

12 "Judicial Circuit

Rockingham County, <sup>Virginia</sup>

In the Circuit Court of said County  
The Jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for the body of the  
County of Rockingham and now attending the said Court  
upon their oath present, that Rebecca Fisher of the said County  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1855 between the hours of Eight  
and nine o'clock at night of that day, in the County aforesaid  
a certain barn of the value of one thousand dollars, the property of  
G. W. Manzey, in said County of Rockingham situated, feloniously  
and maliciously did burn

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that  
Susan Histing of the said County before the said felony was committed  
in form aforesaid, to wit: on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November in the <sup>year</sup> eighteen  
hundred and fifty five in the County aforesaid, did feloniously  
counsel, hire and procure, aid and abet the said Rebecca  
Fisher to do and commit the said felony in manner and  
form aforesaid against the peace and dignity of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia

And the Jurors aforesaid on their oath aforesaid do further present  
that Susan Histing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year  
Eighteen Hundred & fifty five about the hour of Eight o'clock at night  
of that day in the County aforesaid a certain barn then situated  
of the value of one thousand dollars, the property of G. W. Manzey  
feloniously and maliciously did burn against the peace and  
dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia

And the Jurors aforesaid on their oaths aforesaid do further present  
that Rebecca Fisher of the said County of Rockingham on the 28<sup>th</sup> day  
of November in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty five  
between the hours of Seven and Eight o'clock at night of that day  
in the County aforesaid a certain barn then situated of the  
value of one thousand dollars, the property of G. W. Manzey,  
feloniously and maliciously did burn And the Jurors aforesaid  
on their oaths aforesaid do further present that Susan Histing  
before the said felony was committed in manner and form aforesaid  
to wit on the Twenty Eight day of November in the year Eighteen  
hundred & fifty five at the said County of Rockingham was acc-  
essary thereto before the fact, and feloniously, wilfully and of her  
malice aforethought, did counsel, make, compel, counsel,  
hire and procure the said Rebecca Fisher the felony aforesaid  
in manner and form aforesaid to do and commit against  
the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia

This presentment is made upon the testimony of G. W.  
Manzey Wesley Hall and Rebecca Fisher



Commonwealth  
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Susan Kisting

Indictment  
for accessory  
before the fact in  
ARSON

1857, May, Jury and  
Verdict not guilty, and  
prisoner discharged,

A true bill  
Hiram North  
Foreman }  
Foreman  
Foreman

Was the Jury find the prisoner not guilty  
O. J. H. one



12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit,  
Rockingham County To wit, }

In the Circuit Court of said County,

The Jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the County of Rockingham, and now attending the said Court, upon their oath present; that Rebecca Fisher of the said County, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1855, between the hours of Eight and Nine O'clock at night of that day, in the County aforesaid, a certain barn of the value of one thousand dollars, the property of G. W. Manzy, in said County of Rockingham situated, feloniously and maliciously did burn, and the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid do further present, that Susan Kisling of the said County, before the said felony was committed in form aforesaid, To wit; on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty five, in the County aforesaid, did feloniously counsel, hire and procure, aid and abet the said Rebecca Fisher to do and commit the said felony in manner and form aforesaid, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

( And the Jurors aforesaid on their oath aforesaid do further present, that Susan Kisling, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty five, about the hour of Eight O'clock at night, of that day, in the County aforesaid a certain barn, there situate, of the value of One thousand dollars, the property of G. W. Manzy, feloniously and maliciously did burn, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia, )

And the Jurors aforesaid on their oaths aforesaid, do further present, that Rebecca Fisher of the said County of Rockingham on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year One thousand Eight hundred and fifty five, between the hours of Seven and Eight O'clock at night of that day, in the County aforesaid, a certain barn there situate, of the value of One thousand dollars, the property of G. W. Manzy, feloniously and maliciously did burn, and the Jurors aforesaid, on their oath aforesaid, do further present, that Susan Kisling, before the said felony was committed in manner and form aforesaid To wit; on the twenty Eighth day of November in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty five, at the said County of Rockingham, was accessory thereto before the fact, and feloniously, wilfully and of her malice aforethought, did counsel, make, compel, hire and procure the said Rebecca Fisher the felony aforesaid in manner and form aforesaid, to do and commit, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia,



Comth  
vs Papers  
Kisling

1856 Oct. N.Y. Jury  
Sworn & No Verdict  
and jury discharged  
1857 May Jury verdict  
not guilty,

We the Jury find a

Verdict of Not Guilty

O.P. Horn

Witness



Comm<sup>rs</sup>

Susan Kisting

} Indicted for arson.

Memo: on the trial of this cause the commonwealth examined G. W. Maury the owner of the Barn charged to have been burned. who testified that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov: 1855 about 7 or 8:00 clock in the evening he was in his house about one hundred yards from the Barn when he heard an alarm of fire that he discovered his barn to be on fire & so far consumed as to render it impracticable to tell at what part of the building the fire had originated though he thought it had originated somewhere in the interior of the Barn. That from the position of the Barn & the course of the wind & the situation of the other buildings he thought it improbable that the fire could have been the result of accident. & that he knew of no mode



in which such an accident could have occurred. That he knew nothing of the manner in which the fire had originated except what he had learned from Rebecca Fisher the person mentioned in this indictment as the principal in the offence. I knew of no other person possessing such know-  
-ledge.

The commonwealth then offered as a witness Rebecca Fisher the person mentioned in the indictment as the principal in the offence. The prisoner by her counsel objected to the examination of the said Rebecca Fisher as a witness in the cause on the ground that she is not a competent witness to prove the principal offence or her own guilt of that offence or any accessory guilt of the prisoner. but the court overruled said objection & permitted the said witness to be examined as a competent witness



for all these purposes. leaving  
it to the prisoner by counsel to  
ask if so advised any instruction  
as to the testimony in this  
proportion of the trial.

To which opinion I action  
of the Court the prisoner by her  
counsel excepts I pray that  
her said exception may be  
read & enrolled, which  
is done accordingly

John Henney Dea



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as ~~ad~~ Excep  
Committed



Comm<sup>ts</sup>

Susan Kisting

Memo: Upon the trial of this cause the attorney for the commonwealth having on Thursday examined two witnesses viz G. W. Manzy the owner of the Barn charged to have been burned. & Rebecca Fisher the person charged in the indictment as principal in the felony. announced that he was through with the evidence for the comm<sup>ts</sup> & the court adjourned.

On the examination of G. W. Manzy he testified that the Barn having been burned on Wednesday night. on the Sunday night following while in his house. a part of which was occupied by the prisoner & her husband he heard a noise as of something thrown on the front porch. For going out found a large stone which appeared to have been just thrown upon the porch.

(at the opening of the court)  
On Friday morning the comm<sup>ts</sup> attorney asked permission to introduce <sup>who was the last witness introduced & is omitted for the Commonwealth</sup> Rebecca Fisher & to examine her as to the throwing of that stone.

To her introduction again for any purpose the prisoner counsel objected on the ground that a witness occupying her position in the prosecution ought not to be recalled after a night intervening since her examination. & upon the further ground that the throwing of the stone mentioned



by the witness Manzy could have no proper connection with the issues in this trial but the court overruled the objections of the prisoner's counsel & permitted said Rebecca Fisher to be again introduced & examined. The said witness thereupon testified that on the Sunday night after the burning of the Barn the prisoner informed witness of her purpose to throw the stone from the window of her chamber upon the porch & did in the presence of witness throw said stone from the window upon the porch. assigning as a reason for so doing that Mr. Manzy would think it was thrown by some of his slaves. & that they had done all the mischief.

Thereupon the attorney for the count<sup>y</sup> proposed to introduce another witness named T. McGahey for the purpose of proving in support of the statement of Rebecca Fisher that the said stone was in fact thrown from the room & from the window mentioned by said Rebecca Fisher.

To the introduction of which witness for any such purpose the prisoner's counsel objected for the reasons stated in objection to the re-introduction of Rebecca Fisher. & upon the ground also applicable to the introduction of her new testimony. That this whole testimony was acceptable to the prosecution at the time of the principal



examination & was not then introduced.  
& that a reopening of the evidence by re-  
examination of Rebecca Fisher deprives  
the prisoner of all benefit of the separa-  
tion of the witnesses. which on her  
motion has been granted by this  
court on Thursday.

The court however overruled all the  
said objections of the prisoner as well  
to the re-introduction of Rebecca Fisher  
as to the examination of M. Gahery  
& as to the competency of the evidence  
as applicable to the issue.  
To which opinions & action of the  
court the prisoner by counsel  
excepted & prayed that his said  
exception may be sealed & enrolled  
which is done accordingly -

John Henney — (Seal)





Stirling  
ad. J. Rice, ex-officio  
Cincinnati

John Kennedy



The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County— Greeting,

You are hereby commanded to summon, to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court house thereof, on the first day of the May Term next, Twenty four persons, being freeholders of your County, and qualified in other respects to serve as Jurors, residing remote from the place where the offence is charged to have been committed, of which Susan Kieeling is accused viz; in this, "that she did on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1855, feloniously, counsel aid and abet a certain Rebecca Fisher, feloniously to burn a certain barn, the property of George W. Mauzy; to recognize on their oaths whether the said Susan Kieeling be guilty of the offence aforesaid or not,

And have then there this writ, Witness Arthur St. C. Sprinkel, clerk of our said Court, at the Court House thereof, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1857, and in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth,

A. St. C. Sprinkel



Presented by subscription the following persons to  
 wit: James Storer Mary Grace John Hutton,  
 James Richards James St John Anne James  
 Mr Edwin Davis Mr Hutton William Kelly John  
 Robinson Mr James Joseph Richard Shering  
 Jacob Deane  
 Mrs. A. Rogers & Co  
 25th May 1857

Wm. & Annam Horton Thomas Charles  
 J. Brown Henry A. Sherratt James  
 Frank Jacob Maurice John Storer  
 John Joseph Peter John C. D. Stone  
 David David David & Green & Co  
 25th May 1857

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May Term 1857.



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At the Examination of Susan Kisting charged with burning the Barn of G. W. Manzy the Evidence was given on oath.

G. W. Manzy was first called and deposed as follows viz. His Barn was burnt on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1855. The first information I had was that Mrs Kisting came to my Room and told me that she heard a conversation ~~between my Parents~~ <sup>between Daniel & his wife</sup> who belonged to me. Daniel should have said to Martha that they would set some Building on fire and then Mrs Kisting would Run out to the fire and then Martha was to come up into my Room and take the trunk and in that trunk they expected to get money which <sup>which Daniel</sup> ~~that~~ was to take this girl Martha to a free State. Martha then asked ~~what~~ <sup>Daniel</sup> what they would do with their child ~~Daniel~~ <sup>Daniel said</sup> that they would Leave it with Wasseey and also said when they would get to a free State <sup>he could make money</sup> that they would come back and buy the child ~~Daniel~~ <sup>Daniel</sup> said to Martha that they would ~~to have~~ wait until the Dark of the moon. I then enquired of Mrs Kisting where she heard this conversation and she <sup>said</sup> in the garden Back of the Kitchen ~~chamber~~. I then asked her whether Mr Kisting had succeeded in getting a home. She <sup>said</sup> no the man he went to see was not at home. She then raised from her chair and left the room that was all about that time that I can think of now.

Q What reasons had you to suspect Mrs Kisting at that time.







Ans. I had seen enough before she told me that tale to satisfy me that she was doing all she could to Prejudice me against the blacks and I believed that her scheme was if she succeeded in making me believe <sup>that the Blacks</sup> ~~that she~~ were Roguish that I would sell them and she would stand a chance of becoming Mrs of the house

Q. did you suspect that Mrs Kisting would do what she represented the negroes designed to do

Ans. I suspected that it would be through her if it would be done at all

Q. did anything transpire after the burning of the Barn to confirm you in your suspicion

Ans. nothing <sup>more</sup> than this trunk being taken according to her say so and a rock thrown out into the porch which I thought was very plain

Q. where was the rock thrown from

Ans. I suppose from Mrs Kisting's window I supposed so at the time

Q. was Mrs Kisting living in the same house with <sup>you</sup> at that time & also at the burning of the Barn

Ans. She was living in one part of the house

Q. was she keeping house for you

Ans. No

Q. <sup>Received</sup> ~~did~~ you receive any information since the burning of the Barn in regard to the burning of the Barn



the house  
and she was leaving in a boat of



Ans. Yes I have I <sup>heard</sup> ~~thought~~ if I would go to see Miss Rebecca Fisher perhaps I could get some more light on the subject and I went there after hearing this and she told me volentarily that she had set it on fire herself and that she was forced to do it by Mrs. Kisting.

Q. Where was Rebecca Fisher living at the time of the Burning of the Burn Ass. She was living at Mr. Kistings  
Q. Where was she living at the time you sought the information.

Ans. She was living at Mr. Lonsie's  
Q. Was that all that she told you at that time

Ans. no she also told me that Mrs. Kisting made her sweep in in the Big Room and make a noise to keep the Blacks from hearing her take the trunk out of my Room G. W. Manzy





Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the subject, and they are now engaged in a careful consideration of the same. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the subject, and they are now engaged in a careful consideration of the same. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the subject, and they are now engaged in a careful consideration of the same.

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Rebecca Deposed as follows

I state what you know about the  
burning of the Barn

Ans. <sup>Mr Kisting</sup> ~~she~~ said that if I did not burn the barn  
that she would punish me She said that  
I was to go and burn the Barn and if I  
did not do it she would make me go again  
She sent me up there with a coil of fire  
in some bark and I did not set it at  
that time I entered the coil and the  
bark and throwed it up in the barn  
She asked me when I came back to the  
house whether I took it up there I told  
her I had She asked me whether I  
had throwed it up in the Barn where  
She told me I told her I had but I  
did not tell her I entered it and  
it made her mad because the Barn did  
catch She asked me whether I had entered  
it and I told her I had not for I was  
a feard to tell her that I had entered it  
and she said that she would make me  
go back and set it afire for spite for  
she knew I had not set it it was in the  
morning before day and after breakfast she  
went up and took the coil of fire and  
bark out of the Barn and on wednesday  
she gave me some Matches <sup>I made</sup> ~~told me~~ to set it  
to a pile of straw that was in the Barn  
She told me I was never to tell it if I did  
she would punish me if it was ten years  
afterwards

I did Mrs Kisting give you any Reason why  
she wanted you to Burn the Barn







Ans So Mr Manzy would put his negroes off and she would have control and be Mistress of the house

I was that before the burning of the barn.  
Ans. Yes sir and since too

I did Mrs Kisting say any thing to you in regard to the burning of the Barn  
Ans She said she was glad she had done it and she said if she ever got a chance to Burn down this new Barn she intended to do it and she said if I ever got a chance I should do it and I told her I did not intend to do it that she had made me do what I did do

I Where were you living at the time  
Ans. at Mr Kistings.

I How long did you remain at Mr Kistings after the burning of the Barn

Ans Better Than a week it was on wednesday the Barn was Burnt and on friday a week I left her

I How long did you stay away.

Ans I left on friday and went Back on the next monday a week

I how long did you remain with her then

Ans As near as I can recollect about nine or ten weeks

I did Mrs Kisting say anything in regard to the Burning of the Barn

Ans She said I was never to tell it that they could put me to the penitentiary as well as her and I was afraid to tell it till you left there







Q How long after you left Mr Kisting  
was it before you told it  
Ans I left there on Wednesday evening and  
the next week I told my Aunt

Where did you go to from Mr Kisting  
Ans I went to uncle Thomas Good

Q by the defendant by her husband

Did you put fire to the barn  
after ~~Lucas Kisting~~ Mr Manzy & myself came  
to the house

Ans not until after you came to the house  
I dont you think you went to school more  
than eight or ten weeks after you came  
back to my house

Ans I did not go that long for I did not  
go all the time <sup>after</sup> I went back the last time  
I was not you and the black people a little  
at the out too

Ans No I was not I had to let on like I  
was

Q By Geo. W. Manzy

I did Mrs Kisting tell you to keep  
it a secret from Mr Kisting

Ans Yes Sir she said that if he ever found  
it out he would leave her

attest

Rebecca <sup>her</sup> Foster  
mark

Robt M Mooney



And I want to write Thomas soon.  
 Where are you go to from Washington?  
 The next week I take my Aunt  
 And I left there on Wednesday evening and  
 was it before you take it  
 It our long after you left Mr. Tilling

*I hope the appearance of her husband  
will give you just time to the same  
~~after~~ ~~last~~ ~~thing~~ ~~Mrs. Brown~~ I hope so.  
The tower*

at the end of the road  
I mean not you and the black  
all the way to the end of the road  
I mean not you and the black

*[Faint handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*



The Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County Greeting  
you are hereby commanded to Summon to appear before the Judge of  
the Circuit Court, of Rockingham County at the Court house thereof  
on the first day of the October Term next Twenty Four persons being  
freeholders of your County and qualified in other respects to serve as  
Jurors residing remote from the place where the offence is charged  
to have been committed of which Susan Kisting is accused Viz in this  
that she did on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1855 Feloniously counsel aid and  
abet a certain Rebecca Fisher feloniously to burn a certain barn the Property  
of George W. Manzey, to Recognize on their oaths whether the said Susan  
Kisting be guilty of the offence aforesaid or not, And have them there  
this writ Witness Lottleton W. Gambrell Clerk of the County Court of  
Rockingham at the Court house thereof the 22<sup>d</sup> day of September 1856 and  
in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth

L. W. Gambrell



John F. Shumatter ✓  
 And. Lago ✓  
 Joseph Rhodes ✓  
 Wm Harper ✓  
 Braum & Parns ✓  
 Philip Hollen ✓

Court  
 22 E. Venio Juries  
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 Kistling

Executed on the follow-  
ing by -

1 Reuben Swopes ✓  
 2 A. J. Nicholas ✓  
 3 W. W. Harmon ✓  
 4 Geo. W. Rogers ✓  
 5 Franklin S. Key ✓  
 6 Merrell Rodgers ✓  
 7 Henry A. Rhodes ✓  
 8 Wm Thacker ✓  
 9 Philip Cole ✓  
 P. J. Buckholden  
 Sep 1st 1856

George W. Lutz - 1 ✓  
 Elias Skellin - 2 ✓  
 John Wise - 3 ✓  
 Jas. S. Harris - 4 ✓  
 Harvey Lewis - 5 ✓  
 Emanuel Rolles - 6 ✓  
 by Jas. H. Conner ✓  
 by Rep. West 1 ✓  
 Madison Moore 2 ✓  
 Augustus Holtar 3 ✓  
 Abram Hunt 4 ✓  
 Jonathan Brenner 5 ✓  
 Saml. Alibaugh 6 ✓  
 Peter Neff 7 ✓  
 Noah Martz 8 ✓  
 Embler Wise 9 ✓  
 by J. H. Rhodes 24

October Term 1856



In the County Court of Rockingham September the 15<sup>th</sup> 1856  
Susan Kisting late of the County of Rockingham who stands charged  
with a felony by her committed in this that she did on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1855 in the said County, did feloniously counsel aid and abet  
a certain Rebecca Fisher feloniously to burn a certain barn the property  
of G. W. Maury situated in the said County, was led to the bar in custody  
of the jailer of this Court, and sundry witnesses being sworn and examined  
touching the premises, and the Court upon mature deliberation are of  
opinion that there is probable cause to charge the prisoner with the offence  
aforesaid, and it is ordered that the prisoner be remanded for trial before  
the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the next term of the said Court  
and thereupon the prisoner moved the Court to be admitted to bail which  
motion the Court doth overrule, and thereupon the prisoner was  
remanded to jail.

Be it remembered that on this day Rebecca Fisher & George W. Maury  
personally appeared in Court and acknowledged themselves to owe and be  
indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of \$100 each to be levied  
of their respective goods & chattels, lands and tenements and for the use of  
the Commonwealth, yet upon this condition that the said Rebecca Fisher  
& George W. Maury shall make their personal appearance before the Circuit  
Court of Rockingham on the first day of the next term of said Court then  
and there to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against Susan  
Kisting charged with felony, and not to depart thence without the  
leave of said Court.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia, }  
TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

GREETING;

You are hereby commanded to SUMMON *John C. Darnivant. Rebecca  
Fisher & Whitfield Maury*

to appear before the Justices of our Court of Rockingham County, at the Court-  
house, on the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* Court next, to testify and the truth  
to say on behalf of

*The Commonwealth*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court, depending and undetermined  
between

*Us & Susan Kising*

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

And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON W. GAMBILL, Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court-House, the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 185 *6*  
and in the *8<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*LW Gambill*



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or Jsha  
Kirling

To Sept 4 1856

to appear before the Justices of our Court of Buckingham County, at the Court  
Court next, to testify and the truth

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined  
between

And this shall in no wise count under the penalty of \$100  
And have been done this with Witness, Intervenor W. Gammill, Clerk of the said  
Court at the Court House the day of  
year of the Commonwealth

By sealed  
J. H. March 30 88  
J. W. Boyd



The Commonwealth of Virginia,  
TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, }

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to SUMMON *Jane Reed. Henry Beam*  
*Mrs. Heiden. Harriet Royer. Jacob Miller and*  
*B. A. Walker*

to appear before the Justices of our Court of Rockingham County, at the Court-  
house, on the *1st* day of *September* Court next, to testify and the truth  
to say on behalf of

*Susan Kishling*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court, depending and undetermined  
between *The Commonwealth & said Kishling*

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

And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON W. GAMBILL, Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court-House, the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1856  
and in the *81st* year of the Commonwealth. *W. Gambill*



GREETING:

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and John  
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To Sept 21 1856

to appear before the Justices of our Court of Rockingham County at the Court  
Court next to testify and the truth

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and to be determined

And this shall in no wise avail under the penalty of 200  
And have given their said Writors, Intervenor W. G. Gannett, Clerk of our said

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County at the Court House the  
year of the Commonwealth

By several  
J. H. Mann August  
for Adams & Co



The Commonwealth of Virginia,  
TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to SUMMON *Dr B. T. Wacker*  
*Harriet Royer. Margaret Jones. John Hendrick Addison*  
*Huston. William Bryan. Mrs Red-*  
to appear before the Justices of our Court of Rockingham County, at the Court-  
house, on the *2nd* day of *August* Court next, to testify and the truth  
to say on behalf of

*Susan Kisting*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court, depending and undetermined  
between

*The Commonwealth vs Susan Kisting*

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

And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON W. GAMBILL, Clerk of our said

Court, at the Court-House, the *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1856

and in the *8<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*W. Gambill*



We acknowledge the service of the within due receipt

John Hewitt

John Reed

Harriet Hayes

3/4 of WALKER -

Admission Building  
of William Morgan

Kisling  
ad J. H.  
Somerville

Do. And. et 1856

Executed

W. W. Hudson C. R. L.



Rockingham County to Wit

Be it remembered, that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1856 Geo W Manzy & Rebecca Fisher of the said county personally appeared before me W. B. Yancey & J. M. Weaver Justices of the said county at the said county and each of them separately and individually and by and for themselves acknowledged themselves separately and individually to be indebted to the commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of One Hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States to be levied of each of their goods and chattles lands and tenements to <sup>the</sup> use of the commonwealth if the said Geo. W Manzy and Rebecca Fisher shall make default in the performance of the condition underwritten.

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above bound Geo. W. Manzy and Rebecca Fisher and each of them shall personally appear before the County Court of said county on the second day of the next term thereof to give evidence in behalf of the commonwealth against Susan Kisting who stands charged with felony viz for counseling aiding and abetting a certain Rebecca Fisher in burning a barn the property of Geo W Manzy and do not depart ~~thence~~ without the leave of said court then this recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Taken and acknowledged before me  
in the said county the day and year  
first above written

W. B. Yancey J. P.  
J. M. Weaver J. P.







Rockingham City to wit

To the clerk of the county court of said county  
We Wm B Gandy & Geo M Weaver Justices of said  
county do hereby certify that we have by our  
warrant, this day committed Susan Kisting to  
the jail of this county, that she may be ex-  
amined before the county court <sup>on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August</sup> of the said county  
for a felony by her committed in this, that  
she did on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835 in  
the said County aid feloniously conspire aid  
and abet a certain Rebecca Fisher felonously to  
burn a certain Barn the property of the said  
Geo Mandy Situated in the said county  
Given under our hand This 18 day August  
1836

W B Gandy  
Geo M Weaver (seal)



To The Clerk of the County of  
Hockingham

Countess

in Papers of

Kestling's

1858 Augt exm. Court

Left sent to Circuit Ct

1856, Oct. N.Y. Jury & found  
no Verdict & jury discharged



Buckingham County to wit: -

To all or any one of the Constables of said County.

Whereas, H. M. Manzey of said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath, before me O. C. Sterling a Justice of the said County, That Susan Kisting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1855 in said County, did feloniously counsel, aid and abet a certain Rebecca Fisher, feloniously <sup>to</sup> burn a certain Barn, the property of the said H. M. Manzey, situated in the said County, and which was then of the value of Two Thousand dollars, which said felony, the said Rebecca Fisher did accordingly commit. There are therefore, to command you, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, forthwith to apprehend the said Susan Kisting, and bring her before me or some other Justice of the said County, to answer the said complaint, and to be further dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1856.

Subscribed the following witnesses

O. C. Sterling J. P. Seal

G. M. Manzey

Rebecca Fisher

Joseph Boserman

Warren T. McGahery

Nancy Jones

Mary A. Fisher

Nesley Hall

for J. P.,

Peter Riger



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Rockingham County to wit: —

G. W. Manzey upon oath complains, That on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1855 in the County of Rockingham, Susan Kisting did feloniously counsel, aid and abet a certain Rebecca Fisher, feloniously <sup>to</sup> burn a certain barn, the property of the said G. W. Manzey, situated in the said County, and which was then of the value of Two Thousand dollars, which said felony, the said Rebecca Fisher did accordingly commit; and he the said G. W. Manzey therefore prays That the said Susan Kisting may be apprehended and held to answer the said Complaint, and dealt with in relation thereto as the law may require. Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1856  
G. W. Manzey

Rockingham County to wit: —

11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1856, the said G. W. Manzey, made oath to the truth of the foregoing Complaint before me.  
O. C. Sterling J. P.





Commonwealth  
Warrant }  
Susan Kistling

Executed August 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

Robt M. Hoovey  
Clerk