

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 John Smith on the 18th day of July 1875, in said County, did unlawfully attempt to commit the crime of house breaking, by then and there ^{attempting} in the night time of that day, feloniously to break and enter, a certain storehouse, not adjoining to, or occupied with the dwelling house of one E. J. Johnson, the property of the said E. J. Johnson, there situate, with intent the goods and chattels of the said E. J. Johnson, in the said storehouse then and there being feloniously to steal, take and carry away, and that he the said John Smith did then and there, in the night-time as aforesaid, in his said attempt to commit the felony

and house breaking aforesaid,
endeavor to break the doors
of the said storehouse, but said
John Smith did fail in the
perpetration of said offence of
house breaking, and was then
and there intercepted and pre-
vented in the execution of the
same: Against the peace and
dignity of the Commonwealth
of Virginia.

This Indictment is
found on the testimony of
J. N. Davis, a witness sworn in
Court and sent before the grand
jury to give evidence.

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Commonwealth
vs.

John Smith,

Indictment for
attempting to
break enter a
storehouse in the
nighttime,

not a true bill

John Bradley

Aug. 26, 1875

Foreman,

The Grand Jury charging
failed to find a true bill
It is ordered that the de-
fendant John Smith be
discharged