

COMMONWEALTH

v

ELLA RICKS

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CHARGE TO THE JURY

If you find the accused, Ella Ricks, not guilty, you will say so and no more.

If you find her guilty of maliciously cutting with intent as charged in the indictment, you will say so and fix her punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for a period of not less than one nor more than ten years.

If you do not find her guilty of maliciously cutting but find her guilty of unlawful cutting with intent as charged in the said indictment, you will say so and fix her punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years, or, by confinement in jail not exceeding twelve months, and a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

If the jury find the accused not guilty of either of the felonies aforesaid, but guilty of assault and battery as charged in the indictment, then you will say so and fix her punishment by confinement in jail for a period not exceeding twelve months, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both such fine and imprisonment.

COMMONWEALTH

v)

Ella Ricks

Charge to the Jury

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

*You are hereby commanded to summon*

**Ruth Butler, Willie Davis and Dr. N. M. Canter**

*to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the* **9th** *day of* **May** **19 27,**  
*to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against*

**Ella Ricks**

*who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.*

*And this* **they** *shall not omit under the penalty of \$100. And have then and there this Writ.*

*Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the*  
**6th** *day of* **May** **19 27,** *and in the* **151st** *year of the Commonwealth.*

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.

Executed May 7, 1921 by delivering a true copy of the  
within Summons to Ruth Butler, Willie Davis & Dr. N. M. Canter  
C. W. Dove & Co.

in the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
Commonwealth  
v.  
Ruth Butler, Willie Davis and Dr. N. M. Canter  
Ella Ricks  
Ruth Butler  
Willie Davis  
Dr. N. M. Canter

Sheriff fee \$1.50

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**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Res. Geo. A. Newman, L<sup>o</sup> E. D. Pickerson  
Rev. Thomas Austin & Maggie Ray

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 7 day of May 1927, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth, plaintiff, against

Ella Ricks

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 7 day of May 1927, and in the 157<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Executed May 7 1927 by delivering a true copy of the

within summons to

Geo. A. Newman & D. Dickinson  
Thomas Austin & Maggie Ray  
C. W. Moore S. R. & C.

Comm. of S.  
Ellen Ricks

Sheriff fees \$2.00

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

**To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:**

*You are hereby commanded to summon*

*Ruth Butler, Millie Davis &  
M. N. Sprinkel*

*to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court  
House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Apr. 1927.  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury*

*Ella Ricks*

*who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.*

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

*Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the  
14 day of Apr. 1927, and in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.*

*J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.*

Comm.

vs.  
Ella Ricks

Executed \_\_\_\_\_ by delivering a true copy of the

within Summons to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in person.

Sheriff fee \$1.50

Apr 18, 1927



### Arrest Warrant

Commonwealth of Virginia

Rockingham County

City of Harrisonburg

To Whom:

To Robert Morrison, Policeman

(Sergeant of said City

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Whereas, Ruth Butler of the said city, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, *K.C. Moore* ~~J. C. STAPLES~~, a justice of the said city, that

Ella Ricks

of the said city, on the 24th day of February 1927 in the said county did Unlawfully and feloniously cut and stab her, the said Ruth Butler with a razor with intent to maim, disfigure, disable, and kill, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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 city, the body of the said Elle Ricks

to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon  
W. N. Sprinkle, Ruth Butler, and Willie Davis

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of March in the year 19 27

N. A. Moore

J. P. (Seal)

VIRGINIA,  
CITY OF HARRISONBURG, to-wit:.

Admitted to bail in the sum of \$500.00 this 5th day of March, 1927, with Harry Newman and C. B. Dallard as surety for her appearance before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County on April 18th, 1927.

H. C. Moore J.P.

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### ARREST WARRANT

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Commonwealth

vs.

Ella Ricks

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

before \_\_\_\_\_  
a Justice of City of Harrisonburg and  
by summoning the within named  
witnesses in person, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Sergeant of City of Harrisonburg

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STATE OF VIRGINIA,  
City of Harrisonburg, to-wit:

After having heard the evidence in this case, I feel there is probability of the accused being guilty, and send the case on to the Grand Jury this 1st day of March, 1927.

H. C. Moore J.P.

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 said Court at its April term, 1927, upon their oaths do present that Ella Ricks on or about the 27th day of February, 1927, in said county, in and upon one Ruth Butler did make an assault, and her, the said Ruth Butler feloniously and maliciously did cut and stab with intent her, the said Ruth Butler, then and there to maim, disfigure, disable and kill, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of Ruth Butler, Willie Davis, and W. N. Sprinkel, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.



We the jury find the accused, Ella Hicks guilty  
of assault and battery, and pay her punishment  
at a fine of \$20.

M. M. Caniscope  
Franklin

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WARREN, VA.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

Felonious Assault

Commonwealth

v) Indictment

Ella Hicks

Felony

April term, 1927

A True Bill:

*H. L. Harnett*  
Foreman

D. W. Earmen  
Commonwealth's Attorney

The the jury find Defendant  
guilty of Assault & Battery and  
and fix fine of 20.00



As the paper found  
in the chest of 1820  
of 1820

*Apr. Term 1927*

*# 383*

Commonwealth

vs. ) Felony

Ella Ricks

*Rec'd N. D.  
Set for May 7<sup>th</sup>*

P.A. Klean	1.90
J.A. Taylor	2.70
H.T. Stover	3.30
L.R. Myers	2.60
Galen D. Flory	3.10
J.W. Miller	3.00
J.W. Tompkins	3.00
Gross B. Knapp	3.00
N.M. Garis	2.00
J.B. Hall	1.50
Thor Moore	2.50
C.V. Smith	1.50
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Sheep fee

Arrest	1.50
Services	5.00
Prof. fee	1.50
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