

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The grand 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 October term, 1943, upon their oaths do present that Oscar W. Harris, on or about the 10th day of September, 1943, in said County, unlawfully and feloniously did kill and slay one Lloyd Allison Cash, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found upon the testimony of E. P. Landers, E. F. Dennison, Carson Knupp, William Knupp and George Bear, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

MANSLAUGHTER

COMMONWEALTH

v.) Indictment

OSCAR W. HARRIS

Felony:

October Term, 1943.

A True Bill:

J. W. Barrett
Foreman

Witnesses:

1. E. P. Landers
2. E. F. Dennison
3. Carson Knupp
4. William Knupp
5. George Bear

Lawrence H. Hoover

Commonwealth's Attorney.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY:
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

The grand jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the County of Rockingham, and now attending the Circuit Court of said County, do hereby present the following indictment against Oscar W. Harris, upon their oaths and present belief, that on the 10th day of September, 1943, in said County, unlawfully feloniously did kill and slay one Lloyd Allison Cash, against the dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found upon the testimony of E. P. Landers, E. F. Dennison, Carson Knupp, William Knupp and George Bear.

witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Carson Knupp and William Knupp to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the court room thereof, in the County Court House, forthwith, to show cause, if any they can show, why they should not be dealt with according to law for their contempt of said court in failing to attend as witnesses for the commonwealth in the case of Commonwealth v. Oscar W. Harris, pursuant to summons issued and served on each of them according to law, said case being set for trial this 12th day of January, 1944.

And have then and there this writ. Witness,
J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the said Court, at the Court House of said County, this 12th day of January, 1944.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk.

J. Robert Switzer

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Garson Knupp
and William Knupp to appear before the Judge of the Circuit
Court of Rockingham County, at the court room thereof, in
the County Court House, forthwith, to show cause, if any
they can show, why they should not be dealt with according
to law for their contempt of said court in failing to
attend as witnesses for the commonwealth in the case of
Commonwealth v. Oscar W. Harris, pursuant to summons issued
and served on each of them according to law, said case being
set for trial this 12th day of January, 1944.

And have them and there this writ. Witness,

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the said Court, at the Court
House of said County, this 12th day of January, 1944.

Clerk.

J. Robert Switzer
Robert Switzer

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Carson Knupp and William Knupp to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the court room thereof, in the County Court House, forthwith, to show cause, if any they can show, why they should not be dealt with according to law for their contempt of said court in failing to attend as witnesses for the commonwealth in the case of Commonwealth v. Oscar W. Harris, pursuant to summons issued and served on each of them according to law, said case being set for trial this 12th day of January, 1944.

And have then and there this writ. Witness,
J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the said Court, at the Court House of said County, this 12th day of January, 1944.

J. Robert Switzer

_____, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Gerson Knupp and William Knupp to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the court room thereof, in the County Court House, forthwith, to show cause, if any they can show, why they should not be dealt with according to law for their contempt of said court in failing to attend as witnesses for the Commonwealth in the case of Commonwealth v. Oscar W. Harris, pursuant to summons issued and served on each of them according to law, said case being set for trial this 12th day of January, 1944.

And have then and there this writ. Witness,

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the said Court, at the Court House of said County, this 12th day of January, 1944.

Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

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You are hereby commanded to summon Carson Knupp and William Knupp to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the court room thereof, in the County Court House, forthwith, to show cause, if any they can show, why they should not be dealt with according to law for their contempt of said court in failing to attend as witnesses for the commonwealth in the case of Commonwealth v. Oscar W. Harris, pursuant to summons issued and served on each of them according to law, said case being set for trial this 12th day of January, 1944.

And have then and there this writ. Witness,
J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the said Court, at the Court House of said County, this 12th day of January, 1944.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk.
By Margie Bauer, D.C.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Garson Knupp and William Knupp to appear before the Judge of the Circuit

Court of Rockingham County, at the court room thereof, in the case of Garson Knupp vs. William Knupp, to show cause, if any, why they should not be dealt with according to law for their contempt of said court in failing to stand as witnesses for the Commonwealth in the case of Commonwealth v. Oscar W. Harris, pursuant to summons issued on each of them according to law, said case being set for trial this 12th day of January, 1944.

And have then and there this writ. Witness,

J. Robert Swisher, Clerk of the said Court, at the Court

House of said County, this 12th day of January, 1944.

J. Robert Swisher
Clerk.

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William Knupp
Garson Knupp

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

COMMONWEALTH)

v.)

OSCAR W. HARRIS)

CHARGE TO JURY

If you find the accused, Oscar W. Harris, guilty of involuntary manslaughter, as charged in the indictment, you will say so and fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for a period of not less than one nor more than five years; or in your discretion, by a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by confinement in jail not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

If you find him not guilty, you will say so and no more.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

COMMONWEALTH

v.

OSCAR W. HARRIS

CHARGE TO JURY

If you find the accused, Oscar W. Harris, guilty of in-
voluntary manslaughter, as charged in the indictment, you will say
and fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for
a period of not less than one nor more than five years; or in
your discretion, by a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars,
or by confinement in jail not exceeding one year, or by both such
fine and imprisonment.

If you find him not guilty, you will say so and no more.

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Rockingham County, To-wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 11 day of Sept., 1943,
Oscar W Harris, principal and R. P. Smith
surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me, Shepley Deane
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 ²⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$ 1,000⁰⁰),
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 Oscar W Harris shall personally appear before the
~~Circuit Court~~
Trial Justice's Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the 23rd day
of Sept, 1943 at 2pm Term thereof, being the _____ day of _____,
19____, 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 Oscar W Harris 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 13th day of
Sept, 1943
Shepley Deane
(J. P. OR BAIL COMMISSIONER)

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Rockingham County, To-wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 11 day of Sept 1843
before me, the undersigned, principal and
Stewart H. ...
of the said county of Rockingham,
(U. S. Notary Public)

Wm W Harris

\$1000.00

To T. J. Bant

9/23/43

W. J. Bant

Fee Paid

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

Whereas, E. P. Landers of said County, has this day
 made complaint and information on oath before me, J. C. Swartz, Clerk of T. J. Court
 of the said County, that Oscar W. Harris
 on the 10th day of September, 1943, in the said County, did unlawfully kill and
slay one Lloyd Allison Cash, 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 the Trial Justice of the said County, the body of the said

Oscar W. Harris

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

Given under my hand this 23rd day of September, 1943.

J. C. Swartz
 Clerk. ~~XXXXXX~~

Memo. of Commonwealth Witnesses:

Name

Address

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

I, _____, T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner, in and for the County of Rockingham, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that _____ and _____ as his suret _____, have this day acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) 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 _____ 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____.

Trial Justice Court
 Criminal Docket No. _____
 Commonwealth
 vs. { Arrest Warrant
 Oscar W. Harris

T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner
 Executed the within warrant by ar-
 resting and delivering the body of
Oscar W. Harris
 before R. C. Moore
Trial Justice
 this 23 day of
Sept., 1943
J. P. Crawford

Officer's Mileage
 Miles travelled by officer - -
 Miles carried prisoner - -
 Total mileage - - - -

JUDGEMENT

Oct-13-1943
 Upon the hearing of the within charge
the defendant is held
to answer the action of
the next grand jury

Fine - - - - \$
 Issuing Justice's Fee - \$ 1.00
 Clerk's Fee - - - \$ 1.75
 Trial Justice Fee - - \$ 2.00
 Arrest and Mileage - \$
 Summoning Witness - \$
 Witness
 Attendance and Mileage \$ 1.50
 Commonwealth's
 Attorney - - - - \$ 5.00
 Jail Fees - - - - \$
Bail fee Paid \$ 2.00
 Total - - - - \$

R. C. Moore
 Trial Justice
10/7/43 2:30 pm
not guilty

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

George Bear,
(Miss) Beverly Thompson, C. P. Landers,
+ (Miss) Helen Halty

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 *17th* day of *Jan* 19*44* to testify and the truth to
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

Oscar W. Harris

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 *5th*
day of *Jan.* 19*44*, and in the *168th* year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

EXECUTED Jan 6 - 1944 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE

COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO C. P. Landers & Beverly Thomson
IN PERSON.

Wm. A. Rhodes Dep. for
Sam H. Callender, S.R.C.

Not finding Helen Foltz nor any member of her family above the age of 16 years at her usual place of abode, Executed 1/6/44, by posting and leaving posted a true copy of the within Summons on the front door of the said Helen Foltz's usual place of abode.

Jan 11
1944

Wm. A. Rhodes, Dep.
for Sam H. Callender, S.R.C.

Sherry
Feb 2

Bev Thomson

Not finding George Bear at his usual place of abode, Executed Jan 6 - 1944 by delivering a true copy of this Summons to Mrs W. A. Monger his mother in person, at said home of George Bear usual place of abode, & his mother, being a member of his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purpose thereof to her.

Wm. A. Rhodes Dep. for
Sam H. Callender, S.R.C.

135 miles

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

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

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

Earl P. Stricklen

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 *12th* day of *Jan.* 19 *44* to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against.....

Oscar W. Harris

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 *5th* day of *Jan.* 19 *44*, and in the *168th* year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

Earl P. Strickler

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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

Earl P. Strickler

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 day of 19th to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

Earl P. Strickler

the stands charged with and punished for a felony misdemeanor.

And this you shall not omit under penalty of \$100. And have them read there this 19th

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the day of 19th and in the 1884 year of the Commonwealth.

Clerk

We the jury find the
accused, Oscar Harris, not
guilty.

E. J. I. G. L.
foreman

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

E. P. Landers,
E. F. Dennison, Carson Knupp,
+ William Knupp

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 *17th* day of *Jan.* 19 *44*,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

Oscar E. W. Harris

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 *7th*
day of *Jan.*, 19*44*, and in the 16*8th* year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

usual place of abode Carson Krump, being a member of
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof
James H. Callender SR.

place of abode, Executed William Krump to Carson Krump
true copy of this Carson Krump in person, at said William Krump

Not finding William Krump at his usual
place of abode, Executed William Krump by delivering a

Case

✓ Oscar E. Harris

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executed 1/10/44 by delivering a true copy
of the within summons to E.P. Sanders
E.F. Dammson and
Carson Krump

each in person.
James H. Callender SR.
James H. Callender SR.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Dr. F. L. Byers

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 *17th* day of *Jan*, 19*44*,

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

Oscar W. Harris

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 *11th*
day of *Jan*, 19*44*, and in the 16. *8th* year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

Case

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:
To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Virginia:

Dear Mr. Harris

Sheriff Fee
\$40

1944

Jan. 12

EXECUTED 1-11-44 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN summons
TO Mr. F. A. Boyer
IN PERSON.

Samm H. Goodenrich
J. H. G.

Commonwealth of Virginia:
County of Rockingham, to-wit:
To the Sheriff of said County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to summon

Beverly Thompson, 203 Broad St. and Helen Foltz, 518 West Market St.

to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at Harrisonburg, Virginia,
in said County, on 13th day of October, 1943, at the hour of 2:00 P.M.,
of that day to give evidence in behalf of defendant Oscar W. Harris

in the pending case of Commonwealth

v. Oscar W. Harris

Given under my hand this 12th day of October, 19 43.

J. C. Swartz
Clerk.

Not finding, Severly Thompson ^{her} at his usual
place of abode, Executed 10/13/43 by delivering a
true copy of this Sum. to Essie Thompson
her Mother in person, at said Severly Thompson's
usual place of abode. Essie Thompson being a member of
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof
to her. Burbin Bodkin, Sr.
for S. F. Caldwell, S. R. C.

To Oct. 13, 1943 2PM

Original
Trial Justice Court
Docket No. _____
Commonwealth
V. { Witness Subpoena
Oscar W. Harris

Not finding, Felen Goltz ^{her} at his usual
place of abode, Executed 10/13/43 by delivering a
true copy of this Sum. to Mamie Goltz
her Mother in person, at said Felen Goltz's
usual place of abode. Mamie Goltz being a member of
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof
to her. Burbin Bodkin, Sr.
for S. F. Caldwell, S. R. C.

Beverly Thompson
203 Broad St
Welen Folly

518 W Market

~~George Bear~~

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Gentry Thompson
Walter T. T. T.

218 W. Main St.

George T. T.

E. F. Dennison

Carson Knapp

Wm Knapp

George Dear

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Vaccination

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George Beer
Wm Knapp
Carson Knapp
G. F. Bennett

Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No. 5916

Commonwealth

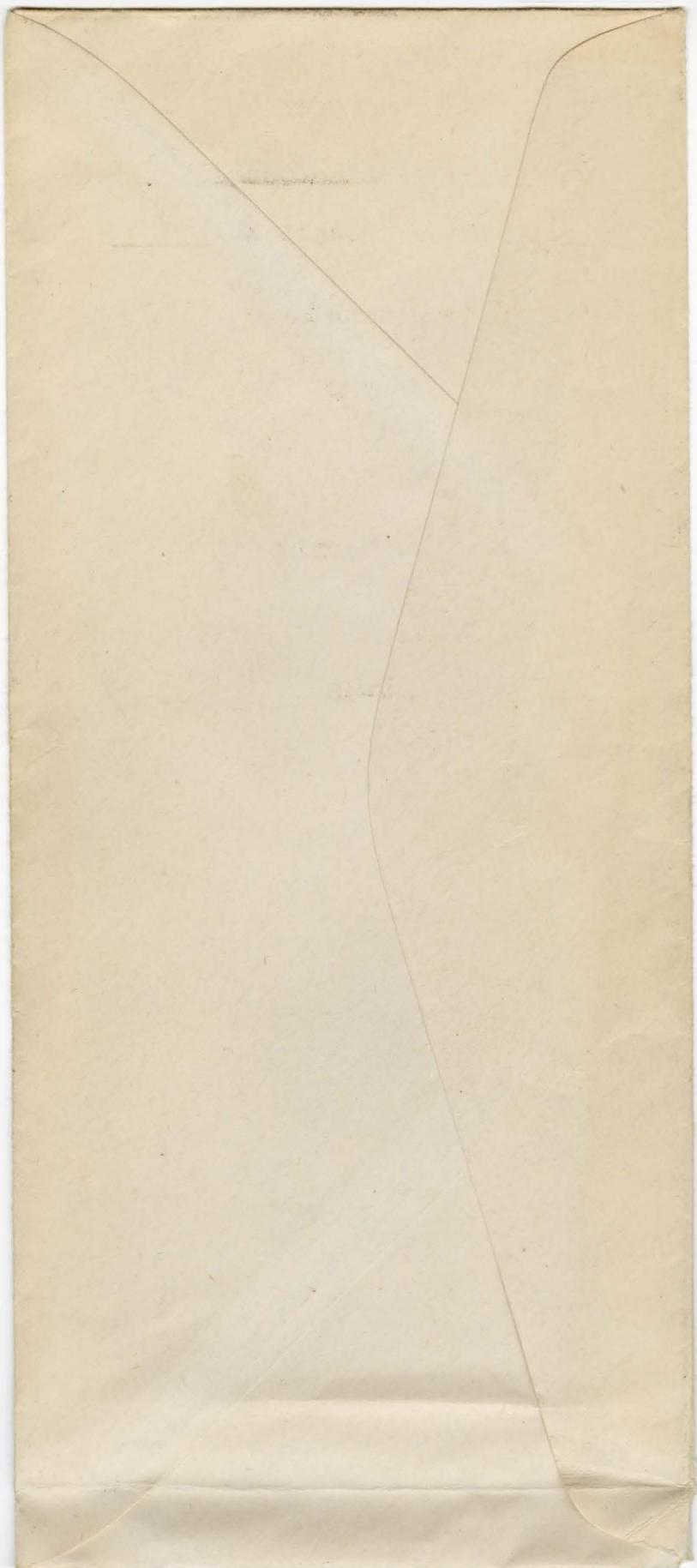
vs.

Oscar W. Harris

10-7-43

10-13-43

Grand Jury



Dec 9- 1943

#1851

COMMONWEALTH

V.) Felony (mans.)

OSCAR W. HARRIS

10-19-43

A. G. on bail

Court rec. Term

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1. J. Massie Myers
2. H. E. Brill
3. Geo. W. Lizer
4. J. J. Acher
5. Geo. W. Shaver
6. C. A. Lerman jr
7. M. H. Adams
8. W. H. Evers
9. E. A. Ziegler
10. Leard W. Faulk
11. W. A. Smutte
12. Belmont Keller