

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The jurors of the Commonwealth in and for the body of said county of Rockingham and now attending said Court at its October term, 1929, upon their oaths do present that Jess Pence, on the 21st day of October, 1929, in said county, did unlawfully have in his possession nineteen gallons of moonshine liquor and ninety eight bottles of home brew, said liquor and home brew being ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of George A. Lawson and W. T. Rexrode, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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v  
Jesse Pence

Misdemeanor

October term, 1929

A True Bill:

*J. A. Beard*

Foreman

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

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Commonwealth of Virginia—City, County of,

to-wit:

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

WHEREAS W. A. Lawson of the said City County has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, John F. Byerly, J.P., Name of Magistrate Title of the said City County that he verily believes, that in the said City County and State:

(a) That Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully manufactured, sold, kept, stored, possessed, held, used and concealed in a certain House or outbuilding occupied by one Jess Pence Here describe the place, house, room or boat, as the case may be 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 Jess Pence in a certain House or outbuilding occupied 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 Here describe vehicle, auto, wagon, carriage, buggy, boat, baggage or what not by one Jess Pence 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 21 day of Oct 1929

John F. Byerly (SEAL) Justice at the 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.

Jess Pence

Executed the within warrant this 21st day of Oct, 1929, by searching the within stated Premises

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

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

19 gallons of Liqueur, 98 bottles of Beer, 1 bottle Cognac, 1 siphon.

Given under my hand this 21st day of Oct, 1929.

H. D. Crossroads, State Prob. Inspector

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

G. A. Harrison, Charles Smith, J. Warren Davis

Other than above stated the following are witnesses:

This matter set for hearing on the day of 1929.

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 1929.

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 1929.

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 are carried.



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 22 day of Oct, 1929  
Jessie H Pence, principal and C. H. Bridges  
surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me, Stephens L. Dewier  
Bail Commissioner, of the said County of Rockingham,

(J. P. or Bail Commissioner)

and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of  
One Thousand <sup>no</sup> no Dollars, (\$ 1,000.00),  
to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia rendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-  
cognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said Jessie H Pence shall personally appear before  
the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the ~~1st~~ day of the  
~~Dec 1929~~ Term thereof, being the 23 day of October,  
1929 at 10 a.m. and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further  
heard, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with  
the said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
misdemeanor whereof the said Jessie H Pence stands  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 22 day of  
October, 1929.

Stephens L. Dewier  
(J. P. or BAIL COMMISSIONER)



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1929,  
\_\_\_\_\_ principal and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who justified to his authority, came before me,  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the said County of Rockingham,

and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, (\$ \_\_\_\_\_),  
for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-

That they shall personally appear before  
\_\_\_\_\_ at the Courtroom of said County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ month of \_\_\_\_\_, being the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further  
proceedings in connection with  
the said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
\_\_\_\_\_ whereof the said \_\_\_\_\_ stands

declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect.  
In Witness Whereof, I hereunto affix my signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1929.

\_\_\_\_\_ (J. T. Parr Commissioner)

Jennie H. Pinner  
\$ 1000.00  
To  
Oct. 23-1929  
10 a.m.



Sheriff Cost  
 arrest "Copus" \$10.00  
 mileage 2.40  
 Sheriff Winters 2.00  
 commitment 50  
 14.90

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 VS. ) Misdemeanor (Pro.)  
 JESSE PENCE

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