they are found before me or  
some other Justice of the said County to answer the said com-  
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Filed in the Clerk's Office  
Rockingham County, Va.

AUG 27 1920

Clerk

Commonwealth

V.S.

Lester House

Search Warrant

Witness W D Dillard  
C R Picheering



IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon .....

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court-House, on the  
..... day of..... Term next, to show cause why..... should  
not be fined and attached for failing to attend at the..... Term, 191....., of  
the aforesaid Court, as witness , duly summoned on behalf of.....,  
in the suit at law of..... Plaintiff vs.....  
Defendant.....,

And have then and there this Writ. Witness..... Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court-House, the..... day of..... 191....., and in the  
year of the Commonwealth.

....., Clerk.

Comm.

vs -

Foster House

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1912. Miller	1.90
Henry J. Parker	3.50
W. J. Nichols	2.10
W. T. Burkhead	1.90
S. J. McLaughlin	2.70
<del>Raymond J. Miller</del>	
F. C. Horner	3.20
S. A. Phillips	3.20
<del>W. J. Miller</del>	
	18.50









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