

Arrest Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, }  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, } TO WIT:

To The Sheriff , or \_\_\_\_\_, a Constable of said County:

Whereas, Willanna Welch \_\_\_\_\_ of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, Milton Halterman \_\_\_\_\_ a Justice of the said County, that Eddie J. Meemaw \_\_\_\_\_ of Shenandoah \_\_\_\_\_ of Rockingham of the said County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of November \_\_\_\_\_ 1917, in the said County, did under promise of marriage seduce and have illicit connection with her the said Willanna Welch, an unmarried female of previous chaste character

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before me, or some other Justice of the said County, the body of the said

Eddie J. Meemaw \_\_\_\_\_ to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon *C. Bennick* \_\_\_\_\_

to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of April \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 1919

*Milton Halterman* J. P. [SEAL]

C<sup>se</sup> heard this 24th day of April 1919, and the accused admitted to bail, for appearance before the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, at the first day of the next term thereof.

*W. H. Hallman, J.P.*

*Cost of Prosecution*  
*\$ 5.00*

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Commonwealth

vs } Arrest Warrant.

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Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

before \_\_\_\_\_

a Justice of Rockingham County, and by summoning the within named witnesses in person.

this day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191

Constable of Rockingham County.

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Commonwealth of Virginia

Rockingham county, to-wit :

Be it remembered that on the 24th day of April, 1919, Eddie J. Meemaw and W.C. Shirley, by his attorney -in-fact C.W. Bennick, came before me Milton Halterman a Justice of the Peace of the said county, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in manner and form following, that is to say that the said Eddie J. Meemaw in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and the said W.C. Shirley, by the said C.W. Bennick his attorney in fact, in the like sum of One Thousand Dollars, to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if the said Eddie J. Meemaw shall make default in the conditions underwritten.

The said Eddie J. Meemaw and the said W.C. Shirley waive the benefit, each, of the homestead exemption, as to this obligation.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above named Eddie J. Meemaw shall personally appear before the Circuit Court for the county of Rockingham on the first day of the next term thereof then and there to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning a certain felony by him committed, in feloniously having under promise of marriage seduced and had illicit connection with Willanna Welch, an unmarried female of previous chaste character wherewith the said Eddie J. Meemaw stands charged, and shall not depart thence without 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.

Milton Halterman J.P.





KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, W. C. Shirley, of the county of Shenandoah and state of Virginia, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint C. W. Bennick, of the same county and state, my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name to execute such bond and in such penalty as may be prescribed and required by the justice, or justices, who may hear the matter of the arrest of E. J. Moomaw under a warrant charging the said E. J. Moomaw with the abduction under promise of marriage of *Killeanna Welch*, a daughter of William A. Welch, for the appearance of the said E. J. Moomaw before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County Virginia, at such time as the said justice or justices may require; <sup>at the hearing to be had at Broadway on April 22, 1919</sup> and my said attorney in fact is fully authorized and empowered to waive the benefit of the homestead exemption laws, and to do any and all things whatsoever necessary for the execution of said bond; and I hereby ratify and confirm all that my said attorney in fact shall, or may lawfully do in and about the premises.

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of April, 1919.

----- *W. C. Shirley* ----- (SEAL)

State of Virginia, Shenandoah County, to-wit:

I, *C. W. Bennick*, *Notary Public* in and for the said county of Shenandoah in the state of Virginia do certify that W. C. Shirley whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 22nd day of April, 1919, has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid; and I hereby further certify that the said W. C. Shirley at the same time before me made oath that his estate after the payment of all his debts and such debts as he is bound to pay for others, his estate is worth at the least the sum of Ten Thousand dollars Given under my hand this *23* day of April, 1919.

----- *C. W. Bennick* -----  
my Comm. Expires Sept 16-1919





Commonwealth of Virginia ,

Rockingham county, to-wit:

Be it remembered that on the 18th day of April, 1919, Eddie J. Meemaw and W.C. Shirley came before me, Milton Halterman, a Justice of the Peace of the said county, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the <sup>Commonwealth</sup> ~~State~~ of Virginia in manner and form following, that is to say the said Eddie J. Meemaw in the sum of Five Hundred ~~000 000 000 000 000~~ Dollars, lawful money of the United States, and the said W.C. Shirley in the sum of Five Hundred ~~000 000 000 000 000~~ Dollars, of like lawful money to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if the said Eddie J. Meemaw shall make default in the condition underwritten. The said Eddie J. Meemaw and the said W.C. Shirley waive the benefit of the homestead exemption as to this obligation.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound Eddie J. Meemaw shall personally appear, on the 24 th day of April, 1919, at the hour of ten, A.M., at Broadway, in the county of Rockingham, there to answer before Milton Halterman, Justice as aforesaid, or some other Justice of the said county, the charge of having on the      day of November, 1917, in the said county of Rockingham, under promise of marriage seduced and had illicit connection with one Willanna Welch an unmarried female of previous chaste character, on which charge the said Eddie J. Meemaw has been duly arrested and is now in custody before the said Milton Halterman, Justice as aforesaid, upon examination for the said offense, and the further examination thereof for good cause continued till the said 24th day of April, 1919, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me the day and year first above written.

*Milton Halterman, J.P.*



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*[Handwritten signature]*



Commonwealth

vs } Warrant

Eddie J. Mooman

held for Grand Jury





COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, TO-WIT:

In the Circuit Court of said County;

The jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the County of Rockingham, and now attending the Circuit Court of said County, at its December term, 1919, UPON THEIR OATHS DO PRESENT, that Eddie J. Moomaw, on the \_\_\_\_ day of November, 1917, in said County, did unlawfully and feloniously, under promise of marriage, seduce and have illicit connection with one Willenna Welch, an unmarried female of previous chaste character, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the Grand Jury to give evidence.

December term, 1919.  
Seduction.

Commonwealth,

vs.  
Indictment.

Eddie J. Moore

vs.  
John A. Kelly.

Max A. Green Bill

J. S. Hopkins  
Foreman.

Received under our  
Authority of  
W. H. Brown

Harry M. Strickler  
Commonwealth's Attorney.