

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, 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 the Circuit Court of said County, at its February Term, 1950, upon their oaths do present that JAMES JOHN TAYLOR, on or about the 3rd day of December, 1949, in the said County, feloniously and unlawfully did kill and slay one Howard Jackson, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of Trooper W. H. Good, W. S. Burner and Scott Bridges, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

Commonwealth 2359 mansl.

v. ) Indictment *Bond*

James John Taylor *nmw*

*N.B.*

Felony  
February Term, 1950

A true bill;

*Spence*  
Foreman

Witnesses:

M. H. Good  
W. S. Burner  
Scott Bridges

George D. Conrad  
Commonwealth's Attorney

STATE OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

Docket No. 2359.

FEB 1950

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

VS. )  
 ) Felony (mansl.)  
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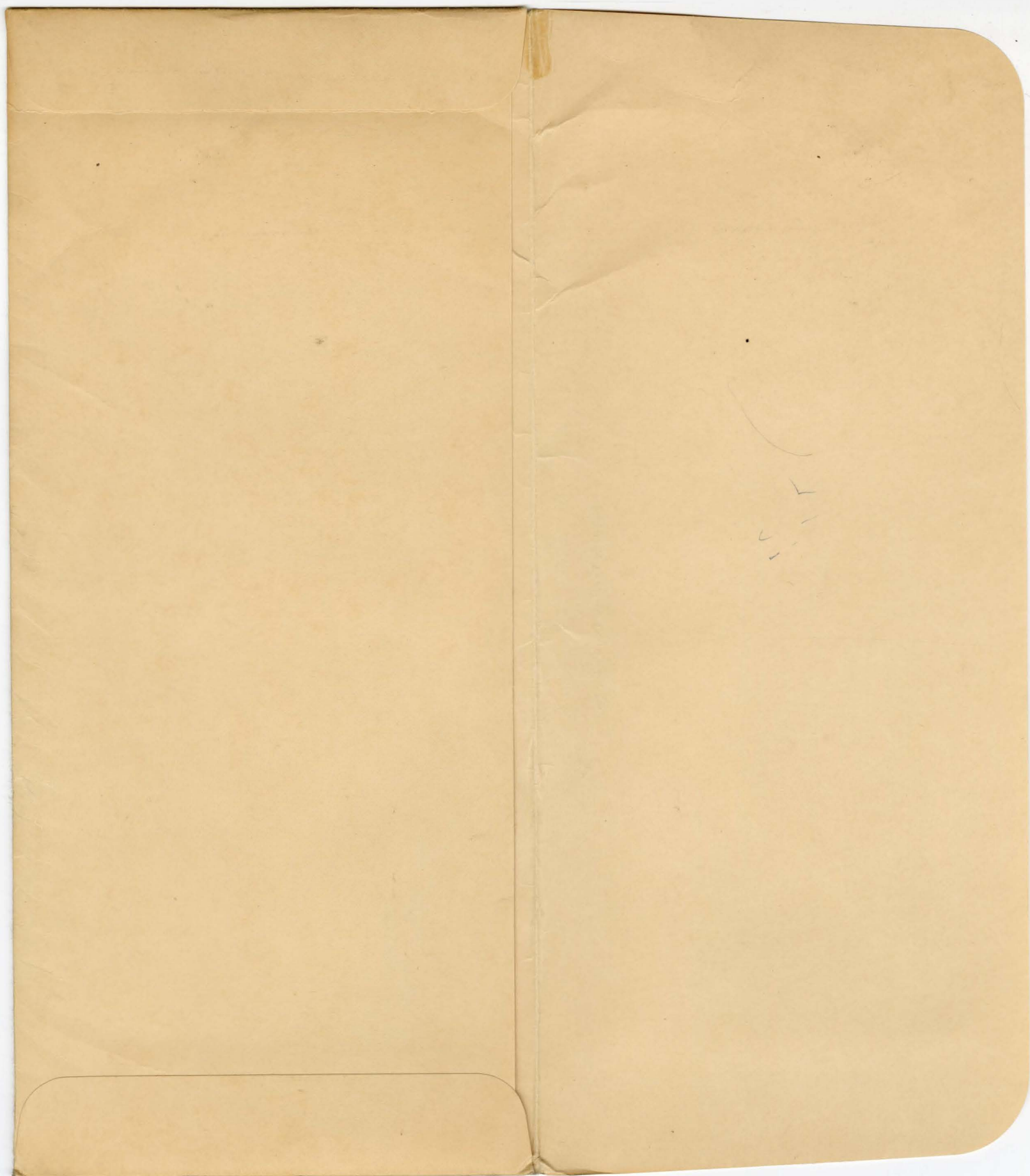
JAMES JOHN TAYLOR *hard*

*Hummer Franklin*  
W. W. Wharton p. d.  
Own (X) Appointed ( )

1950  
Feb. 20. Indictment returned by G.J.  
*+ plea n.g. 8/89+90.*

*Mar. 7. Indictment amended to  
Charge reckless driving  
and <sup>Plea Guilty</sup> found guilty +  
fine \$100.00 + costs.  
8/98*

Keystone Envelope Co., Phila., Pa.



Critt

v.

Taylor

This day came the attorney for  
the Commonwealth and the accused  
in person

This day came the attorney for  
the Commonwealth, together with  
the accused and his attorneys; and  
on the motion of the attorney for the  
Commonwealth, with the consent of  
the accused and for reasons  
satisfactory to the Court, leave was  
given to amend the manslaughter  
indictment in this case so as  
to charge the accused with the  
unlawful and reckless driving of  
a motor vehicle in the County of  
Rockingham on or about the 3d  
day of December, 1949, to which  
~~amended indictment~~  
the accused  
entered a plea of not guilty.  
Thereupon, with the consent  
of the accused and of the attorney for  
the Commonwealth, the Court proceeded  
to hear the case without a jury;  
and upon consideration thereof, the  
accused was found guilty of

reckless driving, as charged in the  
amended indictment, and his  
punishment fixed with the  
imposition of a fine of \$100.00  
and, further, by the suspension of  
his operator's permit for a period  
of six months.

C. F. JOYNER, JR., COMMISSIONER

C. H. LAMB, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



JOHN MUNCE, JR., DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF ADMIN. SERVICES

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TITLE SECTION

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CHAS. L. BRIGGS, DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF GASOLINE TAX

C. E. COMBS, DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF OPERATORS LICENSE

## DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

2220 WEST BROAD STREET

RICHMOND

MAIL ADDRESS  
P. O. BOX 1298  
RICHMOND 10, VA.

April 10, 1950

Mr. J. Robert Switzer, Clerk  
Circuit Court of Rockingham County  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Acc. Case No: 161256  
Acc. Date: December 3, 1949

Dear Sir:

As a result of an accident which occurred on December 3, 1949, this Division has issued an order of suspension against James John Taylor, 207 Shiloh Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia, suspending his operating and registration privileges until such time as he fully complies with the requirements of the Virginia Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

Our Field Service Representative, Mr. V. C. Shortt, who recently attempted to contact this person for the purpose of serving our order and taking up his operator's license numbered 652702, has advised this office that your Court is holding this operator's license.

If this license is still being held by you, you are requested to immediately forward it to this office with the copy of this letter which we are attaching herewith.

Your usual prompt cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
C. F. Joyner, Jr., Commissioner

By *G. T. Rigg*  
Director  
Bureau of Safety Responsibility

JLB:ghs  
Encl.

*Permit attached to  
report mailed 4/15/50*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1210 WEST BROAD STREET

RICHMOND

April 10, 1950

Mr. J. Robert Switzer, Clerk  
Circuit Court of Rockingham County  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

MAIL ADDRESS:  
P. O. BOX 1210  
RICHMOND 10, VA

C. E. COMBS, Director  
BUREAU OF REVENUE TAX  
CHAS. L. BRIDGE, Director  
BUREAU OF SALES TAX  
D. T. HIGDON, Director  
BUREAU OF TRAFFIC CONTROL

H. C. MOORE, Chief  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
J. T. BAUBERMAN, Director  
BUREAU OF VEHICLES  
JOHN MURPHY, Director  
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
C. F. JOYNER, Jr., Commissioner

Acc. Case No: 54125  
Acc. Date: December 3, 1949

Dear Sir:

As a result of an accident which occurred on December 3, 1949, this Division has issued an order of suspension against James L. Taylor, 207 South Avenue, Warrenton, Virginia, suspending his operating and registration privileges until such time as he fully complies with the requirements of the Virginia Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

Our Field Service Representative, Mr. V. C. Short, who recently attempted to contact this person for the purpose of serving our order and taking up his operator's license numbered 622702, has advised this office that your Court is holding this operator's license.

If you would like to have this license reinstated, you are requested to immediately forward it to this office with the copy of this letter which we are attaching herewith.

Your usual prompt cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
C. F. Joyner, Jr., Commissioner

By *[Signature]*  
Director  
Bureau of Safety Responsibility

JRS:gr  
Enc.

*[Handwritten note:]*  
Check attached to  
file 11/10/50



Summons required under Sec. 120, Chap. 342 Acts of 1932



DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

A 31260

City  
County

Rockingham

Date

12-3-49

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M James John Taylor you are hereby summoned to appear before:

(Name of Defendant)

Trial Justice

Graves

of

Harr.

(Place of Trial)

on

2-14-50

(Date)

at

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o'clock

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M

to answer for Violating the Motor Vehicle Laws of Virginia, to wit: Reckless Driving  Exceeding Speed Limit  No Operator Chauffeur License

Improper

Involuntary Manslaughter

Defendant

Arrested

Address

207, Shiloh Ave, Warrington

Oper. or Chauff.

Lic. No.

652702 Va 671-853

State Police

W. H. Good

Sec. 120 Chap. 342, Acts 1932. Failure to comply with this summons constitutes a separate offense.

Shield No.

119 Harr.

(Address)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Summons required under Sec. 130, Chap. 542, Acts of 1932



DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

31580

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City \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby summoned to appear before:

(Name of Defendant)

Trial Justice \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(Place of Trial)

(Time)

To appear for Violating the Motor Vehicle Laws of Virginia, to wit:  Reckless Driving  Exceeding Speed Limit  No Operator Operator License

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Open or Closed \_\_\_\_\_

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

State Police \_\_\_\_\_

Sec. 130 Chap. 542, Acts 1932. Failure to comply with this

summons constitutes a separate offense.

State No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Initials)

STATE OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF Rockingham

To-Wit: No. \_\_\_\_\_

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, W. H. Good

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, James H. Llewellyn

Justice of Peace of the said County, that

James John Taylor in the said County

did on the 3rd day of December, 1949: Unlawfully & feloniously kill

and slay one Howard Johnson Against the  
peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia

These are, therefore, to command you, in the name of the Commonwealth, to apprehend and bring before the Trial Justice Court of the said County, the body (bodies) of the above accused, to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are also directed to summon

- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 3rd day of December, 1949

James H. Llewellyn (Seal)  
(Title of Issuing Officer)

DOCKET NO. 1 1949

COMMONWEALTH

MADE BY THE CLERK OF THE TRIAL JUSTICE COURT

Total

Total

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF Rockingham, to-wit:

I, Sheffey Decker a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, State of Virginia, do certify that James John Taylor and Maggie Taylor, as his surety 4, have this day each acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1000<sup>00</sup>), to be made and levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands, and tenements to the use of the Commonwealth to be rendered, yet upon this condition: That the said James John Taylor, shall appear before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 2 day of February, 1950 at 2 P M., at Harrisonburg, Virginia, and at any time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further heard, and before any court thereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with the charge in this warrant, to answer for the offense with which he is charged, and shall not depart thence without the leave of said court, the said obligation to remain in full force and effect until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void by order of a competent court; and upon the further condition that the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall keep the peace and be of good behavior for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of Dec, 1949 Sheffey Decker T. J. J. P.

DOCKET NO. A 4641 2357  
COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT OF ARREST  
vs. JAMES JOHN TAYLOR

Executed this, the 9 day of Dec, 1949  
Stubbenton J.P.

Judgment  
Upon the examination of the within charge, I find the accused guilty and the defendant, JAMES JOHN TAYLOR, is held for action of the grand jury.  
Given under my hand this 17th day of Feb, 1950  
Pat R. Brown T. J. P.

Fine \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The following witnesses were recognized  
to appear before the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Virginia, at \_\_\_\_\_ M., on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ under penalty of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Amount
Warrant	\$ 1.00
Trial	2.00
Bail	—
Arrest	—
Mileage	—
Clerk	1.25
Jail Fee and Board	1.50
Witness Attendance	1.50
Summoning Witnesses	1.00
Commonwealth Attorney	2.50
Total Costs	9.75
Fine	—
Total	9.75

**Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Trooper W.H. Good, W. S. Burner  
and Scott Bridges

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at <sup>11:00</sup>~~9:30~~ o'clock, a. m., on the 20th day of February 19 50.,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY  
v. JAMES JOHN TAYLOR

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 SWIFZER, ~~Clerk of our said Court,~~ at the Court House, the 15th  
day of February 1950, and in the 174th year of the Commonwealth.

*[Signature]*  
Commonwealth's Attorney, -Clerk

BY *[Signature]* SHERIFF, COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, VA.  
DEPUTY SHERIFF

door of his usual place of abode. true copy of the above mentioned papers attached to each other posted at the front

finding him there, or any other person upon whom service could be made, I left a and not

Rockingham, Virginia, by calling at the usual place of abode. Executed on the 16 day of Feb 1950 in the County of

COM.

V.

JAMES JOHN TAYLOR

Grand Jury Subpoena

To February 20, 1950 at 11:00 a.m.

*Sherriff Fees \$1.20*

Not finding *Mr. S. Bumer* at his usual

place of abode, Executed *2-16-50* by delivering a

true copy of this *Summon* to *Mrs. M. S. Bumer*

*his wife* in person, at said *Mr. S. Bumer's*

usual place of abode. *Mr. S. Bumer* being a member of his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof to her.

*E. L. Reed, clk for  
Law of Callender RR*

*one of Mrs. Bumer's summons  
delivered in person. Same returned  
me with this summons  
and I left a true copy of the above mentioned papers attached to each other posted at the front door of his usual place of abode.*

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In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

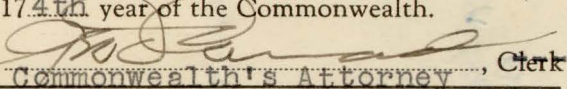
You are hereby commanded to summon..... Trooper W. H. Good, Whitney Burner  
and Scott Bridges ✓  
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to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on the 7th day of March 1950,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against.....  
JAMES JOHN TAYLOR  
.....

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 March, 1950, and in the 174th year of the Commonwealth.

  
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

COM.

V. ) Witness Subpoena

JAMES JOHN TAYLOR

To March 7, 1950 at 10:00  
a.m.

*Shiriff fee*

*\$1.60*

EXECUTED 3-8-50 IN THE COUNTY OF  
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE  
COPY OF THE WITHIN Writ  
TO James Wood, Whiting  
IN PERSON Birmingham

*Writ for  
Bridon*

*See J. H. Walker, Sec.*



Witness Subpoena

*Maggie*

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

Frances Strother, Grottoes, Va. and

*mother*

Marie Strother, Grottoes, Va. and

*mother in law*

Claude Harris, at Shipletts Cleaning Works, 249 N. Main St., Hbg. Va.

to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at Harrisonburg, Virginia

in said County, on 17th day of Feb., 1950, at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

of that day to give evidence in behalf of the defendant, James John Taylor

in the pending case of Com'th

v. James John Taylor

Given under my hand this 15th day of Feb., 1950.

*J. C. Swartz*  
Clerk.

*coll*

Not finding Maie Stutcher at his usual

place of abode, Executed 2-16-50 by delivering a

true copy of this Summons to Maggie Stutcher

her mother in law person, at said Maie Stutcher

usual place of abode Maggie Stutcher being a member

of his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof

*E. D. Leed. rep for  
Law of. Callender AS*

Trial Justice Court

Docket No. A 4641

Com'th

V. ( Witness Subpoena

James John Taylor

To - Feb. 17, 1950 at 1:30 P.M.

Not finding James Stutcher at his usual

place of abode, Executed 2-16-50 by delivering a

true copy of this Summons to Maggie Stutcher

her mother in person, at said James Stutcher

usual place of abode Maggie Stutcher being a member of  
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof

*E. D. Leed. rep for  
Law of. Callender AS*

Sheriff's Serving fee paid in full

Not finding Claude Harris at his usual

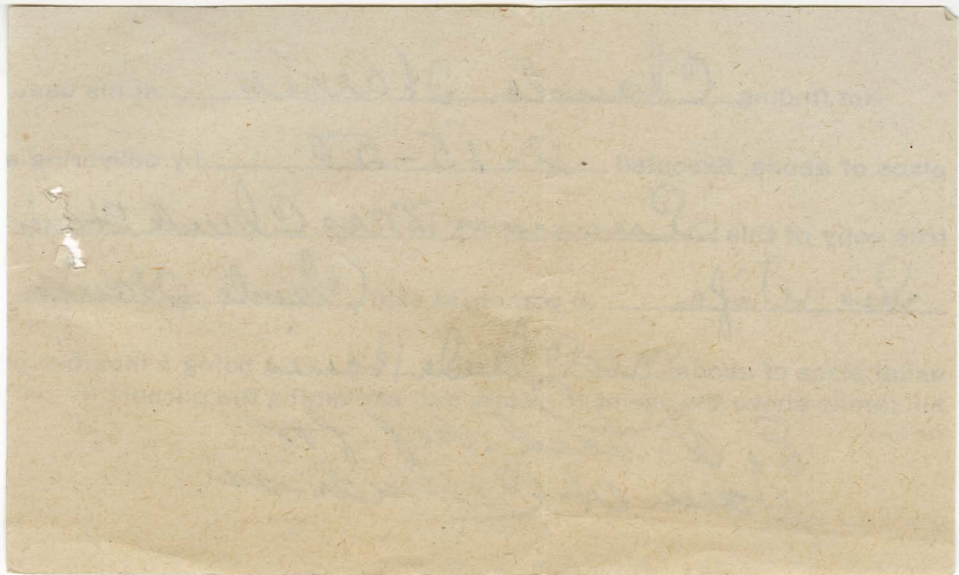
place of abode, Executed 2-15-50 by delivering a

true copy of this Summons to Mrs Claude Harris

his wife in person, at said Claude Harris

usual place of abode Mrs Claude Harris being a member of  
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof  
to her.

E. D. Reed. Ref for  
Jain of Calender m.



Witness Subpoena

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

Claude Harris at Shippette Cleaning works 249 N. Main St

to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at

Harriehoy

in said County, on

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

day of

Feb

, 1950

, at the hour of

3 PM

of that day to give evidence in behalf of

the Defendant, James John Taylor

in the pending case of

Com. H.

v.

James John Taylor

Given under my hand this

14<sup>th</sup>

day of

Feb

, 1950

Ade C. Surrency  
Sh. Clerk

Witness Subpoena

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

**Trial Justice Court**

Docket No. A-4641

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V. { Witness Subpoena

James John Taylor

To Feb. 14, 1950

at 3 PM

Serving fee paid in T.J. office

Witness Subpoena

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

Claude Harris, works at Shippette Cleaning & Dyeing works 249 N. Main St.

to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at Harrisonburg  
in said County, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1950, at the hour of 3 P.M.  
of that day to give evidence in behalf of the defendant, James John Taylor

in the pending case of Com<sup>th</sup> -

v. James John Taylor

Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1950.

Ade C Swartz  
Sub Clerk

Not found in the  
Bauch 2-14-50  
Sam Heald

Trial Justice Court

Docket No. A-4641

Com. H-

V. { Witness Subpoena

James John Taylor

To Feb. 14, 1950

at 3 P.M.

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

You are hereby commanded in the name of Virginia to summon

to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at  
in said County, on the 14th day of February, 1950, at 3 o'clock

of that day to give evidence in behalf of the State of Virginia

in the pending case of

Given under my hand this

1950



Witness Subpoena

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

Scott Bridges,

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to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at Harrisonburg, Virginia

in said County, on 14th day of Feb., 19 50, at the hour of 3:00 P.M.

of that day to give evidence in behalf of Com'th

in the pending case of Com'th

v. James John Taylor

Given under my hand this 14th day of Feb., 1950.

*J. B. Swartz*  
Clerk.

Executed this  
14th day Feb.  
1950

W. H. Good  
D.P.

Trial Justice Court

Docket No. A 4641

Com'th

V. ( Witness Subpoena

(  
James John Taylor

To Feb. 14, 1950 at 3 PM.

Witness Subpoena

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

W. S. Burner, McGaheysville, Va.

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1.00

to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at Harrisonburg, Virginia.

in said County, on 14th day of Feb., 1950, at the hour of 3PM

of that day to give evidence in behalf of Com'th

in the pending case of Com'th

v. James John Taylor

Given under my hand this 14th day of Feb., 1950.

*File Swartz*  
Clerk.

Executed this 7<sup>th</sup>  
day Feb. 1950

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Trial Justice Court

W. N. Hood  
D.P.

Docket No. A 4641

Com'th

V. {  
Witness Subpoena  
{

James John Taylor

To Feb 14, 1950 at 3PM.

*[Faint signature and date stamp]*  
1950

# Report of Witnesses for the Commonwealth

Month of Feb. 19 50.

Whose mileage and attendance were not collected by the Trial Justice before the end of said month.

Porter R. Graves  
 By J. L. Swartz, Trial Justice.  
 Clerk

WITNESSES	Fel. Pro. or Misd.	Days	Attendance	Miles	Mileage	Total	Date
Com. vs. James John Taylor	Fel						2-17-50
1. Scott Bridges, Hbg. Va.		1	.50			.50	
2. W. S. Burner, McGaheysville, Va.		1	.50	10	.50	1.00	
3.						***** \$1.50	
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Com. vs.							
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All witnesses summoned for the Commonwealth shall be entitled to receive for each day's attendance fifty cents, all necessary ferriage and tolls, and five cents per mile over five miles going and returning to place of trial or before grand jury. (Sec. 3512)

# Report of Witnesses for the Commonwealth

Month of Feb. 19 20.

Whose mileage and attendance were not collected by the Trial Justice before the end of said month.

Forster R. Graves

By Clerk

Witness	Date	Attendance	Mileage	Total	Case No.
James John Taylor	Feb				2-12-20
Scott Bridges, Jpg. Va.	1	.50		.50	
W. S. Burnett, McShaysville, Va.	1	.50	1.00	1.50	
				***** \$1.50	

All witnesses summoned for the Commonwealth shall be entitled to receive for each day's attendance five cents all necessary postage and mileage, and five cents per mile over five miles going and returning to place of trial or before grand jury. (Sec. 1112)

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Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No. A 4641

Com'th

V.

James John Taylor W.W., R.D.

AW Date Arraigned

Bailed to 2-2-50 at 2 PM

Trial date

Set 2-14-50 at 3 P.M.

To - 2-17-50 1:30 P.M.

"Sufficient probable cause"  
Held for action of the  
Grand Jury.

TJ3

W8-1 Com

W.S. - 1 Def

W8-1 Com

W8-3 Def

Bureau  
Supervisor - Bartlett cases