

Virginia to wit

The Jurors for the Commonwealth of Virginia and
for the County of Rockingham upon their oath present that
Thomas Wells late of the parish of Rockingham in the said
County of Rockingham labourer not having the fear of
God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by the
instigation of the Devil on the 10th day of August in
the year of our Lord 1813 with force and arms at the
Parish of Rockingham and in the County of Rockingham
and within the Jurisdiction of this Court holden for the
County aforesaid and upon a certain ^{John} Christian Gorderick
Barnhart Strube in the peace of God and the Com-
monwealth of Virginia then and there being feloniously
willfully deliberately premeditatedly and of his malice afore-
thought did make an assault and that he the said Thomas
Wells with a certain stick of the value of six pence which
he the said Thomas Wells in his right hand then and there
had and held in and upon the left side of the head of the
said ^{John} Christian Gorderick Barnhart Strube near the left
temple then and there feloniously, willfully, deliberately
and premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought did
strike penetrate and wound giving to the ^{John} Christian Gorderick
Barnhart Strube then and there with the stick

aford by striking as aforesaid in manner as aforesaid in
and upon the left side of the head near the left temple
three mortal wounds of the length of two inches and the depth
of one inch each of which ^{the} mortal wounds the ^{John} Christian
Frederick Bernhart Straker from the 10th of August in
the year of our Lord 1813 until the 25th day of August
~~1813~~ in the year of our Lord 1813 at the parish aforesaid
in the County of Rockingham ^{and within the jurisdiction of this Court} did languish and lan- ^{John} guish
= quish ^{ing} did live, on which 26th day of August in the
year of our Lord 1813 the said ^{John} Christian, Frederick Bernhart
Straker at the parish aforesaid and in the County of Rock-
ingham ^{and within the jurisdiction of this Court} of the said mortal wounds ~~did~~ ^{die} there
= ing ^{and} there died; and so the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid
do say that the ^{John} Thomas Wells the ^{John} Christian Frederick
Bernhart Straker in manner and form aforesaid did kill
and murder against the honor and dignity of the Com-
monwealth of Virginia

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further
present that the ^{John} Thomas Wells not having the fear
of god before his eyes but being moved and seduced by
the instigation of the Devil on the 10th day of

August in the year of our Lord 1813 with force and arms at
the Parish of Rockingham in the County of Rockingham of
ours and within the jurisdiction of this Court holden for
the County of Rockingham feloniously willfully exasperately
and of his malice aforethought did make an assault upon
a certain ^{John} Christian Frederick Barnhart Struber in the year
of God and of the Commonwealth then and there being &
that he the said Thomas Wells with his fist and with a certain
stick of the value of six pence which he the said Thomas Wells
in his right hand then and there had had and held the said
^{John} Christian Frederick Barnhart Struber then and there with
his fist & the stick in and upon the head shoulders breast
neck sides & thighs & belly of the said ^{John} Christian Frederick Barn
hart Struber then and there feloniously willfully exasperately
and of his malice aforethought did strike & beat giving
to the said ^{John} Christian Frederick Barnhart Struber by the strik
ing and beating in and upon the head shoulders breast
neck sides thighs & belly of the said ^{John} Christian Frederick Barn
hart Struber in manner aforesaid several mortal ~~bruises~~ strokes
bruises and hurts of which several mortal strokes bruises &
hurts the said ^{John} Christian Frederick Barnhart Struber from
the 10th day of August in the year of our Lord 1813 until
the 25th day of August in the year of our Lord 1813 did languish
and languishing did live on which 25th of August in
the year of our Lord 1813 the said ^{John} Christian Frederick Barnhart
Struber at the Parish of Rockingham and in the County

of Nottingham of the and within the jurisdiction of this
 Court of the several mortal strokes bruises and hurts afore^d
 said And so the Jurors afore^d upon their oath afore^d do say
 that Thomas Wells the ^{Man} Christian Goodrich Barnhart Struck
 in manner and form afore^d did kill and murder against
 the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia

With the jury find the Prisoner guilty ~~and~~
 of the second degree and ascertain
 the period of his confinement in the
 public jail and penitentiary house
 to nine years.

Abraham Baker

12th

Commonwealth
 vs
 Thomas Wells
 for
 Murder.

Indictment
 for
 Murder
 1813
 Septem

1813 Septem
 18th found guilty
 of murder in
 second degree
 and sentenced
 to 9 years

A True Bill

John Thedy
 Thomas Kellburn
 Joseph Lervins

Sworn in Court
 Jacob Thedy
 Henry Thedy

Teste St. J. G. Cantelero
 Jacob Thedy
 Henry Thedy

With the jury find the Prisoner
 guilty

of the second degree
 of murder in the second
 degree of murder
 for nine
 years

Abraham Baker

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham
County Greeting: we command you that you cause to come
before the Judge of the Superior Court of Rockingham at
the court house on the fourth Monday in this month, twelve
good and Lawfull freeholders of your said County, Residing
as near as may be to the place where the Murder was
committed of which Thomas Wells is accused every
one of whom is possessed of a Visible estate Real and
personal of the Value of Three Hundred Dollars at least
to recognize on their oaths whether the aforesaid
Thomas Wells be Guilty of the Murder aforesaid or not,
and have them show the Names of the said freeholders
and this writ, Witness Samuel M^cWilliams Clerk
of our said County at the Court house the 8th day of
September 1813 and in the 38th Year of the Comth

S. M. Williams

Count
Wells & Nerisacas