

Commonwealth } Martin A Hall - Sworn - suspected Sam Baker, - on the
25 } I must begin by saying B. wanted to buy boots, refused to credit him - told
Joseph & Sam Baker } he he he pulled out boots & said he would come & get them - afterwards
selected coat had it mended I would call on next Saturday - did not call for them - boots were
found among goods found - goods got there since first found - goods at McWilliams - more than one man
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Sam. Detroit - Sam Baker came to our house - I heard news at Cotes about 10 clock from
man with over coat & leggings - I left Cotes about noon by saw - I had bid to work on
Sheridan place for year - was to meet Mrs. H. in Town - shooting going on - white
barn - slept in room with Baker - would not talk - said would go to town for breakfast
got to our house 1/2 hour after dark - said he stood all night at Say more -
- Mr. Allen - Baker told me the other day he had not been at Cotes since
nothing else at that time -

Peter Sheitz - Was at home on Easter Monday, about 11 o'clock - after noon was away from home
at Trenchs -


Ben. Ralston - Saw Sam on Tuesday, between morning & noon - 9 or 10 clock - at work for Cromer
latter about store - I didn't know store was burnt until Monday evening - I stood at Detroit
Monday night - then came to Cromer Tuesday morning - I was at an auction at store on
Monday evening - I saw ^{his audience &} kept him ^{couple} check still for carrying shirt - said
was going to store & he was burned - men was along mountains -

Mr. Hall - Baker was not auction. now arley act did not cry

Walter Allen - Saw 3 men pass Drives on Sunday, one was Sam Baker - alone
2 hours by saw going in the direction of store - did not know other men - 22 miles
from Drives to store - about 4 miles to Det. Baker - was cloudy. latter to other
persons about seeing Baker - men told Houndedell was 1/2 hour by saw -

W. W. Spry - Biby - I Baker said when arrested in Edom -
that he was not guilty - but got 3 ans that he understood their warrant for him & he wanted
company - told him now claim was in jail & would be company, said that would do -
when we took to jail - Mr. Williams refused to let him in his room - he said I must
trust you - I said to Mr. W. what did you say about the store - ^{Mr. W. said} I don't now want
you in here - had not told me that Mr. W. said he had burned the store -

W. W. Spry - When Baker was arrested by me. told him that store was charged
with burning the store - I was not guilty - if he was guilty Sam. was guilty - he had better
send for Sam - Sam was not guilty - but Sam was to go there at his home all that night
the circle for it -

W. W. Spry - On the day Sam was arrested before 12 o'clock came by my (illegible) - said there was a hole
made in door slow down - to reach in & door had a box - said this was Key Ponder in cellar & Key
by Court & 1 up stairs - Ponder up stairs then plank off - did not say why he knew it - did not
say he had been there - before he was arrested -  has heard a good deal said about
the burning of the store - live about 4 or 4 1/2 miles from store - Sam was arrested a week or
two weeks after the burning -

Marrion Pelen Lum - The night the burning stop at Is Baker - went to Pelen - came home
told to Baker dark went to bed
about 8 or 9 o'clock - Is Sam with me - about midnight awoke then then then I went day -
went to Baker in afternoon about middle - went to Pelen for hay about Sunday - certain they
were there - I had drunk that evening - when went to bed was tolerably drunk - no body there
but family - storekeeper - children & myself - were with me when I laid down near there
when I awoke - did not sleep after I awoke - was star light - men said I was drunk that
night - men said I was very drunk - men told John Brown I was very drunk men
said I was so drunk could not get in bed - men told Sandeman so - John Anderson felt
liquor shortly - - This was on Easter Sunday -

Rebecca Cool - When Is Baker was both at my house on Sunday all day except in
the evening
short time they went to Miller - & to - went to Pauls after hay came back after
dark - all lay down on floor - Pelen got up in night - made a fire - they were there then
heard during the night - was kept awake by one of the children -
My children were sick - was once married to Moore - am not married to
Baker -

Catharine Fridley - on the night of Easter Sunday was at home Sam &
Is Baker were there saw them last about 3 hours in night - till went
to bed they went to bed when I did - but one room in the house -
every body said it was Easter - Coloured Eggs on Saturday - Is Baker slept
on floor - I know they were there - -

John Pauls - Saw Is Sam Baker on Easter Sunday evening about Sun
down & got hay - didn't stay long - got hay to feed cow - 1/2 mile to Baker
or more - didn't see McMillan that evening

Wm Houshewell - Saw Is Baker saw them pass my house little
before sun down with rope in hand about dusk & then dusk & dark
came back with hay - saw was at my house before 2 & 3 o'clock
same day -

Is Hill - was at Is Baker on Easter Sunday between 3 & 4 o'clock
Is Sam were there left between sun down & dark - Pelen came before
I left -

Elizabeth Pridy - Saw Sam Baker on Easter Monday came to
Quark between 9 & 10 - went to Bible - talked about burning stone told
Sam stone was burnt - - - told him about 12 o'clock - when he left after liquor

Matthew Hunter - 4 or 4 1/2 miles from Onies to W Baker - Know Sam Baker - has seen when drunk - will say any thing when in that situation -

John Brown - Pulis down me came to W Baker Easter Sunday - said he was up late couple hours before dark - said he was pretty drunk got awake midnight - when sober said he was not - - - - -


But drunk don't know any thing about his character - don't know whether he is consider a man of truth or not - from my own knowledge have no reason to condemn his oath -

Andes - Pulis told me he was drunk that night - started to go to Langharts said he got drunk & stood at Bakers - don't know the character of Pulis for veracity generally -

Wesley Sanders - Pulis told me at my house - that they were going to town to fetch Baker boys home - told him don't know whether their oaths would be better - stayed all night with them that night at Bedd Cools - said he was so drunk had to crawl on all fours to get on pallet - waked up 11 to 12 o'clock nearly froze - think that 2 to 1 in the neighborhood would not take Pulis oath - do not think Beck Rudy & - oaths ought to be taken -

Moses Pumphrey - Know Pulis - - - - - Know nothing from the neighborhood - collecting his character for veracity - gets drunk - don't know whether he is consider a man of truth or not - - Would believe him on oath - - - - - men here knew to lie & heard of it from others -

Rockingham County to wit
To the Clerk of the County Court of said County
I, Isaac Hardesty a Justice of the said County, do hereby
certify, that I have this day committed John McWilliames
~~to the Jail of said County~~, that Samuel Baker & Joseph
Baker to the Jail of said County that they may be
examined before the County Court of ^{the} said County for
a felony by their Committee, in this, that they did on
the 11th day of April 1852, that in the night time, the
dwelling house of Martin A Hall & John Breuneman in
said County was feloniously & burglariously, broken open
and entered & 4 yds cloth 12 yds do. 11 1/2 yds cambric and
cambric 8 3/4 yds. Blk. Cambric 11 1/2 yds. Cotton, 19 yds. do. 6 yds
bleached Cotton, 36 yds. Calico 1 Bunch Cotton yarn 10 thmas
1 yds. Stuffs 6 Cupboards Locks, 2 1/2 yds. Calico, 5 sets table
spoons & do. Tea spoons 2 pairs Ribbon, 2 cloths brushes 1
Razor Steep, 2 bridles 3 1/2 yds. Calico 2 Shavels 11 pr. brass Butts
2 best patterns, 2 dress. Handkerf. 1/2 doz. Saddle rings, 2
papers 1/2 In Snigs 1 Box Sigs 1 yds. Boots 2 Boxes Matches
amounting in all to the value of \$73.43 of the goods & chattels
of the said Martin A. Hall and John Breuneman,
and that they the said John McWilliames, Samuel
Baker and Jos. Baker, stand charged with the said
offence.


J. Hardesty J.P.


The Board of Directors of the County of ...
 do hereby certify that the following is a true and
 correct copy of the original record as the same
 appears in the books of said County.
 Witness my hand and seal at the City of ...
 this ... day of ... A.D. 18...

Wm. W. W. W.

Rockingham County to wit

To the Clerk of the County Court of said County
I, Isaac Hardesty, a Justice of the said County, do hereby
certify, that I have this day committed Samuel Baku and
Joseph Baku and John M. Williams, to the jail of said
County, that they may be examined before the County Court
of the said County, for a felony by them committed, in this
that they did ^{in the night} on the 1st day of ~~this month~~ of April last in
the said County, ~~in the~~ feloniously and maliciously burn
the dwelling house of Martin A Hall and John Brenneman
Given under my hand this first day of May 1852

I. Hardesty J.P.


Rockingham County to Wit

Be it remembered, that on the first day of May 1852 Martin A. Hall, Benjamin Driver, John Landisman, Benj^m Dearick, J. P. Bibb, John Paul, Daniel Dedrick, Walter Allen, George Ashenfelter, Philip Keenan, Peter Sheets, Henry Good, Benj^m Ralston, John Brown, Eli Andes, Westley Landisman, and Betsey Reedy, & John Brenneman, of said County, personally appeared before me, Isaac Hardesty a Justice of the said County, at the said County, and each of them separately, & individually, and by and for himself & herself, acknowledged himself & herself separately and individually, to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of ^{Twenty} five Dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be levied of each of them, goods & chattels lands & tenements, to the use of the Commonwealth, if the said Martin A. Hall, Benj^m Driver, John Landisman, John Brenneman, Benj^m Dearick, J. P. Bibb, John Paul, Dan^d Dedrick, Walter Allen, George Ashenfelter, Philip Keenan, Peter Sheets, Henry Good, Benj^m Ralston, John Brown, Eli Andes, Westley Landisman & Betsey Reedy, shall make default in the performance of the conditions underwritten.

The condition of this recognizance is such, that if the above bound Martin A. Hall, Benjamin Driver, John Landisman Benj^m Dearick J. P. Bibb, John Paul, Dan^d Dedrick, Walter Allen, Geo. Ashenfelter, Philip Keenan, Peter Sheets, Henry Good, Benj^m Ralston, John Brown, Eli Andes, Westley Landisman, John Brenneman and Betsey Reedy, and any of them, shall personally appear before the County Court of said County, on the first day of the next term thereof to give evidence, in behalf of the Commonwealth against, John M. Williams, Samuel Baker & Joseph Baker, who stands charged with felony, in stealing the goods of Martin A. Hall & John Brenneman, and burning the storehouse of the said Hall & Brenneman, and do not depart thence without leave of said Court, then this recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

This recognizance was taken and acknowledged
before me in said County, the day and year first
above written

L. Hardy, J.P.

Wm. Hardy, J.P.

Rockingham County to wit
To Giles Dever Constable of said County, and to the keeper of
the Jail of said County

These are to command you, the said Constable, in the name
of the Commonwealth of Virginia, forthwith to convey and deliver
into the custody of the keeper of the said Jail, together with this
warrant, the bodies of John M. Williams, Samuel Baker &
Joseph Baker, white persons, charged before me Isaac Hardesty
a Justice of the said County, on the oath of Martin A. Hall,
that in the night of the 14th day of April 1852, the dwelling house
of the said Martin A. Hall & John Brennemore, in said County
was feloniously and maliciously burned, of which felony they the
said John M. Williams, Samuel Baker & Joseph Baker stand
charged. And you the said keeper of the said Jail, are hereby
required to receive the said John M. Williams, Samuel Baker
& Joseph Baker, into your jail and custody, that they may
be examined for the said offence by the County Court of S. County
and then thus safely keep, until they shall be discharged
by due course of law. Given under my hand and seal
this first day of May 1852

J. Hardesty J. P. Seal

Rockingham County to wit
To Giles Allen, Constable of said County, and to the Keeper
of the jail of said County:

These are to command you, the said Constable, in the name
of the Commonwealth of Virginia, forthwith to convey and deliver
into the custody of the keeper of the said jail, together with this
warrant, the body of John M. Williams Samuel Baker and
Joseph Baker, white persons, charged before me, Isaac Hardesty
a Justice of the said County, on the oath of Martin A. Hall, with
a felony by them committed, in this, that the said John M.
Williams, Samuel Baker & Joseph Baker, in the County of
aforesaid, in the night time of the 11th day of April 1852 the store
house of Martin A Hall & John Breneman, in which the said
John Breneman usually lodged at night, was by them the
said John M. Williams Samuel Baker & Joseph Baker, felon-
iously & maliciously broken open and entered & the following
goods & chattels of the said Hall & Breneman, then in said
house, were stolen, taken and carried away to wit: 11 Dozen
Coat Buttons, 1 pr. boots, 1 Box of Segars, 3 Boxes matches, 4 yds cloth
1 1/2 yds - do. 11 1/2 yds Cassimere & Casint, 8 3/4 yds. Blk. Cambric 11 1/2 & 19 yds
Bro: Cotton & 6 yds Bleach: do. 36 yds. Calico, 1 Bunch Cotton yarn, 10 Thred
3 pr. Stuffed Shoes, 6 cupboard locks 28 1/2 yds. Calico, 5 Sets table spoons
8 do. Tea spoons, 2 prs Ribbow, 2 cloth brushes, 1 Razor strap, 2 buidles
3 prs Tape, 3 1/2 yds. Calico, 9 doz. Shirt buttons, 2 Shawls, 11 pr. Butt
knives, 2 Vest patterns, 3 Cane hooks & eyes, 2 drefs. Handkerf, 2 1/2 doz,
saddle rings 2 paper & 2 In Spigs, 7 Lingham Handkerf, worth about
\$73.43. And you, the keeper of the said jail, are hereby required
to receive the said John M. Williams, Samuel Baker & Joseph Baker
into your Jail and custody, that they may be examined for the said
offense, by the County Court of said County, and there safely kept, until
they shall be discharged by due course of law. Given under
my hand and seal this first day of May 1852

Isaac Hardesty J.P. Seal

Wm. Williams & Co.

my house and that this first day of May 1832

they shall be discharged by the Court of Law. Given under

affirmed by the County Court of said County, and the undersigned, Clerk,

into your said Court, that they may be examined for the said

to receive the said John W. Williams, and the said Joseph B. Baker

of the said County, the Clerk of the said County, are hereby required

to cause the said Joseph B. Baker, and the said John W. Williams, to be

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