

Let our Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the county of Nottingham  
Nottingham County, to wit:

The jurors for the body of the said  
county of Nottingham are upon their oath pursuant the  
writ afore to wit on the fiftenth day of November in  
the year ~~the~~ eighteen hundred and forty eight at the  
county of said and within the jurisdiction of this court  
James H Brighton did unlawfully come by playing at  
with cards at the table ~~of~~ on the lot belonging to Andrew  
Hawk in the Town of Harrisonburg in the county of  
said, the same being a ~~place~~ public place against  
the Statute in such case and proceeded on against the  
peace and dignity of the commonwealth

His inclination is made on the evidence of  
James O'Keefe a byrns Hawk netmes sent  
for by the grand jury and sworn in court to give  
evidence to the grand jury



The Commonwealth  
vs Indictment

James H. Brighton

For unlawfully  
playing at cards

a true bill

Helen Sprinkel  
for an

County Indictment For

Unlawful

James H. Brighton Gaming

H. Indent. S. H. Sha

1849 May Term Sum awarded

N. General Application of

Spence He continued October

continued 1850 May

Verdict Ref. Not Guilty

Right & duty to argue  
the case

Some difficulty in  
regard to the character  
of the places

1 Policy of the Law  
Presumptive to the Statute  
New Code & Act 1847

Considered accordingly  
Homes Stable was  
such a place in the  
eye of the Law as the  
time had to run

Ordinary is appropriate  
house for a public  
place in the town

the stable place case

8 Leigh page 741

Common case

County

Indictment

Helen

we the Jury find the  
Defendant Not Guilty

P. J. J. J.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

Greeting :

YOU are hereby commanded to summons *James H. Brightman*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery of Rockingham  
County at the Court-House on the first day of *Saturday* Term next, to answer

*An Indictment*  
*playing at Cards*

of the Grand Jury for *unlawfully*

And have then there this Writ. Witness *Subscribed W* ~~HENRY A.~~ GAMBILL, Clerk of our said County  
at the Court-House the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* 18*79* and in the

*73* year of the Commonwealth.

*H. Gambill*



in the Survey for a not-  
 Purity -  
 J. L. Smith

Comth } Summons  
 m } to answer an  
 Brighton } Indictment

There is a public place -  
 The distinction -

not a public place on the  
 public lands -  
 Hence both cases must be  
 decided the same -

Respectfully  
 - J. L. Smith

The old land -  
 Broom & Thomas house

most for me -  
 own money -  
 J. L. Smith  
 Executed