

Northampton County to wit

The jurors for the body of the County aforesaid, on
their oath present, that heretofore, to wit on the first day of December,
in the year eighteen hundred and twenty five, John Strother, a free
man of colour, labourer, with force and arms at the County aforesaid
in the Commonwealth highway there, in and upon one Abraham
Shue, in the peace of the Commonwealth then & there being, fel-
=oniously did make an assault, and him the s^d Abraham Shue
in bodily pain and danger of his life in the highway aforesaid
then & there feloniously did put, and one double minded snaf-
=ple bridle with plated bit, of the value of three dollars, of
the goods and chattels of a certain Silas Hinton, from the
person and against the will of the s^d Abraham Shue, in the
highway aforesaid, then and there feloniously and ^{and} ^{voluntarily}
did steal, take and carry away, ^{against the person of the s^d Abraham Shue in such case made and intended} against the peace and
dignity of the Commonwealth, and to the evil example
of all others in like case offending.

Solan 19th Jan 1840
Patent Mill
Abraham Shaw
Westbury

South
Stanton & Paine

A True Bill
Joseph Maury Foreman

We the Jury find the Prisoner Guilty, and Decide
that he be and him striking, in execution to the
other prisoner and expelled by law, and also find that
the property stolen and for the same to the
Prison —

W. H. P. Prison

W. L. Ham
Esq.

Commonwealth
v Indict. for Robbery.
John Strother

When the Survey and Soil of the
San Francisco
County, was first
made

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The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

YOU are hereby commanded to summons *Nelson Sprinkle*
and *Lewis Welch* Negro belongs to *H. Welch*

to appear
before the Judge of the Superior Court of Rockingham County at the Court-House on
the *1st* day of *May* Court next, to testify and the
truth to say in behalf of *John Strother*

in a certain matter of controversy in
our said Court, depending and undetermined, between *the Commonwealth*
and *the said John Strother*

And this *this* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100. each.

And have then there this Writ. Witness HENRY J. GAMBILL, Clerk of our said Court

at the Court-House the *13th* day of *May* 1826

and in the *50th* year of the Commonwealth. *H. J. Gambrell.*

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham
County greeting: we command you that you cause to come before
the ~~Grand~~^{Jury} of our Superior Court of Law to be held for the said
on the Monday before the third Tuesday in May next, twelve
good and Lawfull, ~~respectable~~ freeholders of your County, residing
as near as may be to the place where the felony was comm-
itted of which John Strother (a free Negro) is accused, every
one of whom is possessor of a visible estate real and personal
of the Value of ~~at least~~ \$300. at the least, to recognize on their oaths
whether the sforesaid John Strother be guilty of the murder
aforesaid, or not, and have them there the names of the said
freeholders and this writ, Witness Henry J. Gambell Clerk
of our said Court at the Court house the 18th day of
April 1826 and in the 50th year of the Commonwealth

H. J. Gambell

Expects on the following gentlemen (to wit)
Jas. Geo. Woodcock Wm. Brown Wm. Fairbank
John Stebbins (2) H. S. Davis S. Nichols Armandus
James Blair Jas. Weller Nathan Howard Geo
Negatack Jr & Geo. Campbell
Arch. Wadsworth before
Harris on 20th

Comm. with
Shoother & Verina
facies

Sup. Court

and if the said John Strother shall also then & there do and
receive what shall by the said Court be ordered and
adjudged; and shall not depart thence without the leave
of the said Court then this recognizance shall be void
else shall remain in full force.

acknowledged before me Henry Welch July 3rd 1826 a
Justice of the peace in and for said County

Henry Welch

John Strother &
No 3 recognizance
Governor

Appoint R. D. Fletcher to settle the Adm^t
ac^t of Robert McGinn with the estate
of David McGinn &c.

Appoint Ac^t Rutherford Joseph
Fawcett, Isaac Hardisty to
settle the Adm^t ac^t of Jacob
Rhodes and Augustus Allen
with the estate Peter Allen
&c.

Appoint the same to settle with
Jacob Rhodes Ac^t of Margaret
Allen &c.

Count
is 3 on a Pair for 2
In a Shathu
A Show

Rockingham County Court.

Be it remembered that on the second day of December 1825
Silas Denton of Saige county personally came before me
Joseph Cravens ^{one of the} Justices of the peace for said county and
acknowledged himself to James P. Blount ^{then} Governor or chief
magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his successors
in office Two Hundred Dollars to be made and lived of his
goods & chattels lands and Tenements to the use of the said com=
monwealth, if the said Silas Denton shall fail in the condition
under written.

The Condition of the above recognizance is such.
that if the above bound Silas Denton shall appear at the court=
house of the Saige county of Rockingham on the ~~Tenth~~ ^{4th}
Wednesday the Seventh Inst. ~~and then~~ at a court then and there to
be held for the examination of John Strother a free man of
colour charged with felony - and give Testimony in behalf
of the Commonwealth in the above case and not depart
thence until duly discharged by the said court
then this recognizance to be paid ~~to be~~ ^{to be} to remain in full force
Acknowledged before me this 2nd
day of Dec 1825

Joseph Cravens

Silas Hentons
Recognition

Rockingham county To wit:
To The Sheriff of the said county

Whereas John Strother (Dark mulatto or yellow negro) who says
he is free (labourer) Was this day committed to the Jail of
this county by me warrant for feloniously ^{and with force and violence} ~~stealing~~
~~and carrying away~~ ^{from the possession of Abraham Shugart}
~~the~~ ^{by theft of him & by} ~~Violently and against his consent, On the commonwealth~~
~~highway, leading from Harrisonburg to Millers Homestead, on~~
the first day of this Instant (December) One Double reined
snaffle bridle with plated bit, of the Value of Three Dollars,
the property of Silas Denton of the county aforesaid, which charge
is supported before me by the testimony of the said Shugart and
Denton who were this day duly sworn and examined before me
in the presence of the said ^{going} Strother, (man of colour as aforesaid.)
and it appearing to me that the felonious offence of which he
stands charged ought to be examined into by the county court.

Therefore on behalf of the commonwealth, I require you, that
you summon at least eight of the Justices of Your said county
to meet at the courthouse on Wednesday the seventh day of
this Instant, and then ~~and then~~ ^{and then} ~~to hear a~~ ^{to hear a} ~~particular~~
~~ation~~ ^{ation} of the fact with which he stands charged, and for such
other purposes as is by law required, and directed; And that you
have then, there this warrant;

Given under my hand and
Seal this 2^d. day of December 1825 and of this commonwealth
the ~~15th~~ 5th

J. Craven, Clerk

Commonwealth
vs
John Strother }

Warrant to Summon
a Court

Court

J. Strother vs Warrant
Negro's paper

1825 Ward 7. Callie

Court held, and call

with day Court 1826

1826 day Court 1824

heard & ordered to

be sent for further trial