

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the body of said County of Rockingham and now attending said Court at its April term, 1924, upon their oaths do present that Silas Williams, 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.

The jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Silas Williams, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully have in his possession ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Silas Williams, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully receive ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of C. D. Falk, a witness sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

Indictment

Com. v. Silas Williams

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

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Sept Indictment

Com. v. Silas Williams

A. M. Williams

True bills

J. B. Mearns

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Commonwealth of Virginia—City, County of, Rockingham to-wit:

To the Prohibition Inspectors, Sheriffs, Sergeants, and all Police Officers and Constables of the State of Virginia—Greeting:

WHEREAS Chas. D. Fulk Pro. Inspector of the said Rockingham County has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, H. P. Davis J. P. of the said Rockingham County that he verily believes, that in the said Rockingham County and State:

(a) That Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully manufactured, sold, kept, stored, possessed, held, used and concealed in a certain Dwellinghouse & out buildings (Here describe the place, house, room or boat, as the case may be)

by one Silas Williams (Give name, if name unknown, say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

(b) A still, still cap, worm, tubs, fermenters and other appliances connected with such still and used, and mash and other substances, capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, are unlawfully in the possession of, and unlawfully used by one Silas Williams (Give name, if name unknown, say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

in a certain Dwellinghouse & out buildings (Here describe place as in (a) above)

(c) Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully kept, held, stored, concealed, used, sold, and unlawfully transported in certain baggage or a certain vehicle, to-wit: a certain X X X (Here describe vehicle, auto, wagon, carriage, buggy, boat, baggage or what not)

by one X (Here give name, or describe as in (a) above)

And there being reasonable cause for such belief:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, to command you, with all necessary and proper speed and assistance, to search the house, place, baggage, boat or vehicle herein designated, either in day or night, and seize such ardent spirits and their containers and other things apparently possessed or used in violation of law, and bring the same and the person or persons, in whose possession they are found, and also any person resisting, impeding, obstructing, or in any manner hindering or delaying you in the execution of this warrant before me, or some other officer having jurisdiction of the case, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law; and make return of this warrant showing all acts and things done thereunder, with a particular statement and sufficient description of the things seized and the name of the person in whose possession found, if any, and if not found in the possession of any one, so state in your return, and post a true copy of this warrant and the return thereof, as required by law.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of March 1924

H. P. Davis (SEAL)
Justice of Peace
Title of Magistrate.

DIRECTIONS

1. If only Ardent Spirits and containers be seized, the Magistrate shall fix a time not less than 10 nor more than 30 days from the date of return, for the hearing of said return. If no claimant appear, the Ardent Spirits and articles are to be forfeited to Commonwealth. Any person claiming any of same must file a written claim stating particularly the character and extent of his interest therein, whereupon the Magistrate shall certify the warrant, written claim and articles claimed, to the Circuit or Corporation Court, as the case may be, for determination, and declare the unclaimed articles forfeited.
2. If still, still cap. worm, tubs, heater, fermenters, or any appliance connected with a still and used, or mash or other substance capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, be seized, the mash (after taking a sample) shall be destroyed, and the facts and articles seized reported to the Prohibition Commissioner and Commonwealth's Attorney. (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be a sufficient notice and report.) Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as in No. 1 above.
3. If Ardent Spirits are being transported in an automobile, boat, wagon, buggy, or other vehicle, the Ardent Spirits and containers shall be preserved and the vehicle shall be delivered to the Sergeant of the City, the facts reported to the Prohibition Commissioner and Commonwealth's Attorney and Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as provided in No. 1 above. (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be a sufficient report.)
4. A copy of this warrant and the return thereon must be posted at the front door of the house, or on the door of the room, or on the premises at the place the Ardent Spirits may be found.

See Sections 21 1-2, 22, 23, 23 1-2, 57 and 57 1-2. Acts of Assembly, 1918, Page 578.

WARRANT TO SEARCH FOR ARDENT SPIRITS, ETC.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs.

Silas Williams

Executed the within warrant this... 1st... day

of... March... 1924... by searching the

within stated Dwellinghouse and out buildings (Here state house, room, place.

and by seizing the following described Ardent Spirits and other things therein found (and arresting the above named person found in possession thereof) and by posting a true copy of this warrant and the return

hereon on the Front door of Dwelling occupied by Silas Williams (Here say place, house, room, boat, auto or baggage, or as case may be)

as front door of house, door of room or premises)

Description of Ardent Spirits and other things

seized found one copper worm up stairs in home of Silas Williams together with any number of empty containers, no ardent spirits were found

Given under my hand this... 1st... day of

March... 1924...

Chas. W. Fulk, Pro. Inspector

Title

The following named officers and persons assisted me in the execution of this warrant:

H.W. Hoover, Arthur Shifflett

Other than above stated the following are witnesses:

This matter set for hearing on the... day of... 1924...

No claim of ownership or interest in any of the said things seized having been filed herein in compliance with the law, the same are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this... day of... 1924...

Title of Magistrate.

Written claim of ownership or interest having been filed to certain of the said things herein seized, this warrant, the said claim and the things in the claim particularly described, are hereby certified to the... Court of this... for determination' and the said things unclaimed are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this... day of... 1924...

Title of Magistrate.

NOTE.—Unless warrant issued for Ardent Spirits being transported in vehicle, boat or baggage, it is to be returned to the jurisdiction from which issued. If issued for Ardent Spirits so transported, it can be executed in any part of the State, and returned to any justice in any county or city through which they were carried.

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AFFIDAVIT FOR A WARRANT TO SEARCH
FOR ARDENT SPIRITS, ETC.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs.

Silas Williams

Filed in the Clerk's Office of the
_____ Court of the
_____ of _____, Va.

Court of the _____
Virginia, this _____ day of _____,
192_____.

By _____ Clerk.
_____ D.C.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETINGS:

We command you, that you take Silas Williams if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that you have his body forthwith before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof ~~on~~ ----- to answer us of a certain heir demour whereof he stands indicted.

And have then and there this Writ. Witness J. F. Blackburn, Clerk of our said Court at the Court House the 21st day of April 1924, in the 148 year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

Silas Williams

arrest 1.50
Milage 50-4.00
Total \$ 5.50

Re Liveson Big
Prize

Exhibit April 1924
by Detaining Silas Williams
To Rockingham Co Jail
at Harrisonburg R.M. Burke, D.S.
for E.W. Doud & Co

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

C. D. Fulk

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 21 day of April 1924 to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury

Silas Williams

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this he shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 18 day of April, 1924, and in the 148th year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Comm.

to

Silas Williams

REC'D

Sheriff fee, 50

REC'D

April 21, 1924

Created April 18, 1924 by delivering
a copy of this summons to S. W. Fulk
in person.
John Stone, Deputy
for S. W. Stone, S.P.S.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

C. D. Fulk, Arthur Shufflett,
H. W. Hoover

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 25 day of June 1924 to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against.....

Silas Williams

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this they shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 23 day of June, 1924, and in the 148th year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Comm.

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Silas Williams

Sheriff fee 1.50
entered

June 25, 1924

Executed June 24, 1924 by delivering a
copy to the writ in their names with
each in person, except Arthur
Shiplett which I sent to deputy,
E. W. Dore, A. R. G.

#102

June Term 1924

Commonwealth

vs.

Midemeanor

Silas Williams

Sheriff fee

Arrest 1.50

Milage 4.00

Summons 2.00

7.50

Pro. officers fee Still \$50.00

Premium 0.00

Executing search Warrant 1.00

\$61.00

for Sheriff's fee

