

Commonwealth of Virginia }  
Rockingham County } to wit: To W. C. Hale Sergt of  
the Corporation of Bridgewater of the Said County:

Whereas Ella Milstead of the Said County, has  
this day made complaint and information on oath before  
one K. Strickler a Justice ex officio of the Said County, that  
Jennie Johnson, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1894, in the Said County,  
did feloniously and maliciously in the night time of that  
day burn the dwelling house of her the said Ella Milstead  
situated in said County. These are therefore in the name  
of the Commonwealth to command you forthwith to apprehend  
and bring before one or some other Justice of the Said County, the  
body of the said Jennie Johnson to answer the said Complaint  
and to <sup>be</sup> farther dealt with according to law. Given under  
my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1894

K. Strickler J. P. Ex officio *[Signature]*

Summon Witnesses Joseph H. Childs John Hatfield  
R. L. Dull J. H. Milstead Charles Dull  
Morty Dotson B. H. Dull Pol. Hays  
Hester Stett Tillie Hookley  
Eustice Mrs J. H. Milstead

W. C. Hale



Commonwealth  
U.S.

Jennie Johnson

Returned & executed  
this 22 day of  
September 1894  
H. C. Wade Supt

Bridgewater, Va, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1894

For good cause, the examination  
of this case is continued till the 33<sup>rd</sup> day  
of Sept 1894. at 10 O'clock A.M.

Bridgewater, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1894

Case heard by associate  
Justice W. K. Kirtner and myself, and  
in examining 29 witnesses for & against;  
it is adjudged that the charge  
against the defendant is not sustained  
by the evidence, and the case is  
dismissed.

The cost of the Commonwealth

The Justice's fee	\$1.00
To H. C. Wade Supt arresting deft	1.00
" Summoning 10. witnesses	2.00
" 5 witnesses for the Commonwealth	3.50
Claim their attendance	
Total amt -	\$6.50

The above costs certified to the court  
of Rockingham Co. Va.

W. Strickler Mayor and  
J. D. Ex officio

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Witness for Jennie Johnson  
Lynnie Shovel  
Frank Burns  
Jack Beeler  
Jack Picken  
Ella H. H. H. H.  
H. C. Wade



Virginia Rockingham County, to wit:

I Moses Strickler Mayor of the town of Bridgewater in the County aforesaid, do hereby Certify to the County Court of Said County; that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1894 upon the complaint on oath of Ella Milstead, I as such Mayor & J.P. ex Officio issued a warrant for the arrest of Jennie Johnson upon a charge of burning the house of the said Ella Milstead in the vicinity of the said town, upon which ~~warrant~~ the said warrant the said Jennie Johnson was arrested and brought before me and J. H. Keiter a Justice of the said County, and tried upon the said charge on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1894: But was discharged upon the grounds that the evidence was insufficient to prove probable cause for sending her on for farther proceedings against her before said County Court, upon said charge. And I farther certify to said Court, that the costs incurred by the Commonwealth of Virginia for said arrest and upon the trial of the said Jennie Johnson upon said warrant, and charge, were as follows to wit:

To issuing warrant and examining the case — — — \$1.00

To H. C. Hale "Scrip." for arresting the accused — — — \$1.00

To same for summoning 10 witnesses for the Commonwealth, all of whom were examined <sup>before us</sup> by B. D. Harrison the Commonwealth's attorney of said County and considered by him material to the issue in said case. each 20¢ } \$2.00

To attendance claimed by 5 of the Commonwealth's witnesses: viz: John Hatfield, Geo Dull, R. H. Dull Charles Dull, & H. C. Hale — — — each 50¢ } \$2.50

Total Amt — \$6.50

Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1894

M. Strickler, Mayor & J.P. Ex Officio



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Jennie Johnson