

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 February term, 1945, upon their oaths do present that Charles Samuel Brown, on or about the 17th day of March, 1945, in said County, unlawfully and feloniously did kill and murder one Alexander Bell, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found upon the testimony of Sam H. Callender and B. L. Kiser, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

MURDER

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COMMONWEALTH

v. ) Indictment #1

CHARLES SAMUEL BROWN

Felony:  
February Term, 1945.

A True Bill:

*Lawrence H. Hoover*  
Foreman

Witnesses:

- ✓ 1. Sam H. Callender
- ✓ 2. B. L. Kiser

Lawrence H. Hoover  
Commonwealth's Attorney.

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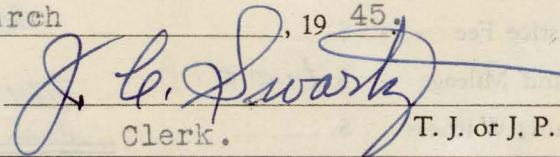
The Commonwealth of Virginia, }  
 Rockingham County, } To-wit  
 To the Sheriff of Said County:

Whereas, Lawrence H. Hoover, Com'th Attorney 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 Sam Brown on the 17th day of March, 1945, in the said County, did unlawfully and feloniously kill and murder one Alexander Bell, 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 Sam Brown

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

Given under my hand this 21st day of March, 1945.

  
 Clerk. T. J. or J. P.

**Memo. of Commonwealth Witnesses:**

Name

Address

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



# JUDGEMENT

Upon the hearing of the within charge,

Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No. 6927

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

Sam Brown

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

Sam Brown

before In jail

this The 21 day of

March, 1945.

Wm D. Rhodes Hys for  
Sam H. Collier S.R.

Officer's Mileage

Miles travelled by officer - - - - -

Miles carried prisoner - - - - -

Total mileage - - - - -

Not Guilty

Fine - - - - - \$ .....  
 Issuing Justice's Fee - \$ 1.00  
 Clerk's Fee - - - - - \$ .....  
 Trial Justice Fee - - - - - \$ .....  
 Arrest and Mileage - \$ 1.00  
 Summoning Witness \$ .....  
 Witness Attendance and Mileage \$ .....  
 Commonwealth's Attorney - - - - - \$ .....  
 Jail Fees - - - - - \$ .50  
 \$ .....  
 Total - - - - - \$ 7.50

Trial Justice

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  
 of Virginia, do hereby certify that Sam Brown and Sam H. Collier  
 Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of ..... as his suret ..... have this day acknowledged themselves indebted to the  
 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.....

T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner



#1937

JUN

1945

COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Felony (murder) #1

CHARLES SAMUEL BROWN

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Mar - 18 - just in jail

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#1938

JUN

1945

COMMONWEALTH

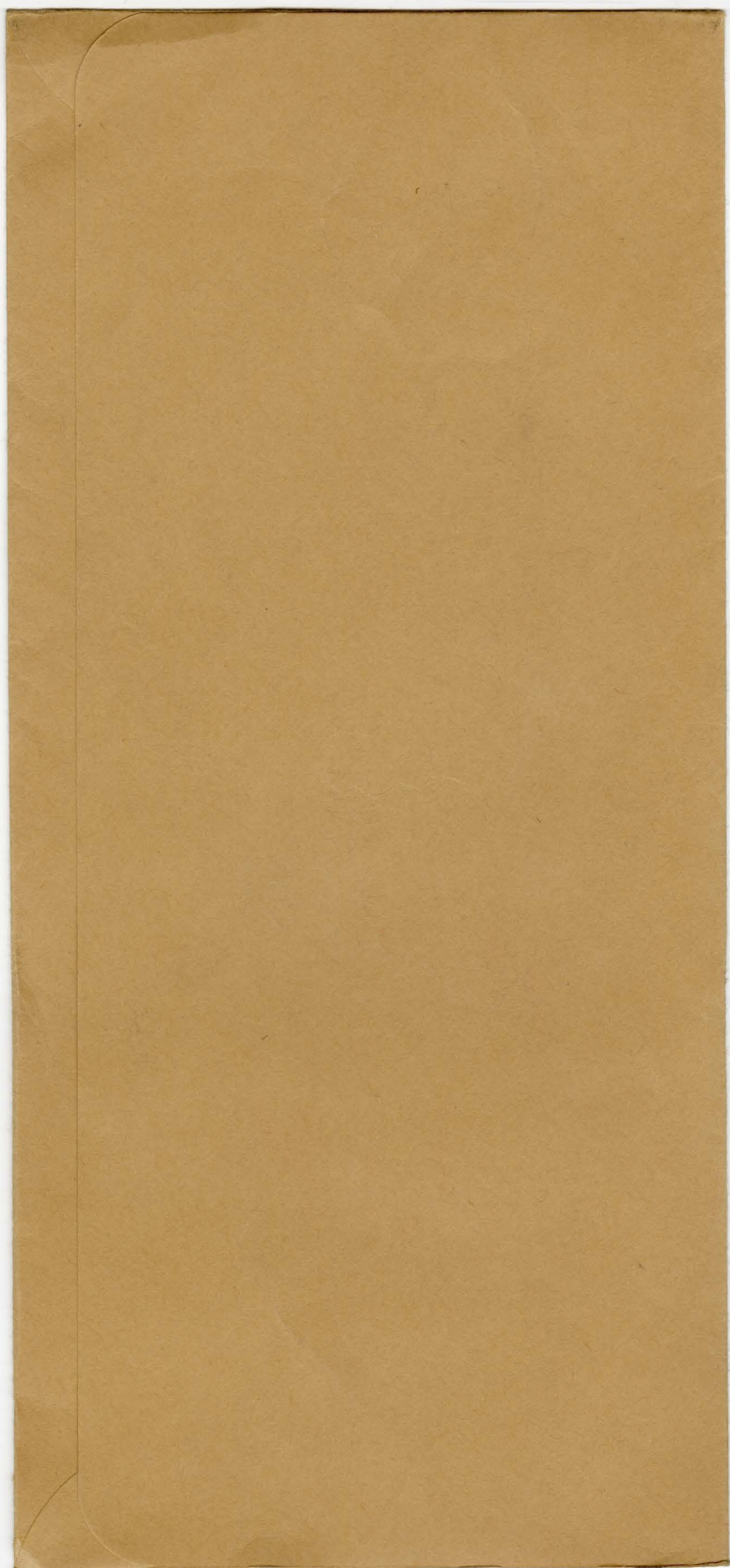
V. ) Felony #2 (robbery)

CHARLES SAMUEL BROWN

NP

7/2/45

7/5/1





COMMONWEALTH VS. Charles Samuel Brown

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address Grottoles, Va  
Color Colored Height 5-7 Eyes very Hair very Weight 130  
Marks mentality low - rejected by draft board  
Age 37 Occupation Labourer  
Date of Trial July - 2 - 1945  
Result 20 yrs

COMMONWEALTH VS *William J. ...*

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address *Boston, Va*  
 Color *Black* Height *5-7* Eye *Dark* Hair *Dark* Weight *130*  
 Marks *Multicolored scars - mostly on back*  
 Age *27* Occupation *Barber*  
 Date of Trial *July 1-1905*  
 Birth *...*



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

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

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*India Webb*

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* day of *July* 19*45* to testify and the truth to  
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against.....

*Charles Samuel Brown*

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 *22*  
day of *July* 19*45* and in the *1760<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer* Clerk

EXECUTED 7-2-45 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE

COPY OF THE WITHIN summon

TO Judice Webb

IN PERSON.

Sam H. Gallencler  
S.H.G.

Charles Samuel Brown

adv  
Corn

Sheriff Fees \$40

July 2  
1945

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

You are hereby commanded to summon

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the day of July, 1945 to the  
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against  
who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.  
And this you shall not omit under penalty of \$100. And have them and their  
Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court at the Court House  
1945 and in the year of the Commonwealth.



Not finding Dr. G. G. Tanner at his usual  
place of abode, Executed 6/29/45 by delivering a  
true copy of this Summon to Janet Tanner  
his wife in person, at said D. G. G. Tanner  
usual place of abode Janet Tanner, being a member of  
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof  
to her.

B. L. Kiser Dep. for  
Sam H. Callender S. R. C.

Not finding Wade Mc Carthy at his usual  
place of abode, Executed 6/29/45 by delivering a  
true copy of this Summon to Hertude Mc Carthy  
his wife in person, at said Wade Mc Carthy  
usual place of abode Hertude Mc Carthy, being a member of  
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof  
to her.

B. L. Kiser Dep. for  
Sam H. Callender S. R. C.

Not finding William Mc Carthy at his usual  
place of abode, Executed 6/29/45 by delivering a  
true copy of this Summon to Hertude Mc Carthy  
his mother in person, at said William Mc Carthy  
usual place of abode Hertude Mc Carthy, being a member of  
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof  
to her.

B. L. Kiser Dep. for  
Sam H. Callender S. R. C.

Not finding Ar. L. Tanner at his usual

place of abode, Executed 6/29/42 by delivering a

true copy of this summons to Ar. L. Tanner

in person, at said Ar. L. Tanner his wife

usual place of abode Ar. L. Tanner, being a member of  
his family above the age of 18 years, and explaining the purport thereof

B. F. Pease, Jr. for  
Sam H. Colburn, S.R.C.

Not finding Wade Mc Carthy at his usual

place of abode, Executed 6/29/42 by delivering a

true copy of this summons to Wade Mc Carthy

in person, at said Wade Mc Carthy his wife

usual place of abode Wade Mc Carthy, being a member of  
his family above the age of 18 years, and explaining the purport thereof

B. F. Pease, Jr. for  
Sam H. Colburn, S.R.C.

Not finding William Mc Carthy at his usual

place of abode, Executed 6/29/42 by delivering a

true copy of this summons to William Mc Carthy

in person, at said William Mc Carthy his mother

usual place of abode William Mc Carthy, being a member of  
his family above the age of 18 years, and explaining the purport thereof

B. F. Pease, Jr. for  
Sam H. Colburn, S.R.C.



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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Dr. G. G. Tanner, Wade McQuirby  
and William McQuirby*

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 *2nd* day of *July*, 19*45*,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

*Charles Samuel Brown*

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 *29th*  
day of *June*, 19*45*, and in the 16*9th* year of the Commonwealth.

*James H. Horn*, Clerk  
*Commonwealth's Atty.*

Commonwealth

v.

Charles Samuel Brown

Sheriff Fees \$ 20

July 2, 1945



Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No.

6927

Commonwealth

vs.

Sam Brown

A. W. Arraigned 3-22-45

Trial 4-9-45 2 PM

April 9 - 2 P. 1945





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

Whereas, Sam H. Callender, Sheriff of said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. C. Swartz, Clerk of T. J. Court T. J. or J. P. of the said County, that Sam Brown on the 17th day of March, 19 45, in the said County, did unlawfully, feloniously and maliciously commit an assault upon one Alexander Bell with intent to maim, disfigure, disable or kill, and him, the said Alexander Bell, did then and there unlawfully and feloniously strike, wound and bruise, 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

Sam Brown

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

Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 19 45.

J. C. Swartz  
 Clerk.

T. J. or J. P.

**Memo. of Commonwealth Witnesses:**

Name

Address

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



# JUDGEMENT

Upon the hearing of the within charge,

Fine	- - - - - \$
Issuing Justice's Fee	- \$
Clerk's Fee	- - - - \$
Trial Justice Fee	- - - \$
Arrest and Mileage	- \$
Summoning Witness	\$
Witness Attendance and Mileage	\$
Commonwealth's Attorney	- - - - \$
Jail Fees	- - - - \$
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Total	- - - - \$

Trial Justice

Trial Justice Court

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 Commonwealth  
 vs. } Arrest Warrant  
Sam Brown

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

Sam Brown  
 before jail

this 18 day of  
March, 1945  
Sam H. Gallender  
S. H. Gallender

Officer's Mileage

Miles travelled by officer - - ✓  
 Miles carried prisoner - - ✓  
 Total mileage - - - ✓

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

T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner



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This indictment is found upon the testimony of Sam H. Callender and B. L. Kiser, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

COMMONWEALTH

v. )  
Indictment

CHARLES SAMUEL BROWN

ROBBERS

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ROBBERY NB  
COMMONWEALTH #1  
v. ) Indictment  
CHARLES SAMUEL BROWN

Felony:  
February Term, 1945

A True Bill:

*[Signature]*  
Foreman

Witnesses:

- 1. Sam H. Callender
- 2. B. L. Kiser

Lawrence H. Hoover  
Commonwealth's Attorney

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away, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia unlawfully, feloniously and violently did steal, take and carry to-wit, on the day and year aforesaid, and in the County aforesaid, and against the will of the said Alexander Bell, then and there, the goods and chattels of the said Alexander Bell, from the person cents (\$3.20) in current money of the United States of America, of fully and feloniously put in bodily fear, and three dollars twenty him with his fist and beating him with a stove poker, did unlaw- Alexander Bell, by actual force and violence, to-wit, by striking did unlawfully and feloniously make an assault, and him, the said 15th day of March, 1945, in said County, upon one Alexander Bell, their oaths present that Charles Samuel Brown, on or about the Circuit Court of said County at its February term, 1945, upon the Commonwealth of Virginia, and