

Commonwealth of Virginia  
Rockingham County) So Wit  
to W. J. Leffman Constable Special of said <sup>County</sup>  
whereas Miss Mathey R. Lang of said County  
has this day made complaint and Informations  
upon oath before me W. D. Maiden a Justice  
of the said County that R. H. Meyerhoffer  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1897 in the said  
County did feloniously did under various  
pretenses of marriage seduce and have illicit  
connections with here the said Mathey R-  
Lang in the said County and State afore-  
said she being an unmarried female of  
previous <sup>chast</sup> ~~chaste~~ character  
I these are therefore in the name of the  
Commonwealth to command you  
faithfully to apprehend and bring  
before me or some other Justice of  
the said County the body of the  
said R. H. Meyerhoffer to answer the  
said complaint and to be farther  
dealt with according to Law given  
under my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1897

W. D. Maiden J. P. J. S. C.



The Commonwealth of Va } December 23<sup>d</sup> 1897  
vs } case heard before  
R H Meyerhoffer } me W. D. Maiden, J.P.C  
of Rockingham Co and The Defendant sent an  
to answer an indictment by the Grand  
Jury and The Defendant admitted to Bail  
in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars  
with W. M. Meyerhoffer as surety  
W. D. Maiden, J.P.C

Commonwealth

vs

R. H. Meyerhoffer

Executed the within  
warrant by arresting  
and delivering the  
body of R. H. Meyerhoffer  
before J. S. Heatwole  
a Justice of Rockingham  
County this 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of Dec. 1897.

W. J. Coffman

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Filed Dec. 28. 1897  
J. S. Messerley Clerk

Trial extended till 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec. 1897 at  
Cross Keys at 10 o'clock A.M.  
J. S. Heatwole J.P.



The Commonwealth of Virginia  
Rockingham County } To wit  
Be it Remembered that on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Decem-  
ber 1897 R. H. Meyerhaffer and W<sup>m</sup> M.  
Meyerhaffer of the said County came  
before me W. D. Maiden a Justice of the  
said County and severally acknow-  
ledged themselves to be indebted  
to the Commonwealth of Virginia  
in the manner and form following  
that that is to say the said R. H.  
Meyerhaffer in the sum of Two Hun-  
dred and fifty Dollars good and  
lawful money of the United States  
and the said W<sup>m</sup> M. Meyerhaffer in  
the sum of Two hundred and fifty  
Dollars of like good and lawful  
money to be respectively made  
and levied of their several goods  
and chattels Lands Tenements to  
the use of the Commonwealth of  
Virginia each party to this oblig-  
ation hereby waives their names and  
exemptions as to this recognizance  
if the said R. H. Meyerhaffer shall  
make default in the performance  
of the conditions underwritten  
The conditions of the above recog-  
nizance is such that if the above  
bound R. H. Meyerhaffer do and  
shall personally appear before



The County Court of Rockingham  
County on the first day of the  
next term it being the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1898 thereof then and there  
to answer the Commonwealth for  
and concerning a certain felony  
by him committed in felonious-  
ly under pretenses of marriage  
seduce and have illicit connection  
with an unmarried female of  
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wherewith the said R. H. Meyerhoffer  
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 acknowledge before  
me in the said County the  
day and year first above  
written

W. D. Maiden J.P.C



Know all men by these presents that  
Mr. R.H. Meyerhoffer, and Mr.  
Meyerhoffer, are held and firmly bound  
unto the Commonwealth of Va in  
the sum of Five hundred Dollars,  
Having our Honorable Exemption  
as to this debt.

Sealed with our seals & date  
this <sup>of December</sup> 23, 1897

The condition of the above obligation  
is such that whereas the above bound  
R.H. Meyerhoffer has this day,  
upon an examination held by W.D.  
Menden, a Justice of the Peace,  
for Rockingham County Va., ~~has~~  
been sent on for trial before the  
next term of the Court, Court of Rock-  
ingham, to answer a charge of  
seduction and promise of marriage

Now if the said R.H. Meyerhoffer  
shall appear before the Judge of the  
County Court of Rockingham, on the  
third day of July of 1898, <sup>to answer said charge</sup> and  
not depart therefrom without  
leave of court, then the above obliga-  
tion to be null and void; otherwise  
to remain in full force & virtue

R. H. Meyerhoffer. Seal  
W. D. Meyerhoffer. Seal



State of Virginia  
Rockingham County } 40 Wit

The within Recognyance was taken  
and acknowledged before me in  
my county this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December  
1897

W. D. Maiden J.P.C