

**Commonwealth of Virginia,**

COUNTY OF Rocking Lam, TO-WIT:

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the County of

Rocking Lam, and now attending the said Court at its  
August- term, in the year 1900, upon their oaths present that

A. F. Ritchie

on a certain day <sup>between the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1899</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~1<sup>st</sup>~~ day of June, in the year 1900, in the said County,

did unlawfully sell, by retail, at the personal storehouse of said A. F. Ritchie situated in  
the western part of Plains District, in said county, wine, ardent spirits, malt liquors, and  
mixtures thereof, not to be drunk where sold, he the said A. F. Ritchie  
not then and there having a license from the state of Virginia so to do,  
against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon the evidence of

witness sworn in open

Court and sent to the Grand Jury to give evidence.

, Clerk.

[By a recent act (Acts 1897-98, p. 71), the distinction between a retail liquor dealer's license and a bar-room license is abolished; and but for the fact that a license for a malt liquor saloon limits the sales to be drunk where sold, the phrase "not to be drunk where sold" might be omitted—it might be, anyway, but is added in eminent precaution. If the sale is, to be drunk where sold, erase "not" in the phrase "not to be drunk where sold." Under the general revenue law, it is not necessary to name the person to whom the liquor was sold—2 Va. Cas. 26; 5 Leigh, 724; 1 Grat, 553-4. The above form may be used for sales under the local option law (Code, §537); but the phrase "not to be drunk where sold," may be entirely omitted, and the naming of the person to whom sold or the place where sold will be a sufficient description. But where the entire county has not "voted dry," allege the district in which the sale was made.]

**Commonwealth**

vs.

INDICTMENT

FOR RETAILING LIQUOR.

*N. F. Ritchie*

A TRUE BILL.

*W. C. McAllister*

Foreman.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY---GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Jacob Bear*

to appear before the Judge of the County Court of Rockingham County, at the Court-House, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 5 day of this September Court ~~next~~, being the 21 day of September 1900~~189~~, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against J. F. Ritchie

who stands charged with and indicted for Misdemeanor

And this he shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, JOSEPH S. MESSERLEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House, the 17 day of September 1900~~189~~, and in the 125th year of the Commonwealth.

*J. S. Messerley*, Clerk.

Specified upon the within  
man's person. This the 20th  
day of September 1900

D. F. Ritchie  
Gardner & Co.

105th day of Term  
beg. Sept. 21. 1900

Commonwealth  
or

D. F. Ritchie

1st 1c

John C. Bear - Live in Brock's Gap.

Had Petchie for store in Smalls Dist. - Rockingham Co. Had contract with Petchie. He was to place pint in certain places & I was to leave 28¢ there. I got the pint. Did not see him put it there.

It was along about 1<sup>st</sup> of last Nov. so near as I can recollect - Took it home & drank it - Brother Jant kept to drink it:

His wife by being watching by that day - It was along about 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov.

I asked if he had any thing on hand. He said he had & he said he would show it in a box in rear room - adjoining store. Store opens from store to <sup>rear</sup> room. I was to leave 28¢ there for a pint. Kept beer & most all kinds of stuff in the rear room.

Had conversation with Petchie he claimed he did not know what time it was. He said one of his liquor.

When get liquor generally look it away.

Get liquor at present - store house in lower township. Had liquor at his present - store house.

Xam - Told Petchie not feeling very well. Don't know of any one who got of him this last winter months. Got of him before on order. Liquor I had gotten prior to last - winter months. Had not always been on order. Don't know whether he sold at case.

J. J. Bramm. Comr. of Plains Dist.

Assessed in Lawrence but is in Plains.

Ritchie's store is in Plains. I collect  
his merchant's license. Error of former  
assessor in putting it in Lawrence.

If you find ~~the~~ prisoner not-guilty you will say so and no more.

If you find him guilty in manner & form as charged in the indictment; you will say so & then ascertain the amount of his fine so that such fine shall be not-less than \$50. nor more than \$100. & in your discretion confinement in the County jail not-exceeding sixty days.

ED. S. CONRAD.

CC

Dear Sir:-

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anxious to have  
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Herring who ~~now~~  
I hope you will  
attend the prime  
precinct at four  
in my favor.

Anything you  
appreciated. I  
the time is so si  
Trusting you  
Diet.



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D. F. Ritchie

