

Rockingham County to wit,

Be it remembered that on the 13th day of December 1877, Samuel Knopp, ~~Wm~~ Spitzer and William Knopp, of the said County, came before me B. F. Garber a justice of the said County and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves ~~to be indebted~~ ~~at~~ to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in manner and form following, That is to say: The said Samuel Knopp, William Spitzer and William Knopp in the sum of one hundred Dollars to ~~be~~ respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, waiving the benefit of the homestead and bankrupt, as regards this bond, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if the said Samuel Knopp shall make default in performance of the condition underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such, that if the above bound Samuel Knopp do and shall personally appear before the County court of Rockingham on the first ~~of the~~ day of the January term next thereof, then and there to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning ^{a felony by him} ~~an attempt to commit a felony~~, ~~in~~ attempting to ravish and carnally know against her will, Mary Ellen Bull, wherewith the said Samuel Knopp stands charged and shall not depart thence without the leave of the said court Then the above recognizance shall be void, else to remain in full force and virtue. Taken and acknowledged before me

in the said County the day and year above written
B. F. Garber, J. P.



Respectfully submitted to you

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Smith

Rockingham County to wit.

To the Clerk of the County Court of Said County:
I B. H. Garber a Justice of the Said County
do hereby certify that Samuel Knopp has
this day been admitted to bail by me, with
Sureties for his appearance before the County
Court of the Said County on the first day
of the January term next thereof, that he
may be tried for a felony by him committed
in this, that he did on the — day of Nov
1876 violently, by force, feloniously, did attempt
to ravish and carnally know Mary Ellen Bull,
and on the 5th day of December 1877, attempt
to carnally and by force know the said Mary
Ellen Bull against her will.

Given under my hand this 13th
day of Dec, 1877

B. H. Garber, J. P.

Rockingham County to wit.

Go all or any one of the Constables of said county,

Whereas William Bull of said county, has
this day made complaint and information, on
oath, before me ~~me~~ B. G. Garber, Justice of the
Peace of said county, that Samuel Knopp ^(and J. or about Nov. 1876) on
(the 5th day of December 1877,) in said county
violently and against her will, by force feloniously
did attempt to ravish and carnally know his
daughter Mary Ellen Bull. She the said
Mary Ellen Bull then being twelve years old
and more, to wit of the age of 14 years, these
are, therefore to command you in the name
of the Commonwealth of Virginia, forthwith to
apprehend the said Samuel Knopp, and bring
him before me or some other justice of the said
county, to answer the said complaint and to be
farther dealt with according to law. Given un-
der my hand and seal, this 12th day of December
1877.

B. G. Garber, J. P.

Commonwealth,
(w) of Recognizance
Samuel Knapp.

For and Shilysand.
Same Shilky.

The William Nassau
Esquire by
Delivering the said
Knapp to the
Magistrate

See 13/11
S R Mafford