

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, 1931, upon their oaths do present, that Gover Fink, on or about March 7, 1931, in said County, did unlawfully have in his possession about one-half gallon of ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of W. T. Rexrode, George A. Lawson, J. L. Dirting, and S. F. Newman, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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POSS. ARDENT SPIRITS

COMMONWEALTH

V
GROVER FINK

MISDEMEANOR

A True Bill

J. L. Steckerly
Foreman

Plends Guilty
May 5th

D. W. Harman,
Commonwealth's Atty.

S. F. Newman
J. G. Dunning

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COURT OF ROCKINGHAM, po-wiff:

Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Grand Jury to give evidence.
S. F. Newman, witnesses sworn in court and sent before
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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 George Lawson of the said City County has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, John F. Beyerly J.P. 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 & outbuildings by one Eraser Fink

(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 Eraser Fink in a certain House & outbuildings

(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 _____ by one _____

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 7 day of Mar 1921

John F. Beyerly (SEAL)
J.P.
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.

Grover, Link

Executed the within warrant this 7 day of March 1931, by searching the within stated Premises

Here state house, room, piece

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

1 1/2 gallon of Liqueur

Given under my hand this 7 day of

March 1931

O. G. Rexrode

State Prob Inspector Title

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

J. L. Dittong, J. C. Lamborn, S. F. Newman

Other than above stated the following are witnesses:

This matter set for hearing on the day of 192

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 192

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 192

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.

Sheriff Cook
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 Sure Witness 4.00
 Court fee .50
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COMMONWEALTH

VS. Misdemeanor (Pro.)

GROVER FINK

Jail

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