

The Commonwealth of Virginia, To the Sherrif
of Rockingham County, Greeting: We Com-
mand you, that you cause to come before
the Judge of our Superior Court of Law holden
for the said County on the first day of the
next Term, twelve good and lawful freehol-
ders of your County, residing as near as
may be to the place where the horsteading
was committed of which Joseph Nickman
is accused, everyone of whom is possessed of
a taxable estate real and personal of the
value of \$300 at least, to recognize on their
oaths whether the said Joseph Nickman be
guilty of the Horsteading aforesaid, or not
guilty. And have there the names of
of the freeholders of this writ. Witness Samuel
McWilliams clerk of the court of the County of
Rockingham aforesaid. this 18th day of September
1815 & 40th year of the said
Sam McWilliams

Count
" $\frac{3}{4}$ Verisfacia,
Hickman

1st day Sept Count
1815.

Excecell. A. Harrison D^y
for C^o Harrison S^r J. C.

Virginia to wit

within Circuit Rockingham County

The jurors for the Commonwealth of Virginia and
for the County of Rockingham upon their oath present
that Joseph Hickman late of the Parish of Rockingham ~~and~~
the County of Rockingham aforesaid labourer on the 28th day of
July in the year ^{of our Lord} 1815 ten hundred and fifteen with force and
arms at the parish aforesaid in the County of Rockingham aforesaid
(and within the jurisdiction of this Court) one Mare of a Sorrel
colour of the price of One hundred dollars of the goods and chattels
of one Philip Knapp then and there found feloniously did
steal take and lead away against the form of the Act of
the General Assembly in such case made and provided, and
against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of
Virginia

Philip Knapp (of
the County of Rockingham)
Farmer, Prosecutor

we the Jury do find the within named
Joseph Beckman guilty, & do say that
he shall stand five years in the
Jail & ~~penitentiary~~ ^{penitentiary} house for a the
City of Richmond the term of his
imprisonment in the public ~~house~~ ^{prison}
penitentiary house of the next
the City of Richmond to five years.
I we do further find that
the property stolen by the defendant
& have been restored to the owner

Joseph Beckman

Com on record
" of Indentment
Joseph Beckman

Court
" & Ind.
Richmond

Witnesses
Philip Knapp
Alvin Knapp
Jacob Good
Lionel Smith
H. Knapp

John Buckner
John Bill