

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors of the State of Virginia, in and for the body of the county of Rockingham, and now attending said Court at its December term, 1936, upon their oaths present that Minnie Mae Parker, on or about November 17, 1936, in said county, feloniously and unlawfully did kill and slay one Alice Fisher, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of Vernon C. Holsinger and Emory Showver, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

Involuntary Manslaughter ✓

Commonwealth

vs ) Indictment

Minnie Mae Parker

Felony

December term, 1936

A True Bill:

J. W. Earman  
Foreman

Witnesses:

✓ Vernon C. Holsinger

✓ Emory Showver

✓ M. F. Ritter

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

STATE OF VIRGINIA

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, co-wic:

In the Circuit Court of said County:



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23 day of November, 19 36

Minnie May Parker, principal and Cash  
surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me, Shepherd Dewier  
Bail Commissioner, of the said County of Rockingham,  
(J. P. or Bail Commissioner)

and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of

One Thousand Dollars, (\$1000),

to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia rendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their recognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said Minnie May Parker shall personally appear before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the 1st day of the

Dec-1936 Term thereof, being the 21st day of Dec,

19 36, and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further heard, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with the said charge, and then and there answer

the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain felony whereof the

said Minnie May Parker stands charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the

charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 23rd day of November, 19 36.

Shepherd Dewier  
(~~J. P.~~ or BAIL COMMISSIONER)



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 20 day of December, 1936

Minnie May Parker, principal and surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me, J. Howard Huntington, Clerk of the said County of Rockingham

and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of Dollars (\$1000.00)

to be paid of their respective goods and chattels, and they each severally waived their recognizance; yet upon this condition: shall personally appear before me on the day of the

Term thereof being the court or judge having or holding any process in connection with the said charge, and then and there answer whereof the

and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto affix my signature this day of

December 1936

J. Howard Huntington, Clerk

(Notary Public)

Minnie May Parker

10 Circuit Court

Dec 21-1936

Minnie May Parker  
\$1000.00  
10 Circuit Court  
Dec 21-1936  
\$1000.00 and checked  
Equalized in Bank  
North Bank  
J. Howard Huntington, Clerk  
(Official)

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1937

#1372

COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Felony (inv. mans.)

MINNIE MAE PARKER

see witness tickets

Tracy Slower 4348 & 4349

for \$15.00 each Jan 4-5-37

6/15/37

Cass atty.	✓	\$10.00 ✓
Clerk	✓	5.00 ✓
Witnesses S.J.	✓	31.40 ✓
S.J.	✓	3.00 ✓
Sheriff 1.50	✓	<del>2.00</del> 5.00 ✓
Witness Ct.	✓	1.90 ✓
Boyle .50		
Kalinger 1.40		
		<u>55.80</u>

Apr 19-1937

\$100.00 & costs



14/5

18  
05  
9.50  
1.40

Emery Shaver  
Menon C. Holsinger

\$30.00

1.40

\$31.40

Filed in the Clerk's Office  
Rockingham County, Va.

MAR 19 1937

*J. P. Stryker* Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

COMMONWEALTH :  
vs. : BILL OF PARTICULARS.  
MINNIE MAE PARKER :

The Commonwealth expects to prove that on November 17, 1936, late in the afternoon of that day, Alice Fisher was killed in an automobile accident on the Lee Highway about sixteen miles north of Harrisonburg at the entrance to Endless Caverns as a result of the defendant, Minnie Mae Parker, who was traveling north on said highway at the time, driving her automobile across the highway on her wrong side of the road into the path of a car driven in the opposite direction by one Emory Showver, who was driving his car at a lawful rate of speed on his proper side of the highway, said two automobiles having collided at the entrance to said Endless Caverns, resulting in the death of said Alice Fisher.

*D. W. Tamm*  
*Commonwealth's Attorney*

3/18/37



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Rockingham County, Va.

MAR 19 1937  
*[Signature]*  
Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

COMMONWEALTH :  
vs. :  
BILL OF PARTICULARS. :  
MINNIE MAE PARKER :

The Commonwealth expects to prove that on November 17, 1936, late in the afternoon of that day, Alice Fisher was killed in an automobile accident on the Lee Highway about sixteen miles north of Harrisonburg at the entrance to Endless Gorge as a result of the defendant, Minnie Mae Parker, who was traveling north on said highway at the time, driving her automobile across the highway on her wrong side of the road into the path of a car driven in the opposite direction by one Emory Spawver, who was driving his car at a fatal rate of speed on his proper side of the highway, said two automobiles having collided at the entrance to said Endless Gorge, resulting in the death of said Alice Fisher.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Commonwealth's Attorney

3/18/37



The Commonwealth of Virginia, } To-wit  
 Rockingham County, }  
 To the Sheriff of Said County:

Whereas, D.W. Easman of said County, has this day  
 made complaint and information on oath before me, Hannetta Haas, T.J.  
 of the said County, that Minnie May Parker  
 of the said County, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 1936, in the said County, did

unlawfully and feloniously kill and  
slay one Alice ~~Parker~~ <sup>Fisher</sup> against the  
peace & 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 the Trial Justice of the said County, the body of the said

Minnie May Parker

to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according

to law.

Given under my hand, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 1936.

Hannetta Haas

T. J. or J. P.

**Memo. of Commonwealth Witnesses:**

Name

Address

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STATE OF VIRGINIA - COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, TO-WIT:

I, Stephley P. Lowe (T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner), in and for the County of Rockingham, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Minnie May Parker and

4 as his surety, have this day acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$ 1000.00) as to

which they severally waived their exemption, to be made and levied of their goods and chattels, yet upon this condition: That the said

Minnie May Parker shall appear before the Trial Justice Court of Rockingham County at

\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at

o'clock A. M., and not depart hence without leave of said Court, and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further heard, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning the within charge until the same is finally disposed of, then this recognizance shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Given under my hand this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner

Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No. 1428

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

Minnie May Parker

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

Minnie May Parker  
before Coil Ebn

this 23 day of

Nov, 1906

J. W. Royster SR

### JUDGMENT

Nov. 24/36

Upon the examination of the within charge, I find the accused

Preliminary hearing held  
warrant & charges held  
to answer in indictment -  
must also stand  
that may then grant

Fine	- - - - -	\$	.....
Issuing Justice's Fee	- - - - -	\$	<u>1.00</u>
Clerk's Fee	- - - - -	\$	<u>1.25</u>
Trial Justice Fee	- - - - -	\$	<u>2.00</u>
Arrest	- - - - -	\$	<u>1.50</u>
Summoning Witness	- - - - -	\$	.....
Witness Attendance & Mileage	- - - - -	\$	.....
Commonwealth's Attorney	- - - - -	\$	.....
Jail Fees	- - - - -	\$	.....

Total - - - - - \$ 5.75

Hamilton  
Trial Justice



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

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

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*W. T. Parker + Minnie May Parker*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
*forthwith* at *9:30* o'clock, a. m., on the *19* day of *April* 19 *37* to testify and the truth to  
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against.....

*Minnie May Parker*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *19th*  
day of *April* 19 *37*, and in the *16th* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Minnie May Parker

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Com. of Va.

\$100

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April 19 1937

J. R. B. J. & S. R. D.  
J. R. B. J. & S. R. D.  
J. R. B. J. & S. R. D.

RECEIVED BY MAIL APRIL 19 1937

In the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

Yours truly commanded to summon

before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at ... o'clock, a.m., on the 19 day of April, 1937, to testify and the truth to

And have there and there this Writ.

J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the

Clerk

FORM NO. 2

Massachusetts Paper Co. Print



CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

DEC 1936

Term, 19.....

*Vernon Halsinger*

has been sworn in open court as a witness before the  
Grand Jury

*Robert Switzer*

Clerk.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

DEC 1938

Term, 19

*James H. ...*  
has been sworn in open court as a witness before the

Grand Jury

*Robert ...*

Clerk.



CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

DEC 1936

Term, 19.....

*Emory Shower*

has been sworn in open court as a witness before the  
Grand Jury

*J. Robert Switzer*

Clerk.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

1850

DEC

Term, 18

*[Faint handwritten signature]*

has been sworn in open court as a witness before the

Grand Jury

*[Faint handwritten signature]*

Clerk.



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

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

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*Emory Shaver*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *April* 19 *37*,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against.....

*Minnie Mae Parker*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *29<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *Mar.* 19 *37*, and in the *16<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Legal and timely

Service accepted this 8 day of April, 1937.

Emory M. Shaver

LOBBY NO. 248

April 22

1937

City

Association of the City of St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo.

to the

ROBERT SWINER, Clerk of the Court House, the

And how then are there this

to the

to the

to the

to the

Emory Shaver,  
witness

Witness: Max Barker

Done

In the name of the Commission of the City of St. Louis

to the



842.20  
 155.80  
 998.00

Harrisonburg, Va.,

4/19/ 19 37

Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Rockingham County

STATEMENT OF FINE AND COSTS

Commonwealth

vs.

Apr. Term

Minnie Mae Parker

Costs

Commonwealth's Attorney . . . . .	10 00 ✓
Clerk of Court . . . . .	5 00
Sheriff . . . . .	4 50 ✓
Witnesses, Attendance and Mileage . . . . .	33 30 ✓
Jury, Attendance and Mileage . . . . .	
Jail Fees . . . . .	
Justice of Peace . . . . . J. J.	3 00 ✓
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Total Costs . . . . .	55 80
Fine . . . . .	100 00 ✓
	\$ 155 80

J. Robert Switzer Clerk  
 mfb

Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Rockingham County

STATEMENT OF FINE AND COSTS

State

None	\$100.00 ✓
1/2 Com. atty fee	5.00 ✓
Witnesses	33.30 ✓
	<hr/>
	138.30

County

1/2 Com. atty fee	5.00 ✓
I. J. fee	3.00 ✓
	<hr/>
	8.00

Sheriff

4.50 ✓ X

Clerk

5.00 ✓



**Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Vernon Helsinga*

*Jas. W. Bayle and M. S. Ritter*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the *4th* day of *Jan.* 19 *37*,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY

*Minnie May Parker*

who stands charged with a felony misdemeanor.

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *31st*  
day of *Dec.* 19 *36*, and in the *161st* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Jan 4

W A Bitter

2218 1/2 Broad St

By delivering a true Copy of this

within Summons to

in person

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vs  
Minnie May Parker

in person

within Summons to

Executed

by delivering a true Copy of this

\$100

1937  
Jan. 4

Executed Jan 1, 1937 by delivering a true Copy of this

within Summons to

Damon Kelvington

H. P. Davis

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For J W Doyle S.P.C.



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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Gas. W. Bazyle*, *Carson*

*Halsinger*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the *22d* day of *April* 19 *37*,

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

*Minnie Mae Parker*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *1st*

day of *Apr.* 19 *37* and in the *161st* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Apr. 2, 1937

J. W. Brazzle

D. P. Davis Def Sheriff

Geo. W. Blythe S R C

Com

Minnie Mae Parker

\$1.00

1937

Apr. 22

J. W. Blythe S R C  
Simon K. Blythe

April 5, 1937