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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 June term, 1925, upon their oaths do present that Rilas Shifflett 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. T. Rexrode and C.D. Fulk, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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COMMONWEALTH

RILAS SHIFFLETT

Rockingham

Rockingham

D. W. EXETER, Commonwealth's Attorney

We the jury find the accused, H. Arias Shifflett guilty  
as charged in this indictment and pay his punishment as  
three months in jail and a fine of \$200.00

W. H. Carpenter, Foreman

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Viol. Pro. Act

COMMONWEALTH

v.

H. ARIAS SHIFFLETT

A Misdemeanor

A True Bill

*J. C. Staples*  
Foreman

*Amended*  
The said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully manufacture,  
within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment,  
ferm, 1883, upon their premises do present that H. Arias Shifflett  
now attending said Court at the June  
term, 1883, in and for the body of said County

for ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the  
Commonwealth of Virginia.

W. T. Rexrode and C. D. Bullock, witnesses sworn in court and  
sent before the Grand Jury to give evidence.

D. W. Earman,  
Commonwealth's Attorney.

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INSTRUCTION No \_\_\_\_\_.

The Court instructs the jury that the law presumes the accused to be innocent until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, and if there is upon the minds of the jury any reasonable doubt of the guilt of the accused, the law makes it their duty to acquit him, and that mere suspicion or probability of his guilt, however strong, is not sufficient to convict, nor is it sufficient if the greater weight or preponderance of evidence supports the charge in the indictment, but to warrant his conviction his guilt must be proved so clearly that there is no reasonable theory, consistent with the evidence, upon which he can be innocent.

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accused to be innocent until he is proven guilty beyond a reason-

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The Court instructs the jury that in this case, as in all criminal cases, the burden rests upon the Commonwealth to prove the guilt of the accused beyond all reasonable doubt, and unless <sup>the evidence</sup> ~~he~~ has so proved his guilt, they must acquit the accused.

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so proved his guilt, they must acquit the accused.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETINGS:

We command you, that you take Rebec Whifflet 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 Indissemor 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 18 day of June, in the 147 year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn Clerk.

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Executed by arresting Elias Shiplett  
and delivering the said Elias Shiplett  
before Judge S. N. Hoar this the 14<sup>th</sup> day  
of June 1923.

Chas. D. Tuttle Deputy  
for W. L. Dillard

COMMONWEALTH

vs.  
Piles Shiplett



STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

HARRISONBURG, VA.

CHEMICAL LABORATORY

REPORT OF ANALYSIS

THE SAMPLE OF ..... SUBMITTED BY  
..... FOR THE DETERMINATION  
OF ..... SHOWS THE  
FOLLOWING ANALYSIS:

To J. F. Blackman, Clerk of the Court  
of Rockingham County:  
Commonwealth vs. Aras Shifflett

To Analysis of Beverage ----- \$3<sup>50</sup>

REMARKS:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ANALYSIS IS CORRECT TO  
THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATE May 19 1923 J. C. Johnson ANALYST

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL  
HARRISONBURG, VA  
CHEMICAL LABORATORY  
REPORT OF ANALYSIS

THE SAMPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR THE DETERMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

FOLLOWING ANALYSIS:

*350-*  
*Analysis of Sample*  
*J. F. Blyden, Chemist of the Chem.*  
*of Harrisonburg, Va.*  
*Comments on this Report*

REMARKS

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ANALYSIS IS CORRECT TO  
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ANALYST

*J. F. Blyden*

DATE

*May 2 1925*

*Onias Shifflett*

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

**To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:**

*You are hereby commanded to summon*

*John Morris*

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 *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept.* 19*23*, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

*H. Amos Shifflett*

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 *31* day of *Aug.*, 19*23*, and in the 14*8<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.

John Morris

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

For our party commandeth to manifest

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County of the Court  
House thereof, at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1853  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

two stands charged with and indicted for a felony - misdemeanor  
and these this writ shall not avail under the penalty of \$100. And have then

Witness J. R. BICEBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the  
21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1853 and by the J. R. BICEBURN, Clerk of the Commonwealth.

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**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*W. T. Rixmode*  
*C. D. Fulk*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House, at 10 o'clock, a.m., on the 18 day of June 1923 to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury

*Riley Shufflett*

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 13 day of June, 1923, and in the 14<sup>7</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.

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vs  
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of the will in name of June 15<sup>th</sup> 1773  
M<sup>r</sup> Lillards R<sup>e</sup>

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**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

**To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:**

*You are hereby commanded to summon* Wilbert Shifflett, Jude M. Comer, June J Comer, Sharlie Shifflett, Earl Comer, Alfred Powell, Alex Wyant, Grant Eaton, L.H. Bruce, John Morris, Reese Eaton, Bettie Powell, George Baugher, W.E. Lucas, David Lawson, Fred Lawson, Charlie Eaton, W.T. Rexrode

*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 6th day of Sept. 19 23 to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against*

**H. Arias Shifflett**

*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 31 day of Aug., 1923, and in the 14 8th year of the Commonwealth.*

*J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.*

Executed as to WJ Records August 31

1923 WJ Dillard S.R.C.

Executed as to Wilbert Shifflett, Jude M. Comer, June J. Comer, Charlie Shifflett, Earl Comer, Alfred Powell, Bettie Powell, Alex Wyatt, L.H. Bruce, Pelee Baton, George Sawyer, W.B. Lucas, David Lawson, Fred Louwson, and Charlie Baton each in person. Grant Baton was delivered to a member of usual place of abode a copy of this summons as he lived to a member of his family, she being a white woman and over the age of 16 years. As to John Morris not being found in my bailwick a copy of this summons could not be served upon him, this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1923.

Chas. W. Fulk, Deputy for  
W.L. Willard, S.R.C.

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Sept. 4, 1923.

Commonwealth

H. Arias Shifflett



Instruction No. —

The jury are instructed that the burden resting upon the Commonwealth to prove the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt is not discharged by proof which creates only a suspicion of such guilt, however strong such suspicion may be.

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H. Arias Shufflett

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the prosecution is to prove the guilt of the accused  
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of a suspicion of such guilt  
Lecturer No. -

James  
Crawford  
Shipman

James  
Crawford

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Crawford

— July —

C. A. Bolton — 2.20  
W. W. Acker — 1.70  
W. H. Carpenter — 2.30  
L. E. Ringgold — 2.20  
Vernon C. Miller — 3.30

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Jury stock off — 11.70  
4.40

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16.10

August Term  
1920

H. ARIAS SHIFFLETT

ads Indictment for a Misdemeanor

COMMONWEALTH

Sheriff Costs

Arrest	15-0
Search warrant	100
Pen. Fee	1000
Ch. Jail	150
Grand Jury	150
Jail Bond	900
Single Jury	150
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Embi	200
20 Juries	350
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