

Commonwealth of Virginia,

COUNTY of ROCKINGHAM

to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of Said County, April Term, 1953

The grand jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the County of Rockingham, now attending the Circuit Court of the said County, upon their oath present that John Edwin Keyton within twelve months prior to the finding of this indictment, to-wit, on the 24th day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty three and in the said County, did, feloniously with force and arms, in and upon Elizabeth Ann Jones, a female child under the age of 16 years, to-wit, of the age of 8 years, make an assault and her the said Elizabeth Ann Jones, then and there, unlawfully and feloniously, did attempt to carnally know and abuse,

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
INDICTMENT FOR A
VIOLATION
OF THE
A TRUE BILL
FORWARD

against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon the evidence of Deputy Earl Turner and Deputy W. A. Spitzer.

B. L. Kiser

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

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COMMONWEALTH

INDICTMENT FOR A
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JOHN EDWIN KEYTON

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A TRUE BILL

[Signature]
Foreman.

George D. Conrad
Commonwealth's Attorney

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April 25, 1953

I, John Edwin Keyton, age 62, do hereby make the following voluntary statement to George D. Conrad, Commonwealth's Attorney of Rockingham County, Virginia, knowing him to be the same and having been told that I do not have to make a statement, and no threats or promises have been made to me, and knowing this can be used for or against me in a Court of Law:

I went down to Mrs. Rodney Jones' house and delivered two buckets there about 3:15 p.m. While I was there Elizabeth Ann Jones gave me the motion to meet her up on the hill. I stopped at the hill and she came up on the other side and came across. That was on the top of the hill on the right hand side, with my truck headed south. I never got out of the truck. This was

She came on in with me. I turned east at the town hall. I went out about a mile where the lane turns into Harman's farm. This is near an old strawstack. I backed in on the other side. I pulled out and came in on the other side ~~just past~~ the mail box. She said, "I will do anything for \$2.00." That was all that was said. I gave her \$2.00. She took her clothes all off. She said "I am getting plenty of it with other boys." I played with her a little bit. She was sitting on the seat. I never got on top of her. I just played with her and rubbed it a little. I never took my penis out. I never put my fingers inside it. We stayed there about 20 minutes and then she put her clothes on and I brought her back. She got out and went up the alley. I never had my britches open. She has made that up.

The above statement has been read to me and is the truth.

J. E. Keyton
John Edwin Keyton

WITNESS:

B. L. Kiser

W. A. Gibson

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John Edwin Keyton
John Edwin Keyton

Witness:

W. E. Conrad
W. E. Conrad

Circuit Court of the County of Rockingham on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Present: Hon. J. H. May, Judge Designate.

Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment for a felony (attempted rape)

John Edwin Keyton

This day came the attorney for the commonwealth, and the accused, John Edwin Keyton, came in the custody of the sheriff of this county and by his attorney, Harry Blatt. And the Court having heard a verbal report of Dr. F. L. Byers, jail physician, as to the mental condition of said accused and being of the opinion that the said Keyton should have proper mental care and observation in a State Hospital, it is hereby ORDERED that the said John Edwin Keyton be committed to the department for the criminal insane at Southwestern State Hospital at Marion, Virginia, for proper care, observation and report concerning his mental condition, and that a report thereon be made to this court within sixty days from this date. And the Sheriff of this County, in whose custody the accused is, is hereby directed, as soon as may be practicable, to deliver the said John Edwin Keyton to said Hospital for the purposes hereinabove set forth.

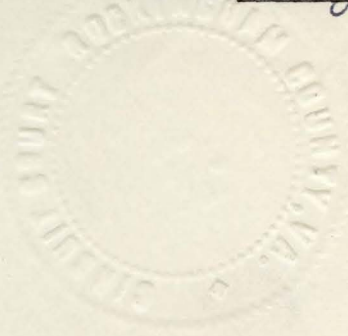
And further proceedings hereon are suspended pending said report.

A COPY.

ATTESTE: *Robert S. Suter*, Clerk.

Executed this 24th day of May 1953

R. L. Stawder SRC



Circuit Court of the County of Rockingham on Wednesday, the 30th day of May, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Present: Hon. J. H. May, Judge Designate.

Commonwealth

vs. John Edwin Keyton (attempted rape)

John Edwin Keyton

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A COPY.

ATTEST: _____, Clerk.

Executed this 5th day of May 1953

[Signature] SRC



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 1st, 1953.

Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment charging a felony (attempted rape)

John Edwin Keyton

It being made to appear from a report received from the Superintendent of the Southwestern State Hospital that the accused, John Edwin Keyton, heretofore committed to said institution for observation, is now sane, the sheriff is ordered to proceed forthwith to said hospital for the purpose of receiving the custody of the accused, whose previous commitment to said hospital shall thereupon stand terminated; and upon receiving the custody of said accused, the sheriff shall return and deliver him to the county jail, there to be held to await his trial.

State of Virginia,
County of Rockingham, To-wit:

I, J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order of the said Court entered on the 1st day of October, 1953, in the matter of Commonwealth vs. John Edwin Keyton, as the same appears of record in my office as Clerk aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this 2nd day of October, 1953.

J. Robert Switzer, Judge.

Executed this 6th day of October 1953 by returning the said John Edwin Keyton from the Southwestern State Hospital and delivering him to the Rockingham County Jail to await his trial.

W. A. Shultz, Sheriff
A. L. Strickland, S. C.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 14, 1953.

Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment charging a felony (attempted rape)

John Edwin Keyton

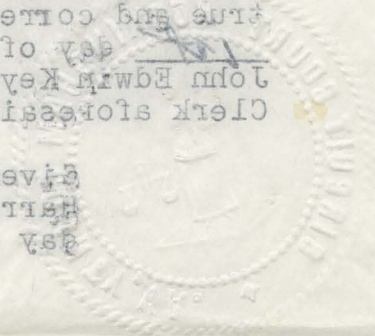
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State of Virginia,
County of Rockingham, To-wit:

I, J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order of the said Court entered on the 14th day of October, 1953, in the matter of Commonwealth vs. John Edwin Keyton, as the same appears of record in my office as Clerk aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this 14th day of October, 1953.

[Signature]
Judge.



Executed this 6th day of October 1953 by returning the said *[Signature]* from the Southwestern State Hospital and delivering him to the Rockingham County Jail to await his trial.

[Signature]
[Signature]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 1st, 1953.

Commonwealth

vs.

On an indictment charging a felony (attempted rape)

John Edwin Keyton

It being made to appear from a report received from the Superintendent of the Southwestern State Hospital that the accused, John Edwin Keyton, heretofore committed to said institution for observation, is now sane, the sheriff is ordered to proceed forthwith to said hospital for the purpose of receiving the custody of the accused, whose previous commitment to said hospital shall thereupon stand terminated; and upon receiving the custody of said accused, the sheriff shall return and deliver him to the county jail, there to be held to await his trial.

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_____, Judge.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 1, 1953.

Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment charging a felony (attempted rape)

John Edwin Keyton

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Order

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ENTER:

_____, Judge.

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PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION

Staunton, Virginia
November 13, 1953

NAME: John Edwin Keyton CITIZENSHIP: American
ADDRESS: Bridgewater, Va. MARITAL STATUS: Married
AGE: 61 (Born 11-2-92) NO. OF DEPENDENTS: One
SEX: Male COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY: George D. Conrad
RACE: White OFFENSE: Attempted rape

OFFENSE:

John E. Keyton has been indicted on the charge that he did on April 24, 1953, attempt to carnally know Elizabeth Ann Jones, white female, age 8.

On April 24 around 3:00 p.m. the subject went from his home at Bridgewater to the Rodney Jones home in Mt. Crawford, Virginia. He states that he took two galvanized buckets to this family. At the time of his visit the parents were away and while there he arranged to meet Elizabeth Ann Jones, age 8, at a point away from the home where he picked her up in his truck and carried her to a point one mile East of Mt. Crawford near what is known as the Harmon farm. The child's clothing was removed and it was well established that the accused had his hands on this girl. It was also established that he paid her \$2.00 and returned to a point near Mt. Crawford where he let this child out of the truck. The incident was reported by the victim to her parents and upon further investigation the subject was arrested by Sergeant B. L. Keiser.

On May 5, 1953, through his own employed counsel, Mr. Harry Blatt, the accused entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. The case was referred to the Rockingham Jail Physician, Dr. F. L. Byers, who reported to the court on May 20 as a result of which the subject was committed to the Southwestern State Hospital for observation. On October 1, 1953, Dr. Blalock reported that the subject was sane and able to testify in his own behalf. On November 4, 1953, the evidence was heard in this case by Judge Hamilton Haas, presiding over the Rockingham County Circuit Court. The subject was found guilty and on motion of the attorney for the accused the matter was referred to the Probation Officer for an investigation and report.

PRIOR RECORD: No prior record is found against the subject in this area.

FAMILY HISTORY: John Edwin Keyton was born November 2, 1892, near what is known as Keytontown in Rockingham County, Virginia. He has resided in this area the greater part of his life. He served in Europe during World War I where he was injured, having lost part of his left leg, was gassed and shell shocked. Soon after his return in 1919 he married Bertha Jones and to this union six children were born. This was not a congenial marriage and on April 30, 1940, the wife was granted a divorce.

FBI - MEMPHIS INVESTIGATION

Stanton, Virginia
November 13, 1953

NAME: John Edwin Layton
 ADDRESS: Bridgewater, Va.
 AGE: 51 (born 11-2-02)
 SEX: Male
 RACE: White
 CITIZENSHIP: American
 MARITAL STATUS: Married
 NO. OF DEPENDENTS: One
 OCCUPATIONAL ATTITUDE: George B. Conrad
 CRIMINAL RECORD: Attempted rape

John E. Layton has been indicted on the charge that he did on April 24, 1953, attempt to carnally know Elizabeth Ann Jones, white female, age 8.

On April 24, 1953, the subject was arrested at his home in Stanton, Virginia. He stated that he took to the nearby Jones home in Mt. Crawford, Virginia. At the time of his visit the parents had previously wanted to this family. As the time of his visit the parents were away and while there he arranged to meet Elizabeth Ann Jones, age 8, at a point away from the home where he picked her up in his truck and carried her to a point one mile east of Mt. Crawford near what is known as the Harrison farm. The child's clothing was removed and it was well established that the accused had his hands on the girl. It was also established that he paid her \$2.00 and returned to a point near Mt. Crawford where he left the child out of the truck. The incident was reported by the victim to her parents and upon further investigation the subject was arrested by Sergeant J. L. Layton.

On May 2, 1953, through his own lawyer counsel, Mr. Harry Blatt, the accused entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. The case was referred to the Rockingham Jail, Rockingham, Va. E. L. Spyer, who reported to the court on May 20 as a result of which the subject was committed to the Southwestern State Hospital for observation. On October 1, 1953, Dr. Mallock reported that the subject was sane and able to testify in his own behalf. On November 4, 1953, the evidence was heard in this case by Judge Hamilton Lane, presiding over the Rockingham County Circuit Court. The subject was found guilty and on motion of the attorney for the accused the matter was referred to the Probation Department for investigation and report.

NO OTHER RECORD IS FOUND AGAINST THE SUBJECT IN THIS AREA.

FAMILY HISTORY: John Edwin Layton was born November 2, 1902, near what is known as Stanton in Rockingham County, Virginia. He has resided in this area the greater part of his life. He served in Europe during World War I where he was injured, having lost part of his left leg, was gassed and shell shocked. Soon after his return in 1918 he married Martha Jones and to this union six children were born. This was not a congenial marriage and on April 20, 1940, the wife was granted a divorce.

Re: John Edwin Keyton

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It might also be stated that due to this man's injuries he was declared incompetent to handle his affairs in April 1932 at which time the court appointed Mr. E. L. Klingstein as his Committee. In September 1939 this man was committed to the Veterans Hospital and was furloughed in March 1941. On September 11, 1945, this man married Mrs. Mattie Reynolds at North Garden, Albemarle County, Virginia. Mrs. Reynolds was a widow and is the mother of four sons and one daughter. This has been a very congenial marriage. It is reliably reported that this man suffers mental lapses and is very easily excited, although he is not known to have caused any harm to any other individual. Due to this man's injuries he received a considerable amount of insurance and now receives a pension of \$240.50 per month plus \$57.50 interest on bonds which gives him a total pension of \$298.00 per month. As stated before this money is handled by his Committee, but the subject has been permitted to purchase his own home which is a five-room bungalow located in the town of Bridgewater, and he has also purchased a two-ton truck with which he was engaged in custom hauling at the time of this offense.

HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

This man owns a five-room one-story frame home which is in a good state of repair and well furnished. It is located in a business and residential section of Bridgewater, Virginia, near the Rockingham Co-operative Farm Bureau.

EDUCATION:

The subject states that he attended a grade school at Montezuma but left at an early age after completing the 6th grade stating that it was necessary for him to assist in the support of the family.

RELIGION:

The subject states that he is a member of the Brethren Church, but does not attend and takes very little interest in religious matters.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

This man has no close associates and spends his leisure time working with small tools, gardening and listening to the radio.

HEALTH:

Keyton was injured in World War I while serving with the United States Army in France where he was gassed, shell shocked and as a result of his injuries, lost part of his left leg and now wears an artificial limb. This man has been committed to the Veterans Hospital and it is reliably reported that he continues to have mental lapses being very nervous and highly excitable.

EMPLOYMENT:

Due to this man's physical condition he has had no stable employment, but for the last two years has operated a truck doing custom hauling and buying junk. As stated before, he served his Country for approximately two years during World War I, being honorably discharged in the early part of 1919 having received a number of citations.

RESOURCES:

The subject owns a five-room frame home in the Town of Bridgewater which is well furnished and would have the value of approximately \$3000.00. He also owns a late model two-ton truck on which, is a balance of approximately \$400.00 is due. He has bonds which realize him \$57.50 per month interest and receives a pension of \$240.50 per month. These funds are handled by a Committee, Mr. E. L. Klingstein, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

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Due to this man's physical condition he has had no stable employment, but for the past two years has operated a truck doing custom hauling and painting work. He was honorably discharged in the early part of 1919 having received a number of citations.

The subject owns a five-room frame home in the town of Bridgewater which is well furnished and would have the value of approximately \$3000.00. He also owns a late model two-ton truck on which he has a balance of approximately \$600.00. He has bonds which realize him \$27.50 per month interest and receives a pension of \$280.00 per month. These funds are handled by a Committee, Mr. E. L. Kingstetter, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

HOME AND HOBBIES:

EDUCATION:

RELIGION:

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

HEALTH:

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RECORDS:

Re: John Edwin Keyton

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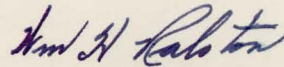
SUMMARY:

John Edwin Keyton, age 61, has been found guilty on a charge of attempted rape upon one Elizabeth Ann Jones, white female, age 8. This child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Jones, Mt. Crawford, Virginia. Keyton was born November 2, 1892, in Rockingham County where he has spent the greater part of his life. He was a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War I where he received serious injuries and continues to suffer from being gassed and shell shocked and the loss of his left leg and he is now required to wear an artificial limb. On December 21, 1920, he married Bertha Jones. To this union six children were born. This was not a congenial union and as a result in April 1940 the wife was granted a divorce. This man was declared incompetent by the court on April 28, 1932, at which time Mr. E. L. Klingstein was appointed as his Committee. On September 12, 1939, this man was committed to the Veterans Hospital and furloughed in March 1941. On September 11, 1945, he married Mattie Reynolds which has been a very congenial union. It is reported that this man continues to have mental lapses and is very easily excited, but prior to this charge he has not harmed anyone. He has no prior record and is very well recommended in his own community. He owns a five-room frame home which is very well furnished located in the Town of Bridgewater. He claims a 6th grade education, exhibits little interest in religious matters, has no close associates, and spends his leisure time working a garden and odd job hauling which is also his only employment.

**RECOMMENDATION
AND PLAN:**

The Officer has been unable to develop any extenuating circumstances in this case other than the possible mental condition of the subject - therefore, no recommendation or plan is offered.

Respectfully yours,



William H. Ralston
Probation and Parole Officer

WHR:ABM

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Respectfully yours,

William H. Kefauver

William H. Kefauver
Probation and Parole Officer

Keyton
Report filed
11/18/53

WHL:AM

STATE OF VIRGINIA

To-Wit:

No. 12103 A

COUNTY OF Rockingham

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, George D. Conrad, Com'th Atty.

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. C. Swartz

(Name)

Clerk T. J. Ct.

(Title)

of the said County, that

John Edwin Keyton, Bridgewater, Va.

in the said County

did on the 24th day of April, 19 53: Unlawfully and feloniously in and upon the body of Elizabeth Ann Jones, a female child, 8 yrs. of age, did make an assault with intent the said child to carnally know, against her will by force, against the peace and dignity of the Com'th of Va.

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

- B. L. Kiser Sgt. Mt. Crawford, Va. color Address
Mrs. Rodney L. Jones color Address
color Address
color Address
color Address

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 25th day of April, 19 53.

J. C. Swartz (Signature)

(Title of Issuing Officer)

(Seal)

Clerk.

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

I, _____ a Trial Justice Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, State of Virginia, do certify that _____

and _____, as his suret _____, have this day each acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of _____ Dollars

(\$ _____), 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 _____, shall appear before the _____ Circuit Trial Justice Court

of _____ County, on the _____ day of _____, 19____,

at _____ M., at _____, 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 _____ day of _____, 19____.

T.J., J.P.

DOCKET NO. 121034

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

WARRANT OF ARREST

John Edwin Keyton

Executed this, the _____ day of _____, 1953

Chas. H. ...

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

See D. Emitt Ott with present this case to Grand Jury 28th day of April 1953

John R. ... T.J.

Fine _____
Costs _____
Total _____

Plan No. 54-27-537

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

COSTS

Warrant \$ 1.00
Trial 2.00
Bail _____
Arrest *yes* 1.50
Mileage _____
Clerk _____
Jail Fee and Board *yes* 1.25
Witness Attendance _____
Summoning Witnesses _____
Commonwealth Attorney _____
Total Costs \$ 2.50
Fine _____
Total _____

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

September 23, 1953.

Hon. Hamilton Haas, Judge
Circuit Court of Rockingham County,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Dear Judge Haas:

RE: KEYTON, John Edwin

The above-named was committed to the Criminal Insane Department of our hospital by order of your Court for observation and report and admitted May 24, 1953.

Since admission he has been carefully studied and as a result of our observations we beg to report that he is not now insane and that he has not been insane or psychotic since admission.

This man was treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital for about seven months in 1935-1936 and again for about seven months in 1939-1940. He was considered to be suffering from a schizophrenic type of psychosis. The history from available sources indicates that he has been getting along satisfactorily for over ten years and this is verified by his guardian. The mental picture that he presented at the Veterans Administration Hospital does not seem to have represented any clear cut type. Here our diagnosis is "Personality Pattern Disturbance, Schizoid personality". It is felt that he is mentally competent and able to testify in his own defense.

Respectfully,

Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.,
Superintendent.

JRB/c

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

JOSEPH R. BILLOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARIETTA, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

September 23, 1933.

Hon. Hamilton Mass, Judge
Circuit Court of Rockingham County,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Dear Judge Mass:

The above-named was committed to the Criminal Insane Department of
our hospital by order of your Court for observation and report and
admitted May 21, 1933.

Since admission he has been carefully studied and as a result of
our observations we beg to report that he is not insane and
that he has not been insane or psychotic since admission.

This man was treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital for
about seven months in 1932-1933 and again for about seven months
in 1930-1931. He was considered to be suffering from a schizophrenic
type of psychosis. The history from available sources indicates that
he has been getting along satisfactorily for over ten years and this
is verified by his guardian. The mental picture that he presented at
the Veterans Administration Hospital does not seem to have represented
any clear cut type. Hence our diagnosis is "Schizophrenia, Paranoid
type". It is felt that he is mentally
competent and able to testify in his own defense.

Respectfully,

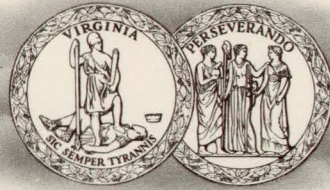
Joseph R. Billock

Joseph R. Billock, M. D.,
Superintendent.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

September 25, 1953.

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

Dear Mr. Switzer:

RE: KEYTON, John Edwin

Please find enclosed herewith, in duplicate, a report on the mental condition of the above-named. It will be appreciate if you will transmit a copy of this report to Judge Haas.

Very truly yours,

Joseph R. Blalock

Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.,
Superintendent.

JRB/c

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
HARRISON, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

September 25, 1933.

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

Dear Mr. Switzer:

Please find enclosed herewith, in duplicate, a report on the mental condition of the above-named. It will be appreciated if you will transmit a copy of this report to Judge Hess.

Very truly yours,

Joseph R. Blalock
Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.,
Superintendent.

138/c

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

November 5, 1953.

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

Dear Mr. Switzer:

RE: KEYTON, John Edwin

Please find enclosed herewith statement of services rendered in the case of the above-named. It will be appreciated if you will place this in line for payment.

Very truly yours,

Joseph R. Blalock

Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.
Superintendent.

JRB/c
encl.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARIETTA, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

November 2, 1953

Mr. Robert L. Selinger, Clerk
Circuit Court of Rockingham County,
Martinsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Selinger: RE: KETTER, John Edwin

Please find enclosed herewith statement of services rendered in
the case of the above-named. It will be appreciated if you will
place this in line for payment.

Very truly yours,

Joseph R. Blalock
Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.
Superintendent

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enc.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

July 19, 1953.

Hon. Hamilton Haas, Judge,
Circuit Court of Rockingham County,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Re: Warren Allen Evans,
John Edwin Keyton.

Dear Judge Haas:

The above-named persons were committed by your Court to our Criminal Insane Department for observation and report, with the directions that the report be submitted in 60 days.

I regret very much that we have not yet been able to complete our observations to the point where we are able to make a report and I would like to request an additional period of time.

Respectfully,

Joseph R. Blalock

Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.,
Superintendent.

JRB/ib

*Extend period for
observation for 60 days
more -
H.H.*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

JOSEPH N. BLALOCK, JR.
GOVERNMENT

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
HARRISON, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

July 19, 1953

Hon. Hamilton Haas, Judge,
Circuit Court of Rockingham County,
Harrison, Virginia.

Re: Warren Allen Evans,
John Edwin Kaylor.

Dear Judge Haas:

The above-named persons were committed by your Court to our Criminal
Inmate Department for observation and report. With the directions
that the report be submitted in 60 days.

I regret very much that we have not yet been able to complete our
observations to the point where we are able to make a report and
I would like to request an additional period of time.

Respectfully,

Joseph N. Blalock, Jr.
Superintendent

reg:js

*Observation
Return
for
for
for*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

July 19, 1953.

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

Re: Warren Allen Evans,
John Edwin Keyton.

Dear Mr. Switzer:

I am enclosing in duplicate a letter on the above-named persons asking for more time to study these cases. It would be appreciated if you would transmit the original to Judge Haas and retain the copy for your files.

Very truly yours,

Joseph R. Blalock

Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.,
Superintendent.

JRB/ib

Encl. 2.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Dr. George S. Row (Bridgewater)

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 4th day of November 1953, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

JOHN EDWIN KEYTON

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdemeanor~~

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 27th day of October, 1953, and in the 178th year of the Commonwealth.


Commonwealth's Attorney ^{Clerk}

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Summons

John Edwin Keyton

To November 4, 1953
at 10:00 a.m.

10/29/53
EXECUTED IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Dr. George Row
IN PERSON.

By E. F. Turner Dep. Sec.
A. L. STRAWDERMAN

SHERIFF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Sheriff's Fee
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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 Officer B. L. Kiser, Mrs.
Rodney Jones, Elizabeth Ann Jones, and Deputy
W. A. Spitzer

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 28th day of October 19 53,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

JOHN EDWIN KEYTON

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

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 20th
day of October, 1953, and in the 17 8th year of the Commonwealth.


Clerk
Commonwealth's Attorney

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Summons

John Edwin Keyton

To October 28, 1953
at 10:00 a.m.

10/23/53
EXECUTED IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO B. L. Kiser
IN PERSON.

Mrs. Rodney Jones
Elizabeth Ann Jones and
Dep. W. A. Spitzer

By E. F. Turner D.P. for
A. L. STRAWDERMAN

SHERIFF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Sheriff Fee
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In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

Sergeant, City of Harrisonburg,
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 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 4th day of November, 1953 to testify and the truth to
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

John Edwin Keyton

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 26th
day of October, 1953, and in the 178th year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk
My Substitutes, D.C.

Served on Mrs Walter Green See ~~Law~~
Dr F L Byers for same 4-1933
Oct 29-1933 wed Supt for City. 1469 25.

The within summons was executed October 29, 1953 upon Dr. F. L. Byers at the usual place of business of said Dr. F. L. Byers at Professional Building, in the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, during business hours, by delivering a true copy thereof and giving information of its purport to Mrs. Walter Green who was the person found there in charge of such business.

W L Dillard
Sergeant of the City of Harrisonburg,
Virginia

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Deputy Earl F. Turner

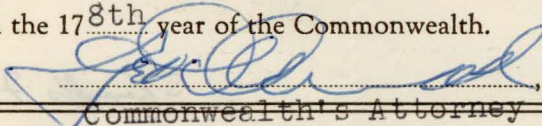
to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,
at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on the 4th day of November 19 53

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against
JOHN EDWIN KEYTON

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdemeanor~~ XXXXXXXX.

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

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court,~~ XXXXXXXX at the Court House, the 3rd
day of November, 19 53, and in the 17 8th year of the Commonwealth.


Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Summons

John Edwin Keyton

To November 4, , 1953
at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTED 11-3-53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Earl Turner
IN PERSON.

Deputy E. Haney D-40
for R. P. Strauderman
S. P. C.

Shiff 7-2

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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 Mrs. Rodney Jones, Elizabeth
Ann Jones, Officer B. L. Kiser, and Deputy W. A. Spitzer

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 4th day of November 1953,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

JOHN EDWIN KEYTON

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~misdemeanor~~

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 27th
day of October, 1953, and in the 17 8th year of the Commonwealth.


Commonwealth's Attorney *Clrk*

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Summons

John Edwin Keyton

To November 4, 1953 at
10:00 a.m.

EXECUTED ^{10/29/53} IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
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TO W. A. Spitzer
IN PERSON.

Mrs Rodney Jones

B. L. Hise &

Elizabeth Jones

By E. J. Turner
Sheriff for

A. L. STRAWDERMAN

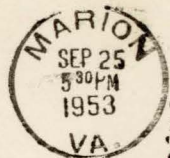
SHERIFF

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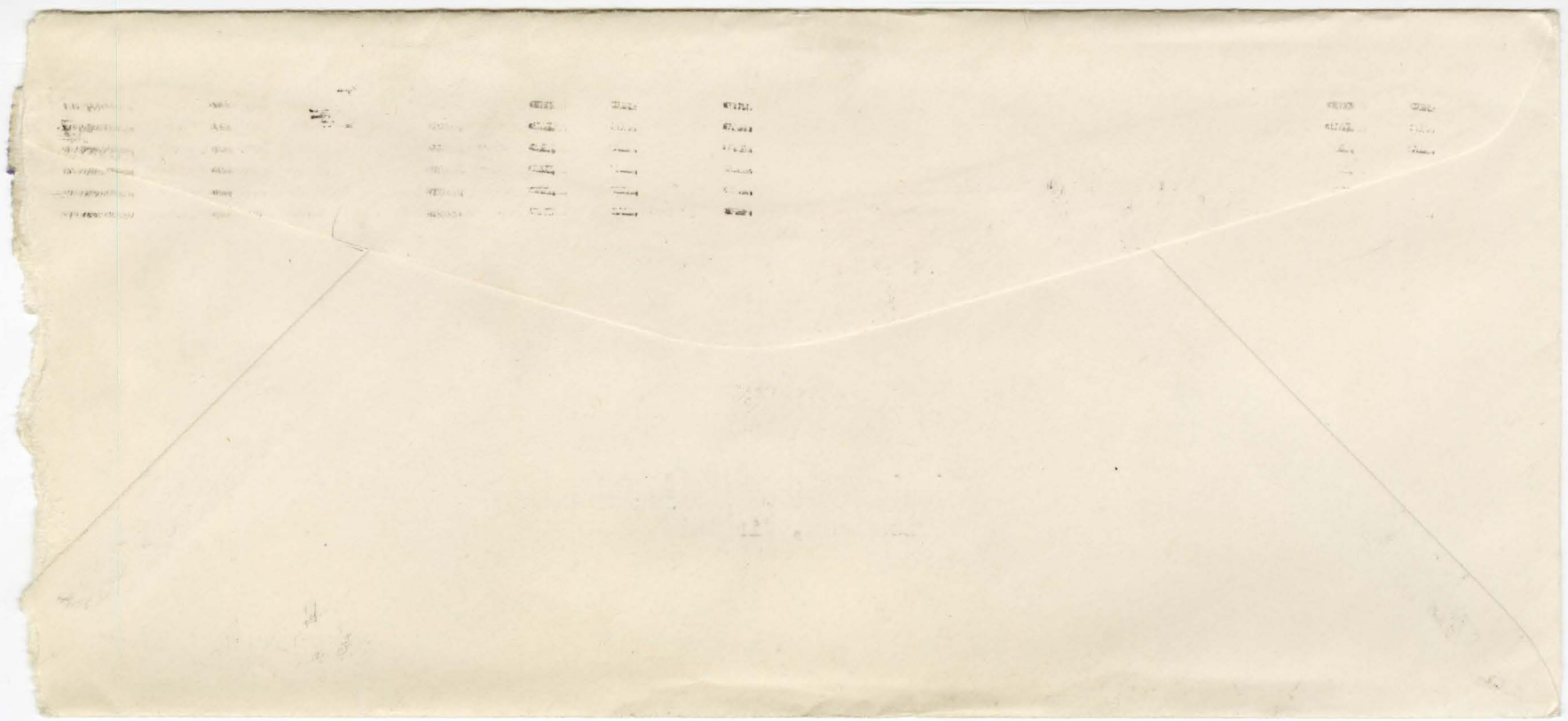
Sheriff Fee

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



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TRIAL JUSTICE COURT

Criminal
Docket

Nº 12103 A

Com'th

v.

John Edwin Keyton

Defendant

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Appearance Date 4-28-53

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Trial Date

Taken before Grand Jury 4-28-53.



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Docket No. 2741.

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

VS.) Felony (att. rape)
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JOHN EDWIN KEYTON *juil*

Harry Blatt

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1953

April 28. Return of Grand Jury. 8/446

May 5. Arr. & jels. n.g. & also n.g. by reason of insanity; referred to jail physician to report May 20. 8/448

May 20. Report by Dr. F. L. Byers (medical) & accused com. to S.N. St. Hosp. report to be made in 60 days. 8/454

11/4/53 Tried by court on plea & vs. 8/498

11/18/53. Report of Prob. Off. filed & punishment fixed at 6 yrs. in Pen. 8/504

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

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COMMONWEALTH VS. Joe Eder Hayton

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address Budapest
Color W Height 5-6 Eyes Bv Hair Wiped Weight 150
Marks ~~crooked~~ Left leg off
Age 61 Occupation Truck driver
Date of Trial 2/18/53
Result 6 yrs

COMMONWEALTH VS *John Taylor*

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address *Andover*
Color *5/2* Height *5-2* Eyes *br* Hair *black* Weight *150*
Marks *scraped left leg off*
Age *41* Occupation *plumber*
Date of Trial *11/14/52*
Result *convicted*

COMMONWEALTH VS. Johm Edwin Heyton

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address Andover
Color W Height 5-6 Eyes Br Hair Mixed Weight 169
Marks 011
Age 62 Occupation Freight Service
Date of Trial _____
Result _____

