

Rockingham County to wit

The jurors for the body of the County aforesaid

this oath present, that heretofore, to wit on the Twenty Third day of March, in  
the year eighteen hundred and thirty one, at the County aforesaid, and within the  
jurisdiction of this Court, Elijah Turner with force and arms in and upon  
Benjamin Fishback, in the peace of the Commonwealth then & there being  
feloniously, wilfully, and unlawfully, did make an assault, and with a certain  
knife, by him the s<sup>d</sup> Elijah Turner in his right hand then & there held, he the  
s<sup>d</sup> Elijah Turner, then & there feloniously, wilfully, and unlawfully, did strike the  
s<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Fishback, in the breast, <sup>in the breast of s<sup>d</sup> Fishback (near side) in so doing</sup> <sup>(thereby making a wound two or three deep and one)</sup> with intention to maim, disfigure, disable,  
and kill, the s<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Fishback, to the great damage of the s<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Fishback,  
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against  
the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth



Benjamin Fishback sends to his Grand  
S. W. Gaudin

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the the furor find the prisoner  
not guilty  
John M. Fishback

John M. Fishback  
at the residence of  
Elizabeth M. Fishback  
at the residence of  
John M. Fishback  
at the residence of  
John M. Fishback

Benjamin Fishback  
John M. Fishback  
John M. Fishback  
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Committed  
C. Fisher & Co.  
1831. May. tried and  
acquitted—



The Commonwealth of Virginia to the sherriff of Rockingham  
County greeting: we command you, that you cause to come before  
the Judge of our Superior Court of law for the said County, at  
the Court house of said County on the first day of May term  
next, twelve good and lawfull freeholders of your said County,  
residing as near as may be to the place where the felony  
was committed of which Elijah Turner is accused, any one  
of whom is possessor of abesible estate, real and personal, of  
the value of three hundred Dollars, at the least, to recognize  
on their oaths, whether the aforesaid Elijah Turner is guilty  
of the felony aforesaid, or not, and have then there the  
~~names~~ names of the said freeholders, and this writ,  
Witness my hand & Seal of our said Court the  
9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1841. and in the 55 year of the County

W. J. Gambill

Countess  
" Lencio  
Turner & Co

Robert Gains  
Michael Woods

Executed on Michael Woodson, Robert Gains,  
Ananias Rogers, George Arny, ~~Samuel F. F. F.~~, James  
Blain, Peter Swoope, Henry Thomas, Joseph  
Coffman, John Allebaugh, Joseph Snell, and  
Hessman McCarty Robert M. M.  
Hopkins & Co  
So. Basset S. D. C.



Rockingham County, Va.

Memorandum that upon the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March in the Year 1831 John Bridges came before me Giles Turley a Justice of the Peace for the County of said and acknowledged himself indebted to John Floyd Esquire Governor and Chief Magistrate of the commonwealth of Virginia and his successors in the sum of thirty dollars to be paid of his goods and chattels and his Tenements Respectively to the use of the said Common Wealth upon condition that if he shall personally appear before the Common Wealth Justice of the Peace for the said of Rockingham on Friday the first day of April at a court by them to be held at the Court House of said County for the Examination of Elijah Turner ye and do then and there on behalf of the said Common Wealth give such evidence as he knoweth against the said Elijah Turner concerning the matters where with he is charged and that he do not leave the said Court nor depart without leave then this Recognizance to be void.

Else to remain in full force.

Acknowledged before me  
Giles Turley

John Bridges, Clerk



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E. Tarru & Marrent.  
1831

1831 April 1<sup>st</sup> Called  
Court held and  
Prisoners sent on for  
further trial

1831