

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 February term, 1926, upon their oaths do present that William A. Morris, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully and feloniously manufacture <sup>distilled</sup> ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of C. W. Dove, John S. Funk, D. H. Dofflemyer, and John W. Dove, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.



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Commonwealth

v) Indictment

William A. Morris

February term, 1926

A True Bill:

*Thos. G. Herring*  
Foreman

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The Grand Jurors in and for the County of said

County of Rockingham and upon their oaths do present that  
William A. Morris, within the said County of Rockingham,  
during the term, 1926, upon their oaths do present that  
he unlawfully and feloniously manufactured, sold and  
distributed certain articles of merchandise, to-wit: *liquor*  
against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Vir-  
ginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of

G. W. Dove, John P. Rank, D. H. Doffenbaker, and John W.

Dove, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the Grand

Jury to give evidence.



Commonwealth of Virginia, }  
Rockingham County, } To-wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 28 day of Nov 1925,

Wm Morris and Cleator Morris

came before me [Signature]

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

Wm Morris

in the sum of

Five Hundred

Dollars

good and lawful money of the United States, and the said Cleator Morris

in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars of like good and lawful money, 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, and also waived any claim or right to discharge any liability to the Commonwealth arising under this recognizance with

coupons detached from the bonds of this State, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia if the said

Wm Morris

shall make default in the performance of the

conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound

Wm Morris

do and shall personally appear before the Circuit

Court of Rockingham on the 1st day of the Dec Term next

thereof, being the 21 day of Dec 1925, at the Court-house thereof,

and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain felony where-

Wm Morris

of the said \_\_\_\_\_ stands charged, and shall not

depart thence without the leave of said Court, then the above recognizance shall be void and of no

effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written.

[Signature]



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County,  
To-wit:

He is Resistant that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ came before me

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 \_\_\_\_\_ in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

and lawful money of the United States, and the said \_\_\_\_\_ in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars of like good and lawful money, 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, and also waived any coupons detached from the bonds of this State, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia if the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall make default in the performance of the

conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound \_\_\_\_\_ do and shall personally appear before the Circuit Court of Rockingham on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Term next \_\_\_\_\_ at the Court house thereof, thereon being the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain \_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_ by the said \_\_\_\_\_ report thereon without the leave of said Court, then the above recognizance shall be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written.

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#287 Dec 1925  
Wm A. Morris Miss.  
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com.

Recognized for his appearance  
at ~~the~~ Term

Plea N.Y.  
Set for 15<sup>th</sup> of March

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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 February term, 1926, upon their oaths do present that William A. Morris, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully have in his possession a still, still cap, worm, tub, fermenter, and other appliances connected with and used in the operation of a still, without having the same registered as required by law, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of C. W. Dove, John S. Funk, D. H. Dofflemyer, and John W. Dove, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.



Possession of still

Commonwealth

v) Indictment

William A. Morris

February term, 1926

A True Bill:

~~Thos. G. Herrick~~  
Foreman

*Plea of Not Guilty*

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, fo-wif:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The Grand Jurors do hereby find for the body of said county that the defendant, William A. Morris, did unlawfully possess a still, without having the same registered as required by law, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and other appliances connected with and used in the operation of a still, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully have his possession a still esp. worn, imp. ferment.

This indictment is found on the testimony of C. W. Dove, John S. Rank, D. H. Doffenwer, and John W. Dove, wife

evidence.



Commonwealth of Virginia--City, County of *Rockingham* to-wit:

To the Prohibition Inspectors, Sheriffs, Sergeants, and all Police Officers and Constables of the State of Virginia—Greeting:

WHEREAS *John S. Frank* of the said *co* City or County

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, *J. M. Duer J.P.* Name of Magistrate Title

of the said *co* City or County that he verily believes, that in the said *co* City or County and State:

(a) That Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully manufactured, sold, kept, stored, possessed, held, used and concealed in a certain *Dwelling house & outbuildings* Here describe the place, house, room or boat, as the case may be

by one *Will Morris* Give name; if name unknown, say "Whose name is to the informant unknown."

(b) A still, still cap, worm, tubs, fermenters and other appliances connected with such still and used, and mash and other substances, capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, are unlawfully in the possession of, and unlawfully used by one *Will Morris* Give name; if name unknown say "Whose name is to the informant unknown."

in a certain *Dwelling house & outbuildings & premises* Here describe place as in (a) above

(c) Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully kept, held, stored, concealed, used, sold, and unlawfully transported in certain baggage or a certain vehicle, to-wit: a certain Here describe vehicle, auto, wagon, carriage, buggy, boat, baggage or what not

by one Here give name, or describe as in (a) above

And there being reasonable cause for such belief:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, to command you, with all necessary and proper speed and assistance, to search the house, place, baggage, boat, or vehicle herein designated, either in day or night, and seize such ardent spirits and their containers and other things apparently possessed or used in violation of law, and bring the same and the person or persons, in whose possession they are found, and also any person resisting, impeding, obstructing, or in any manner hindering or delaying you in the execution of this warrant, before me, or some other officer having jurisdiction of the case, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law; and make return of this warrant showing all acts and things done thereunder, with a particular statement and sufficient description of the things seized and the name of the person in whose possession found, if any, and if not found in the possession of any one, so state in your return, and post a true copy of this warrant and the return thereof, as required by law.

Given under my hand and seal this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 192*5*

*J. M. Duer* (SEAL) Justice of Peace Title of Magistrate



DIRECTIONS

1.—If only Ardent Spirits and containers be seized, the Magistrate shall fix a time not less than 10 nor more than 30 days from the date of return, for the hearing of said return. If no claimant appear the Ardent Spirits and articles are to be forfeited to Commonwealth. Any person claiming any of same must file a written claim stating particularly the character and extent of his interest therein, whereupon the Magistrate shall certify the warrant, written claim and articles claimed, to the Circuit or Corporation Court, as the case may be, for determination, and declare the unclaimed articles forfeited.

2.—If still, still cap, worm, tubs, heather, fermenters, or any appliance connected with a still and used, or mash or other substance capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, be seized, the mash (after taking a sample) shall be destroyed, and the facts and articles seized reported to the Prohibition Director and Commonwealth's Attorney. (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be sufficient notice and report). Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as in No. 1 above.

3.—If Ardent Spirits are being transported in an automobile, boat, wagon, buggy, or other vehicle, the Ardent Spirits and containers shall be preserved and the vehicle shall be delivered to the Sergeant of the City, the facts reported to the Prohibition Director and Commonwealth's Attorney and Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as provided in No. 1 above (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be sufficient report).

4.—A copy of this warrant and the return thereon must be posted at the front door of the house, or on the door of the room, or on the premises at the place the Ardent Spirits may be found.

See Sections 21½, 22, 23, 23½, 57 and 57½, Acts of Assembly, 1918, Page 578.

WARRANT TO SEARCH FOR ARDENT SPIRITS, ETC.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs. *William Morris*  
*Ellison Va.*

Executed the within warrant this ..... day of ..... 192....., by searching the within stated .....

Here state house, room, place and by seizing the following described Ardent Spirits and other things therein found (and resting the above named person found in possession thereof) and by posting a true copy of this warrant and the return

hereon on the ..... Here say place, house, room, boat, auto or baggage, or as the case may be

as front door of house, door of room or premises

Description of Ardent Spirits and other things seized  
*1 Still Cap & Worm*  
*50 gal heads & mash*  
*2 " Whiskey*  
*H - Cops.*  
*1 - 5 gallon Cag.*  
*1 - 10 " Cag.*

Given under my hand this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 192*5*.  
*Ed. D. O'Neil Sheriff*

The following named officers and persons assisted me in the execution of this warrant:

*Ed. D. O'Neil Sheriff*  
*John S. Frank*  
*Chas. H. Woffenberger*  
*John M. Noble*

Other than above stated the following are witnesses:

This matter set for hearing on the *28* day of *Nov* 192*5*.

*Weyal W. Henry*  
No claim of ownership or interest in any of the said things seized having been filed herein in compliance with the law, the same are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this *28* day of *Nov* 192.....  
*R. H. Bruce*  
Title of Magistrate

Written claim of ownership or interest having been filed to certain of the said things herein seized, this warrant, the said claim and the things in the claim particularly described, are hereby certified to the ..... Court of this ..... for determination and the said things unclaimed are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this ..... day of ..... 192.....  
Title of Magistrate

NOTE—Unless warrant issued for Ardent Spirits being transported in vehicle, boat or baggage, it is to be returned to the jurisdiction from which issued. If issued for Ardent Spirits so transported, it can be executed in any part of the State, and returned to any justice in any county or city through which they were carried.



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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*C. M. Dave, John S. Funk,  
D. H. Dofflemeyer, John N. Dave,*

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 *15th* day of *Feb.* 19*26*, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury *vs. Wm. A. Morris*

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 *15th* day of *Feb.*, 19*26*, and in the *54th* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.



In the Name of the

Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greenleaf

Com.

Wm. A. Thomas

Executed Feb. 10, 1926 by delivering a true Copy of the  
within Summons to within named witnesses  
\_\_\_\_\_ in person

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

Sheriff fee \$2.00

Feb. 15, 1926



**CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

*July* Term, 19 *26*

*John Dove*

has been sworn in open court as a witness before the  
Grand Jury.

*J. F. Blackburn*

Clerk.



Clerk.

*John B. Williams*

Grand Jury.

has been sworn in open court as a witness before the

*John Stone*

Term, 18 52

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY



Sheriff Cost  
Capture of Still 50.00  
Summons 2.00  

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\$ 52.00

#273 W. Fel.  
Wm. A. Marris  
adv. Pro.  
Commonwealth

Set for  
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2 Receipts 2.00  

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