

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the body of the said County of Rockingham, and now attending said court at its December term, 1931, upon their oaths do present that J. B. Beylor and <sup>*Alvin Dovel sometimes called*</sup> Smiley Dovel, on or about December 20, 1931, in said County, did unlawfully have in their possession and transport about twenty gallons of ardent spirits (moonshine liquor), against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of J. L. Dirting, ~~McKinley Ryman~~ and W. E. Thurber, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

POSS. & TRANS. A. S. ✓

COMMONWEALTH

V

J. B. BEYLOR  
SMILEY DOVEL

*had  
- capias issued*

PRO. MISD.

A True Bill

*P. E. Peigh*

Foreman

D. W. Earman, Com. Atty.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, to-wit:  
In the Circuit Court of said County

The Grand Jurors in and for the City of the said County of

do hereby certify that on the 20th day of December 1898, the Grand Jury of the said County, did unlawfully have

found on the testimony of J. B. Baylor and Smiley Dovel, witnesses sworn in court and

before the Grand Jury to the evidence.

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1931,  
J. B. Beyler, principal and C. M. Beyler  
surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me, F. J. Agnewright  
A Justice of the Peace  
(J. P. or Bail Commissioner), of the said County of Rockingham,  
and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of  
Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500<sup>00</sup>),  
to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia rendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-  
cognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said J. B. Beyler shall personally appear before  
the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the about 15 day of the  
December Term thereof, being the about 19<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
1932, and at such other 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 then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
Murder case whereof the said J. B. Beyler stands  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
December, 1931.

F. J. Agnewright, J. P.  
(J. P. or BAIL COMMISSIONER)

Commonwealth of Virginia  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1931

\_\_\_\_\_ principal and \_\_\_\_\_  
surety, who testified to his sufficiency, came before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
of the said County of Rockingham,  
and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

to be levied on their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia tendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-  
cognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall personally appear before  
the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Term thereof, being the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
1931, and at such other 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 then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
\_\_\_\_\_ whereto the said \_\_\_\_\_ stands  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-

wise to remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto affix my signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1931

\_\_\_\_\_  
(J. P. or Bail Commissioner)

*J. B. Bayless*

Arrest Warrant

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

To Wm. McK. Ryan <sup>new marked Va</sup> ~~Constable~~ <sup>Four Sergeant</sup> of said County:

Whereas, Wm. McK. Ryan of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, F. J. Argenbright a Justice of the said County, that J. B. Beylor of the said County, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1931, in the said County, did

Unlawfully transport Ardent Spirits from One Point in Virginia to another in Virginia 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

J. B. Beylor to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon

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

Given under my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, in the year 1931

F. J. Argenbright J. P. [Seal]

STATE OF VIRGINIA - COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM - TO-WIT:

JUDGMENT

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, TO-WIT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Rockingham, Virginia, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as his surety

have this day acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) to be made and levied of their goods and chattels, upon this condition: That the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall appear before the undersigned or the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and not leave hence without leave of the said Court, to answer the charge in this warrant, or to await the action of the Grand Jury of the said County upon the within charge.

Given under my hand this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

J. P.

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

*J. B. Bayler*

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of \_\_\_\_\_

before \_\_\_\_\_ a justice of Rockingham County, and by summoning the within named witnesses in person this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Constable of Rockingham County

JUDGMENT

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

*The accused waived his preliminary hearing*

Fine - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk's Fee - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Justice's Fee - - - - \$ *3.00*

Arrest - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Summoning Witness - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Attendance and Mileage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commonwealth's Attorney - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jail Fees - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*F. A. August*  
Justice of the Peace.

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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*J. L. Denting, M. Kinley Pyman,  
W. E. Thurber*

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 *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *February* 19 *32*,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against .....

*J. B. Baylor + Smiley Dovel*

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

And this *they* 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 *10<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *Feb* 19 *32*, and in the 15 *6<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Commonwealth

J. B. Baylor +  
Smiley Douel

1932

Feb. 18

Executed by delivering a true copy of, the

within Summons to

McKinley Ryan Esq

and in person.

W. E. Barber

L. P. Newmyer Deputy Sec  
C. P. Saunders Clerk



**Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*J. L. Diering,*  
*McC Kinley (Rayman) & W. E. Thresher*

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 *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *Jan.* 19 *32*,

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY

*J. B. Beylson & Douel*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this *they* 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 *30<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *Decr* 19 *31*, and in the 15 *6<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Executed Jan, 1-1932, By delivering a true copy  
of the within summon to J.L.Dirting, McKinley  
Ryman, and W.E.Thurber each in person.

*C.R. Fawley* Deputy for  
C.R.Fawley, S.R.C.

*Com*

*J. B. Beyer & Son*

Commonwealth of Virginia:

the County of Rockingham County, Governor:

the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House (thereof)

GRAND JURY

ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the

*2291*  
Clerk

*Jan. 1*

We, the jury, in the case of  
Commonwealth vs Alvia Douel, some  
times known as Smiley Douel, find  
the accused guilty as charged in  
the indictment, and fix his  
punishment at three months <sup>confinement</sup>  
in the County Jail, and a fine  
of Five (\$5.00) Dollars.  
Olin A. Douel, foreman

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*

Claude Carter  
 J. M. Simmons  
 A. P. Shoemaker  
 Robert Moore  
 Alvin A. Lovel

Sheriff's cost  
 J. B. Beylor  
 arrest  
 Sum. Michs  
 comm fee  
 \$16.00  
 3.00  
 50  
 \$13.50

Smiley Lovel  
 arrest  
 Sum. Michs  
 mileage  
 Insp. Jour  
 comm fee  
 \$10.00  
 3.00  
 4.85  
 1.50  
 .50  
 \$19.85

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COMMONWEALTH

V. ) Misdr. (Pro.) Feb 18

J. B. BEYLOR and <sup>contingency fund</sup>  
 SMILEY DOVEL - ~~captain~~ 11 Jan 7  
 no pleas

Regler Plead Guilty  
 +  
 3 mos + 75.00

Alvin Lovel  
 3 mos + 5.00 by jury  
 Jail 1 day (cont)



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