

March 15, 1875

State of Virginia
Rockingham County, to wit:
In the County Court of the
said County.

The jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for the body of the County of Rockingham, and now attending the County Court of the said County, upon their oath present, that Anderson Shiplett on the 15th day of March ^{in the year} 1875 in the said County of Rockingham, with force and arms in and upon the body of one David L. Lanson, in the peace of said Commonwealth then and there being, feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought did make an assault; and that the said Anderson Shiplett a certain gun, then and there charged with gunpowder and two loaded bullets, which said gun he the said Anderson Shiplett in both his hands then and there had and held, then and there feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did discharge.

and shoot off, to, against and upon
the said David G. Lanson; and
that the said Anderson Shiflett
with the ^{two} leaden bullets aforesaid,
out of the gun by the said Ander-
son Shiflett discharged and shot
off as aforesaid, then and there
feloniously, willfully and of his
malice aforethought, did strike,
penetrate and wound the said
David G. Lanson, in and upon
the back of him the said David
G. Lanson; giving to him, the
said David G. Lanson then and
there, with the two leaden bul-
lets aforesaid, so as aforesaid
discharged and shot out of the
gun aforesaid by the said Anderson
Shiflett in and upon the back
of him the said David G. Lan-
son two mortal wounds; of
which said mortal wounds
he the said David G. Lanson
then and there instantly died,
and so the jurors aforesaid, upon
their oath aforesaid, do say, that
the said Anderson Shiflett, him
the said David G. Lanson in the

manner and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, willfully and of his malice aforethought did kill and murder,

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid, do further present, that Louisa Lanson, Silas Morris and Burns Williams of the said County, before the said felony and murder was committed in form aforesaid, to wit: On the said 15th day of March in the year 1855 in the County aforesaid, did feloniously counsel, hire, procure, command, aid and abet the said Anderson Shiflett, to do and commit the said felony and murder, in manner and form aforesaid, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This indictment is found on the evidence of W. D. Maiden Samuel Hall Rebecca Hall Rob Crofford Henry Lam George Hutcheson

witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the Grand Jury to give evidence,

We, the Jury find the prisoner, Louisa Lawton,
guilty as ~~accessory~~ before the fact to
murder in the first degree, in manner
and form as charged in the indictment

John D. Sealwood
Foreman

We, the Jury find the prisoner, Anderson Shiflett, guilty
of murder in the first degree, in manner and form
as charged in the indictment,
J. W. Badwin Foreman
We, the Jury find the prisoner, Silas Morris, guilty as access-
ory before the fact to murder in the first degree in
manner and form as charged in the indictment

E. W. No. 100 Foreman

Commonwealth
vs,

Anderson, Shiflett

Louisa Lawton,
Silas Morris
Morris Williams,

Indictment for
Murder

1897. Indict.

A true Bill

G. W. Maury
Foreman

We the Jury find the prisoner,
Anderson Shiflett, guilty of mur-
der in the first degree. J. W. Badwin of
Shiflett guilty of murder in the
first degree. E. D. Mitchell Foreman