

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the body of said county of Rockingham and now attending said Court at its October term, 1927, upon their oaths do present that R. L. Welcher and G. G. Wood, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully manufacture, sell, offer, keep, store and expose for sale, give away, transport, dispense, solicit, advertise and receive orders for ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that R. L. Welcher and G. G. Wood, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully have in their possession ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that R. L. Welcher and G. G. Wood, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully receive ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of C. W. Dove, S. F. Newman, and J. L. Dirting, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

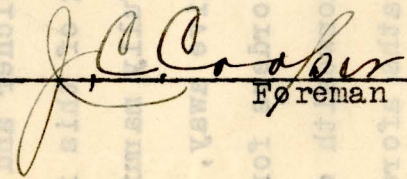


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Commonwealth  
v) Indictment  
R. L. Welcher  
G. G. Wood

Misdemeanor  
October term, 1927

A True Bill:

  
Foreman

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

In the Circuit Court of said County:  
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, Va-wiff:  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

The Grand Jurors in and for the body of said county of

Rockingham and now attending said Court at its October term, 1927,

do hereby certify that the within and foregoing indictment, in

and against the persons therein named, was returned by the Grand

Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further

certify that the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

has been injured by the commission of the offense therein

charged, and that the persons therein named are guilty of the

same, and that the Grand Jurors aforesaid, do hereby

return the within and foregoing indictment, in and against the

persons therein named, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further

certify that the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

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charged, and that the persons therein named are guilty of the

before the Grand Jury to give evidence.

This indictment is found on the testimony of G. W. Dove,

dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rock-

against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

present that R. L. Welcher and G. G. Wood, within one year next

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Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, to-wit:

Be it remembered, that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1927,

Robert Welcher, A.S. Jankeley, Luther Jankeley, & H.L. Jankeley

came before me, Harry M. Strickler, Bail Commissioner, of the said  
County of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged  
themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner

and form following, that is to say: the said Robert Welcher

in the sum of Five Hundred dollars, and the said A.S. Jankeley

*the said Luther Jankeley in the sum of Five Hundred dollars and the said H.L. Jankeley in the sum of Five Hundred dollars*  
to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels,

lands and tenements, and they severally waived the benefit of their  
Homestead Exemption as this obligation, to the use of the Commonwealth  
of Virginia, if the said Robert Welcher shall make default  
in the performance of the conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above  
bound Robert Welcher do and shall personally appear before  
the Circuit Court of the said County on the first day of the next term  
thereof, then and there to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning  
a certain misdeameano by him committed wherewith he stands  
charged, or to any time or times to which the proceedings may be con-  
tinued or further heard, and before any Court or Judge hereafter having  
or holding any proceedings in connection with the said charge, and  
not depart thence without leave of Court, and be bound under this re-  
cognizance until said charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent Court, then this recognizance  
shall be null and void, otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Harry M. Strickler  
Bail Commissioner



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, to-wit:

It is remembered, that on the 8th day of July, 1927,

Robert Walker, D.S. Joubert, James Joubert, & H.B. Joubert

came before us, Harry M. Stidaker, Bell Commissioner, of the said  
County of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged  
themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner

and to-wit: that to-wit: the said Robert Walker

in the sum of five hundred dollars, and the said D.S. Joubert

in the sum of five hundred dollars, and the said H.B. Joubert

in the sum of five hundred dollars, and the said James Joubert

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Deed

in the sum of five hundred dollars, and the said H.B. Joubert

Harry M. Stidaker  
Bell Commissioner



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, to-wit:

Be it remembered, that on the 8th day of July, 1927, George Wood, A. S. Tankesley, Luther Tankesley, and H. L. Tankesley came before me, Harry M. Strickler, Bail Commissioner, of the said County of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say; the said Geo. Wood in the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars, and the said A. S. Tankesley in the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars, and the said Luther Tankesley in the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars, <sup>and the said H. L. Tankesley in the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars</sup> to be respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and they severally waived the benefit of their Homestead Exemption as to this obligation, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if the said George Wood shall make default in the performance of the conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound George Wood do and shall personally appear before the Circuit Court of the said County on the first day of the next term thereof, then and there to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning a certain Misdemeanor by him committed wherewith he stands charged, or to any time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further heard, and before any Court or Judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with the said charge, and not depart thence without leave of Court, and be bound under this recognizance until said charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void by order of a competent Court, then this recognizance shall be null and void, otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Harry M. Strickler  
Bail Commissioner.



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, to-wit:

Be it remembered, that on the 8th day of July, 1927, George Wood  
Wood, D. S. J., Butler J. J., and H. S. J.  
came before me, Harry M. Strickler, Bail Commissioner, of the said  
County of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged  
themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner  
and form following, that is to say: the said George Wood

in the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars, and the said  
George Wood in the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars,  
and the said Butler J. J. in the sum of one thousand and five  
hundred dollars, to be respectively made and levied of their several  
goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and they severally waived the  
benefit of their Homestead Exemption as to this obligation, to the use  
of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if the said George Wood  
shall make default in the performance of the conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above  
bound George Wood do and shall personally appear before the  
Circuit Court of the said County on the first day of the next term  
thereof, then and there to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning  
a certain indiscreet by him committed wherewith he stands charged,  
or to any time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or  
further heard, and before any Court or Judge hereafter having or holding  
any proceedings in connection with the said charge, and not depart  
thence without leave of Court, and be bound under this recognizance  
until said charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void  
by order of a competent Court, then this recognizance shall be null  
and void, otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Harry M. Strickler  
Bail Commissioner.

*George Wood  
Butler*



Arrest Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, } TO WIT:  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, }

To The Sheriff, a Constable of said County:

Whereas, W. L. Diering Federal Pro. Officer of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, F. J. Vignebright a Justice of the said County, that R. L. W. Welcher

of the said County, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1927, in the said County, did

illegally transport 12 1/2 gallons ardent spirits into the County of Rockingham in violation of the Prohibition laws of this Commonwealth

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before me, or some other Justice of the said County, the body of the said

to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon W. O. Thurber, C. W. Dove and S. F. Newman

to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this 7 day of July, in the year 1927

F. J. Vignebright J. P. (Seal)

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

R. W. L. Welch

Executed the within warrant by arresting  
and delivering the body of

R. W. L. Welch

before to the County Jail  
a Justice of Rockingham County, and by sum-  
moning the within named witnesses in person,

this 5 day of July 1927

C. W. Dore S. R. C.

Constable of Rockingham County.

Costs  
Justice \$3.00

Rockingham County, State of Virginia?  
A preliminary hearing was held in the case of the accused  
named in within warrant, and in the absence of bail the accused  
was committed to jail.  
Service under my hand this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1927  
C. W. Dore S. R. C.



Arrest Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, } TO WIT:  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, }

To The Sheriff, a Constable of said County:

Whereas, J. L. Dirking, Fed. Pro. Officer of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, F. J. Wymbright a Justice of the said County, that G. G. Wood

of the said County, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1927, in the said County, did

Unlawfully transport 14 gallons of Ardent Spirits in Rockingham County in violation of the Prohibition laws of this Commonwealth

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before me, or some other Justice of the said County, the body of the said

G. G. Wood  
to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon W. E. Thurber C. W. Dove and S. F. Newman

to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this 7 day of July, in the year 1927

F. J. Wymbright J. P. (Seal)



Rockingham County, State of Virginia

The accused named in within warrant waived a preliminary hearing and in the absence of bail was committed to the Jail of this County

Given under my hand this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1927

R. F. J. Angerbaugh, J.P.

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

G. G. Wood

Executed the within warrant by arresting  
and delivering the body of

C. J. Wood

before i.e. the County Jail  
a Justice of Rockingham County, and by sum-  
moning the within named witnesses in person,

this 5 day of July 1927

C. W. Dose S.R.C.

Constable of Rockingham County.

Rockingham County, State of Virginia.



**Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon .....

S. F. Newman, C. W. Dove and J. L. Dirting.

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 17th day of October 1927, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY vs. R. L. Welcher and G. G. Wood

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this they shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 11th day of Oct. 1927, and in the 152d th year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk



Executed Oct. 12, 1927 by delivering a true copy of the  
within Summons to the within named witnesses  
C. W. Dove, S. R. B.  
..... in person.

Commonwealth

vs

R. L. Welcher &  
Geo. Wood

*300.*

*Sheriff fee 1.50*

Oct. 17/27

Commonwealth of Virginia

For my party commanded to summon



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

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

*You are hereby commanded to summon.....*

*S. F. Neuman, C. H. Dove &*

*J. L. Disting*

*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 17<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1927,*

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

*R. L. Mulcher & G. G. Wood*

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

*And this they shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.*

*Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 10 day of Nov., 1927, and in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.*

*J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.*



*Cam.*

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia

*R. L. Mulcher &*

*G. G. Hood*

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Virginia:

Executed Nov. 10, 1927 by delivering a true Copy of the  
within Summons to the within named witnesses  
\_\_\_\_\_ in person.

*C. W. Dove, S.R.C.*

*Sheriff fee \$1.00*

*Nov 17 1927*

*Nov 17*

State of Virginia, Rockingham County



#430

Sherriff Costs

Arrests 20.00

Summons 3.00

Imp. Jury \$ 1.50

24.50

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COMMONWEALTH

VS.

Misdemeanor (Pro.)

R. L. WELCHER &

G. G. WOOD

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