

Rockingham County to wit

Grand Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Rockingham

The jurors for the body of the County of Rockingham, on their oath
present, that William Griggs, a free negro, late of the County of Rockingham
laboured, not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved and
seduced by the instigation of the Devil, on the 20 day of March, in the
year 1847, with force and arms, at the County aforesaid, and within
the jurisdiction of this Court, in and upon one Barbara Stemple a
married white woman, then and there being, violently and feloniously did
make an assault, and her the said Barbara Stemple, against the will
of her the said ~~Barbara~~ Stemple, then and there feloniously did rav-
ish and carnally know, against the form of the Statute in such case made
and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

A true bill

Mark G. Mazy ^{man} Jun

Commonwealth
in Indictment for
Hear.
William Griggs

A True Bill
R. G. Manzy
Jurman

Guilty

Wm. L. Lockie

We the jury find the pris-
= oner guilty of the felony
charged in the indictment

William L. Lockie

Barbara Hemple, Peter Detmold,
Mirand Coffman, ~~for a short~~, Samuel
W. Coffman, ~~for a short~~ and
Matthew Haring. Witness - sworn to
give evidence to the Grand Jury
J. W. Gaultier 1846

1847. May Term the afo. tried
and found guilty. and sentenced to be
hung on 16. July 1847. C. J. draw
book No. 2 page

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Rockingham County
Greeting: We Command you to Cause to Come Twenty four Good Lawfull
men, freemen, of your bailiwick, over the age of Twenty one years and
posseps of a Visible estate Real or personal of the Value of five thousand dollars
at the least, all of whom reside remote from the place where the Offence was
Committed (to wit) a Rape on the body of Barbara Hempley. wife to
~~Married~~ Married Woman, of which William Gregg is Accused, to appear
before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for this
County on the first day of May Term Next. to Recognize or then Oath
whether the aforesaid William Gregg is guilty of the felony
aforesaid or not; and have them there, ^{the names of the said freemen} this Writ Witness Henry
Hambill Clerk of our said County, at the Court house the
5th day of April 1847 and in the 7th year of the Commonwealth

H. J. Hambill

William Griggs (a free Negro) late of the County of
Rockingham, who stands convicted of felony, was again led to the
bar in Custody of the Jailor, of this Court; and thereupon it being
demanded of him, if any thing for himself, he had or knew
to say, why the Court here should not now proceed to pronounce
Sentence against him according to Law, and nothing being offered,
or alleged, in delay of Sentence; It is considered by the Court that
the said William Griggs, be hanged by the Neck until he be
dead, and that execution of this Sentence be made. ~~made~~
and done, upon him the said William Griggs by the Sheriff
of this County of Rockingham on Friday the 16th day of July next
between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon, and four
o'clock in the after noon of the same day, near the Town of
Harrisburg; and thereupon the said William Griggs is remanded
to Jail.

and by the Court made the Court to sit since the
Verdict of the Jury, and to grant them a Settled Sub
motion upon argument of Counsel was moving by the
Court. x

Concurrence
M. Gregg & form
of
Inquests