

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

October 1, 1953.

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

Re: Marvin D. Showalter.

Dear Judge Haas:

The above-named was admitted to our Criminal Insane Department on November 9, 1952, having been committed by your Court for observation and report. Since admission, he has been carefully observed, and history has been obtained so far as practical from available sources.

As a result of our observations, we beg to report that in our opinion he is not now insane and that he has not been insane or psychotic since admission.

We do find that he is suffering from a fairly severe psychoneurosis characterized by feelings of inferiority, sensitivity about the mucuous colitis from which he suffers and which has just about wrecked any opportunity for social life; along with this he shows hysterical anxiety and compulsive features. It should be stated that he was studied in 1948 in the Neuropsychiatric Division of the University of Virginia Hospital, and it was felt by them that he was psychotic. It is felt that he is mentally competent and able to testify in his own defense.

Respectfully,

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

JRB/st

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
NATION, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

October 1, 1953.

Honorable Hamilton Hass, Judge
Circuit Court of Rockingham County,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

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We do find that he is suffering from a fairly severe psychoneurotic character-ized by feelings of inferiority, sensitivity about the numerous collisions from which he suffers and which has just about wrecked any opportunity for social life; along with this he shows hysterical anxiety and compulsive features. It should be stated that he was studied in 1948 in the Neuro-psychiatric Division of the University of Virginia Hospital, and it was felt by them that he was psychotic. It is felt that he is mentally competent and able to testify in his defense.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent.

JRB/et

Docket No. 2679

Oct. 26

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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

VS.

) Felony (arson)
) On Warrant jail

MARVIN D. SHOWALTER

Julian K. Hickman

p. d.

Own () Appointed (x)

1952

October 20. Indictment &c. waived;
& cont. 8/389.

11-6-52 sent to mansion

10/12/53. Arr. & plea n.g.
set for Oct. 26. 8/488

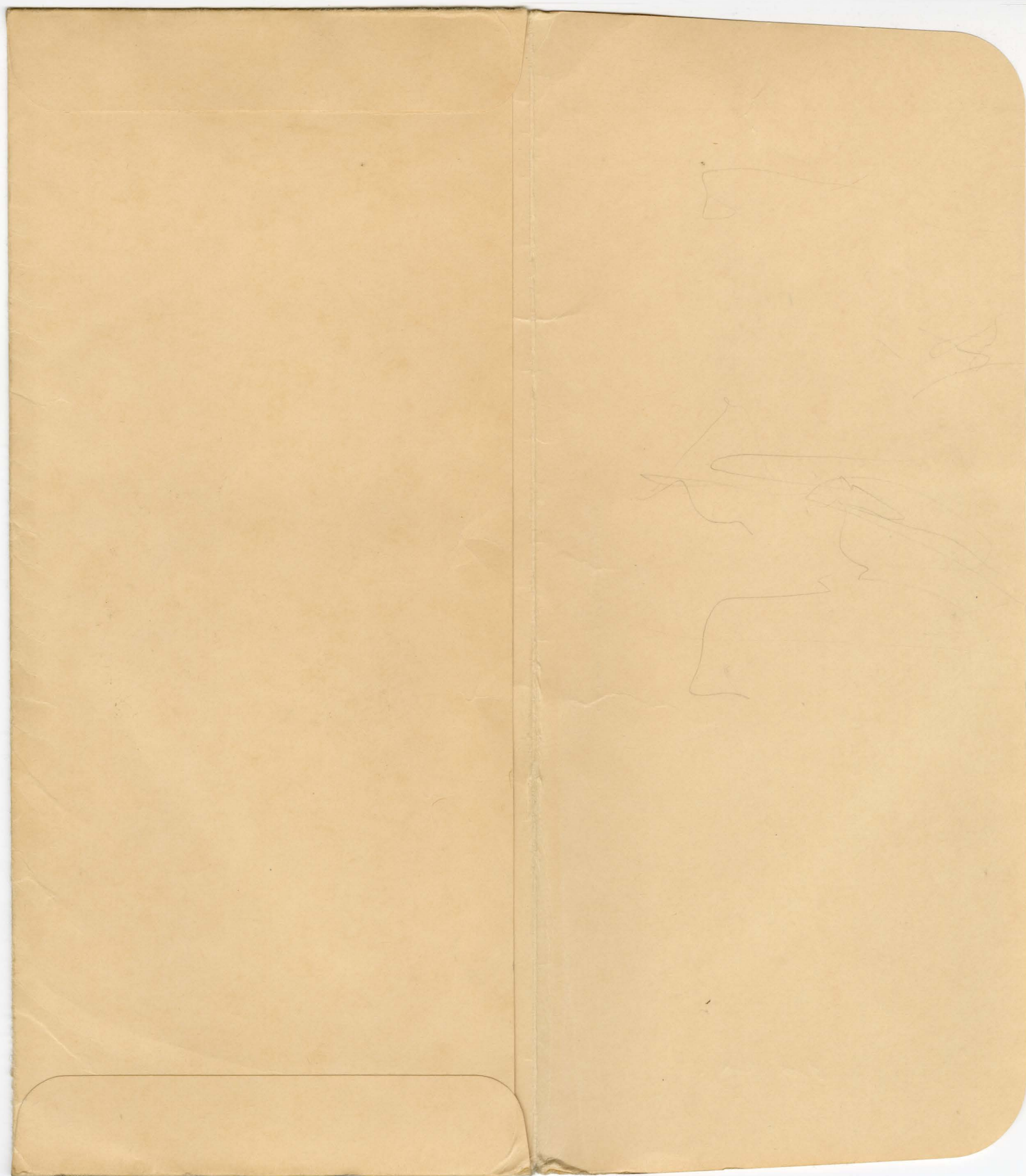
10/27/53. Plea changed to
guilty; plea efful. on
evidence heard, accused
found guilty; ref. to Prob.
Off. on motion accused. 8/496

11/6/53. Rep. of Prob. Off. filed;
accused sent. to 20 yrs. in
St. Pen. 8/500.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

1952 - Oct 16

Oct.	16
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PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION

Staunton, Virginia
November 2, 1953

NAME: Marvin Dewitt Showalter CITIZENSHIP: American
ADDRESS: Rt. #3, Harrisonburg, Va. MARITAL STATUS: Single
AGE: 31 (Born 4-15-22) NO. OF DEPENDENTS: None
SEX: Male OFFENSE: Arson
RACE: White COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY: George Conrad

OFFENSE:

The subject admits that he set four separate fires in the Kavanaugh Hotel in Harrisonburg, Virginia, over a period of approximately two years; May 1950 to October 1952. It is reported that he admitted starting a fire in May 1950 in a basement room under the kitchen in a pile of kindling. This fire caused approximately \$8,000.00 damage. Again on July 24th, he admits that he set a small fire in the check room near the desk of the Kavanaugh Hotel and on July 26th he set another by dropping a match in a trash can in one of the rooms nearby. The fire which occurred on Saturday night, October 11, 1952, was set by the subject to some clothing in the locker room used by the kitchen help in the basement of the Kavanaugh Hotel. Showalter stated that he was in his room on the third floor on the night in question reading and that he got an urge to set the fire and went to the basement where he set fire to the clothing and then returned to his room. He called the desk clerk, Mr. Wampler, and asked him if he smelled smoke. He stated that he did not. Showalter then called Mr. William Geary, Manager of the Kavanaugh Hotel, and asked him if he smelled smoke. Mr. Geary opened the door and found that smoke was coming up the elevator shaft. This fire destroyed the telephone and electric service, therefore plunging the building into darkness. Mr. Geary, the subject and other employees aroused the forty guests who were in the hotel at the time. This fire also caused approximately \$8,000.00 damage.

After a lengthy investigation conducted by the Harrisonburg Police Department, Fire Chief and the State Fire Marshall, the subject admitted his guilt. On October 20, 1952, he waived indictment. The court appointed Mr. Julian K. Hickman to represent the accused. On November 6, 1952, on motion of the counsel for Showalter, he was sent to the Southwestern State Hospital at Marion for observation. A report was received from Dr. Blalock on October 1, 1953, stating that the subject was sane and able to testify in his own behalf. On October 21, 1953, the accused through his counsel changed his plea of not guilty to guilty before the Honorable Hamilton Haas, Judge presiding over the Rockingham County Circuit Court. The Commonwealth was represented by Mr. George Conrad. After hearing the evidence, this man was found guilty. On motion of the accused, the court referred this case to the Probation Officer for an investigation and report.

PRIOR RECORD: No prior record was found against this man in the area.

FAMILY HISTORY: Marvin D. Showalter, born April 15, 1922, is the third of eight children born to Ernest D. and Beulah Coakley Showalter in Rockingham County. The father was employed as a tenant farmer on farms in this county for a number of years. For the past eleven years he has been employed as a plumber working for Mr. Fred Garber in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The mother's chief experience has been that of a housewife and both parents enjoy a favorable reputation. When the subject was approximately nine years of age, he went to live with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shifflett near Pleasant Valley where he made his home until after he completed high school when he was approximately twenty-one years of age. This boy was no problem whatsoever as a juvenile and appears to have been a very obedient and well behaved child.

HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD: This man has made his home for a number of years with his parents who now live in a two-story, frame, stucco house located approximately three miles east of Harrisonburg on U. S. Route #33. This is a six-room home neatly furnished and in a good state of repair.

EDUCATION: Marvin Showalter entered school when he was eight years of age and completed high school at approximately twenty-one years of age.

RELIGION: The subject is a member of the Pleasant Valley U. B. Church where he was very active until recent years when he displayed very little interest in religious matters.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES: This man has no close associates, appears to have stayed to himself although it is reported that he had a very pleasing personality. He spent his leisure time reading, attending movies and displayed very little interest in the opposite sex.

HEALTH: This man has been in bad health for a number of years. He was convinced in his own mind that he had cancer until it was proven otherwise during his stay at Marion. It appears that he spent a long period of time in the hospital at Charlottesville in 1945, was off the job sick again during the year of 1948 and spent considerable time in the Rockingham Memorial Hospital. This man stated that while at the Southwestern State Hospital they apparently found his trouble and his health is now much improved, although he continues to be in a very nervous condition.

EMPLOYMENT: This man established a very stable employment record having been employed after getting out of high school at the DuPlan Corporation in Grottoes. He was employed for a short period of time in Baltimore at a manufacturing company, until he was forced to return home due to his health. From 1946 to 1948 he was employed as a clerk at the Hotel Warren in Harrisonburg. He was again forced to give up his job due to his health and in 1948 he was employed by the Kavanaugh Hotel as a clerk where he remained until arrested for this offense. This man has no military history.

RESOURCES: The subject has no resources other than a few personal items such as clothing, etc.

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RESIDENCE: This man has made his home for a number of years with his parents who now live in a two-story frame, brick house located approximately three miles east of Harrisonburg on U. S. Route 211. This is a six-room home neatly furnished and in a good state of repair.

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RELIGION: The subject is a member of the Pleasant Valley F. B. Church where he was very active until recent years when he displayed very little interest in religious matters.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES: This man has no close associates, appears to have stayed to himself although it is reported that he had a very pleasing personality. He spent his leisure time reading, attending movies and displayed very little interest in the sports.

HEALTH: This man has been in bad health for a number of years. He was convinced in his own mind that he had cancer until it was proven otherwise during his stay at Harrisonburg. It appears that he spent a long period of time in the hospital at Harrisonburg in 1941, was out the job again during the year of 1942 and never considered him in the Rockingham Memorial Hospital. This man stayed part time at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital very apparently during his hospital stay and his health is now improved, although he continues to be in a very nervous condition.

EMPLOYMENT: This man established a very stable employment record having been employed after getting out of high school at the Duplan Corporation in Groveton. He was employed for a short period of time in Harrisonburg at a manufacturing company until he was forced to return home due to his health. From 1938 to 1940 he was employed as a clerk at the Hotel Warren in Harrisonburg. He was again forced to give up his job due to his health and in 1940 he was employed by the Laysan Hotel as a clerk where he remained until arrested for this offense. This man has no military history.

REFERENCES: The subject has no references other than a few personal items such as close relatives.

SUMMARY:

Marvin Dewitt Showalter, age thirty-one, admitted that he set four fires in the Kavanaugh Hotel in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He stands indicted for the last fire which occurred on Saturday night, October 11, 1952. He waived indictment; was later ordered sent to Marion for observation where he remained almost a year. Dr. Blalock advised the court on October 1, 1953, that the subject was sane and able to testify in his own behalf. On October 21, 1953, through his court appointed attorney, Mr. Julian K. Hickman, he changed his plea from not guilty to guilty. After hearing the evidence, the court found the subject guilty and referred the case to the Probation Officer for a report and investigation. The subject has no prior record, is the third of eight children born to Ernest and Beulah Coakly Showalter on April 15, 1922. This boy has lived with Mrs. E. C. Shifflett at Pleasant Valley for a number of years. He now makes his home with his parents who live in a two-story stucco house located approximately two miles east of Harrisonburg on U. S. Route #33. He completed high school at Bridgewater, Virginia, when approximately twenty-one years of age. He is a member of the Pleasant Valley U. B. Church. Showalter spends his leisure time reading and attending movies. He displays no interest in the opposite sex and has no close associates. This man has very poor health having been under constant treatment for a period of approximately a year in 1945 and again for another year in 1947. Since his confinement at Southwestern State Hospital, his condition is much improved. This man has a stable employment record having worked at several manufacturing plants. For the last several years he has been employed as a hotel clerk. He has no military history and no resources.

PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION:

Due to the seriousness of this offense and the fact that this man admits he deliberately set these fires possibly to destroy himself endangering the lives of a great number of people, I do not recommend favorable consideration for probation. Therefore, no plan is offered.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Ralston

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Probation and Parole Officer

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SUMMARY:

Marvin Dewitt Showalter, age thirty-one, admitted that he set four fires in the Kavanagh Hotel in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He stands indicted for the last fire which occurred on Saturday night, October 11, 1933. He advised that he was later ordered sent to Norton for observation where he remained almost a year. Dr. Black advised the court on October 1, 1933, that the subject was sane and able to testify in his own behalf. On October 21, 1933, through the court appointed attorney, Mr. William E. Hickman, he changed his plea from not guilty to guilty. After hearing the evidence, the court found the subject guilty and referred the case to the Probation Officer for a report and investigation. The subject has no prior record, is the third of eight children born to Ernest and Health Goadly Showalter on April 15, 1922. This boy has lived with Mrs. E. C. Schiller at Pleasant Valley for a number of years. He now resides in a two-story stone house located approximately two miles east of Harrisonburg on U. S. Route 211. He completed high school at Bridgewater, Virginia, when approximately twenty-one years of age. He is a member of the Pleasant Valley U. B. Church. Showalter spends his leisure time reading and attending movies. He displays no interest in the opposite sex and has no close associates. This man has very poor health having been under constant treatment for a period of approximately a year in 1932 and again for another year in 1931. Since his confinement at Southwestern State Hospital, his condition is much improved. This man has a stable employment record having worked at several manufacturing plants. For the last several years he has been employed as a hotel clerk. He has no military history and no resources.

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Respectfully submitted,
William E. Hickman
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Probation and Parole Officer

Filed
11/6/33

September 14, 1953

Dr. Joseph R. Blalock, Superintendent
Southwestern State Hospital
Marion, Virginia

In Re: Warren Allen Evans
&
Marvin D. Showalter

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11, 1953, regarding the above-named Warren Allen Evans, wish to advise that we will send for him, but before sending for him Judge Haas would like to have a report on Marvin D. Showalter.

Appreciating your attention to the above, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Robert Switzer
Clerk

CLERK
J. ROBERT SWITZER
JUDGE
HON. H. W. BERTMAN

Marion, Virginia
Circuit Court of Rockingham County

Clerk's Office

MARGARET B. MENDEL
MARGIE BOWERS
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J. ROBERT SWITZER
CLERK

DEPUTIES
F. WILMER COFFMAN
MARGIE BOWERS
MARGARET B. WENGER

Clerk
J. Robert Switzer

Very truly yours,

Addressing your attention to the above I am
pleased on behalf of the Board of
Education for the State to have a
to advise that we will send you the
regarding the above-named matter with
referring to your letter of September 11, 1923.

Best Sincerely,

Walter D. Brown

In Re: Walter D. Brown

Walter D. Brown
Superintendent State Normal
Dr. Joseph B. Byrd, Superintendent

September 11, 1923

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, November 6,
1952.

Commonwealth

vs.

On an indictment for a felony (arson)

Marvin D. Showalter

On consideration of the written report made by F. L. Byers, M. D., and it appearing therefrom that this defendant, Marvin D. Showalter, should be committed to an institution for observation so that there may be a determination of his mental condition, it is hereby ORDERED that the said Marvin D. Showalter be committed to the department for the criminal insane at Southwestern State Hospital at Marion, Virginia, for observation and report concerning his mental condition, pursuant to the provisions of Section 19-202 of the Code of Virginia, and the superintendent of said hospital is directed to report his findings to this court. And the sheriff of this county, in whose custody the accused is, is hereby directed, as soon as may be practicable, to deliver the body of the said Marvin D. Showalter to said hospital for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

A COPY.

ATTESTE: *W. W. S. S. S.*, Clerk.

Executed this 9th day of November by
delivering the said Marvin D. Showalter
to Southwestern State Hospital.

A. L. Shandon

Sheriff of Rockingham County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, November 6,
1952.

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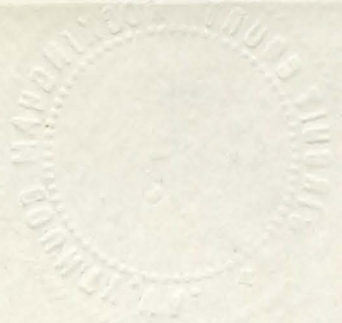
A COPY.

ATTEST: *[Signature]*, Clerk.

Executed this 9th day of November by delivering the said Marvin D. Showalter to Southwestern State Hospital.

[Signature]

Sheriff of Rockingham County



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 3,
1953.

Commonwealth

vs. On a warrant charging a felony (arson)

Marvin D. Showalter

It being made to appear from a report received from the Superintendent of the Southwestern State Hospital that the accused, Marvin D. Showalter, 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 October 3, 1953, in the matter of Commonwealth vs. Marvin D. Showalter, as the same appears of record in my office as Clerk aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court,
at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this
3rd day of October, 1953.

_____, Clerk.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 3,
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Commonwealth

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Showalter, as the same appears of record in my office as Clerk
aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court,
at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this
3rd day of October, 1953.

_____, Clerk.

Handwritten initials/signature

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 3,
1953.

Commonwealth

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Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court,
at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this
3rd day of October, 1953.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk.

Ececuted this 6th day of October 1953 by returning
the said Marvin D. Showalter from the Southwestern
State Hospital and delivering him to the Rockingham
County Jail to await his trial.

W. A. Stitzer Dep. Secy
W. L. Strickland Secy

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, October 3,

1953.

Commonwealth

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Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court, at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this 5th day of October, 1953.

Clerk.

[Handwritten signature]



Executed this 5th day of October 1953 by returning the said *[Handwritten name]* from the Southwestern State Hospital and delivering him to the Rockingham County Jail to await his trial.

[Handwritten signature]

I, MARVIN D. S. HOWALTER, the accused in the attached
warrant, in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of
Rockingham County, Virginia, this 20th day of OCTOBER,
1952, do hereby voluntarily waive indictment on the said charge of
ARSON.

Witness:

Marvin Showalter

Attorney

I, MARVIN D. SHAWALTER, the accused in the attached
warrant, in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of
Rockingham County, Virginia, this 25th day of OCTOBER,
1922 do hereby voluntarily waive indictment on the said charge of

ARRAIGN

Marvin D. Shawalter

Witness:

Attorney

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF Rockingham

To-Wit:

No. _____

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, Julius F. Ritchie, Chief of Police

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, George R. Price

(Name)

Justice of the Peace
(Title)

of the said City County, that Marvin D. Showalter

City
in the said County

did on the 11th day of October, 1952: Unlawfully and feloniously
in the night-time maliciously burn, in part, the Kavanaugh Hotel building
in the city of Harrisonburg in which persons were lodging at the time,
in violation of Section 18-148 of the Code of Virginia against the peace
and dignity of the commonwealth.

These are, therefore, to command you, in the name of the Commonwealth, to apprehend and bring before the
Trial Justice Court of the Rockingham 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 _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 16th day of October, 1952

George R. Price, J.P. (Seal)
(Title of Issuing Officer)

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 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. 107604

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

WARRANT OF ARREST
Maxim D. Shaver, Jr.

Executed this, the 16th day of

October 1952

Almy R. Lee, Dept.

Judgment

Upon the examination of the within charge, ~~XXXX~~ defendant Marwin D. Showalter is sent on for action of the Grand Jury.

Given under my hand this 16th day of October 1952.

Almy R. Lee, J.P.

The following witnesses were recognized to appear before the Circuit Court of _____ County,

Virginia, at _____ M., on the _____ day of _____, 19____, under penalty of \$ _____

COSTS

Warrant	\$ 1.00
Trial	2.00
Bail	
Arrest	
Mileage	
Clerk	1.25
Jail Fee and Board	.50
Witness Attendance	
Summoning Witnesses	
Commonwealth Attorney	2.50
Total Costs	\$ 7.25
Fine	
Total	\$ _____

Fine _____
Costs _____
Total _____
Plea guilty.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

October 1, 1953.

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

Re: Marvin D. Showalter.

Dear Mr. Switzer:

You will find enclosed in duplicate a report to the Court concerning the mental condition of the above-named. 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/st

Encl. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
NASHVILLE, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF
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Encl. 2.

COMMONWEALTH VS. Marvin H. Semwalter

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address 714 N 3
Color W. Height 5-9 Eyes Blue Hair Blond Weight 133
Marks o/x
Age 31 Occupation Hotel Clerk
Date of Trial 10/27-53
Result _____

COMMONWEALTH VS *James B. ...*

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address *744 N 2*
 Color *W* Height *5-9* Eyes *Blue* Hair *Black* Weight *135*
 Marks *011*
 Occupation *Hotel Clerk*
 Date of Trial *1922*
 Victim

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon [✓] Chief Julius Ritchie, William Braithwaite.

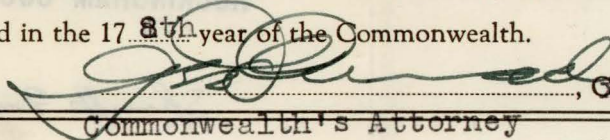
to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on the 26th day of October 19 53, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

MARVIN D. SHOWALTER

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 17th year of the Commonwealth.


Clerk
Commonwealth's Attorney

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Summons

Marvin D. Showalter

To October 26, 1953
at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTED 10/21/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Chief Julius Ritchie and
IN PERSON.

Both

William Braithwaite

By E. F. Turner Dep. for

A. L. STRAWDERMAN
SHERIFF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Sheriff Fee 80

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

Culpeper
~~Rockingham~~
To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon DEPUTY FIRE MARSHALL HAROLD
W. GLASCOCK

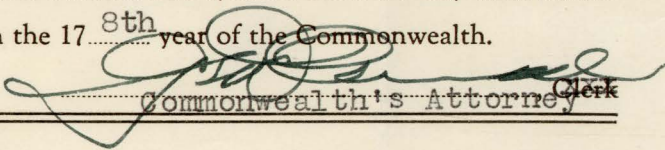
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And this you shall not omit under penalty. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 20th
day of October, 19 53, and in the 17 8th year of the Commonwealth.


Clerk
Commonwealth's Attorney

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Summons

Marvin D. Showalter

To October 26, 1953 at
10:00 a.m.

Executed on the 22 day of Oct, 1953, in the County of
Culpeper, Virginia, by delivering a true copy of the above mentioned papers at-
tached to each other, to

Harold W. Glacock

in person.

B. F. W. Boyd

SHERIFF, COUNTY OF CULPEPER, VA.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

Smyth

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

You are hereby commanded to summon Dr. Joseph R. Blalock

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 26th day of October 1953,

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

MARVIN D. SHOWALTER

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day of October, 1953, and in the 17^{8th} year of the Commonwealth.


Clerk

Commonwealth's Attorney

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Summons

Marvin D. Showalter

To October 26, 1953
at 10:00 a.m.

Executed on the 21 day of
Oct. 1953 within the County
of Smyth by delivering a true
copy of the within Subpoena in
writing to Raysh K. Klaback in
person.

James D. Richardson
Sheriff of Smyth County.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon ✓ Earl Wampler, William E.
Geary (both at Kavanaugh Hotel)

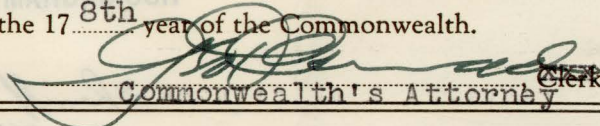
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Commonwealth's Attorney Clerk

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Commonwealth

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TRIAL JUSTICE COURT

Criminal
Docket

Nº 10760

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V.

Marvin D. Showalter

Defendant

a.w. Appearance date 10-16-52

2 P.M.

Trial Date

Plea of guilty - To Grand Jury.
10-16-52

