

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 June term, 1926, upon their oaths do present that John<sup>P.</sup> Coffman, who was heretofore on the 5th day of February, 1924, convicted of violating the Prohibition laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Clarke County, Virginia, and who then and there was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and to serve for a period of thirty days in jail, did, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, unlawfully and feloniously manufacture, sell, offer, keep, store and expose for sale, give away, dispense, transport, 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 John<sup>P.</sup> Coffman, who was heretofore on the 5th day of February, 1924, convicted of violating the Prohibition laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Clarke County, Virginia, and who then and there was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and to serve for a period of thirty days in jail, did, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, unlawfully and feloniously have in his possession ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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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 do hereby certify that on the 25th day of

February, 1924, convicted of violating the Prohibition laws

of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Clarke

County, Virginia, and who then and there was sentenced to pay a fine

of fifty dollars and to serve for a period of thirty days in jail,

did, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment,

in the said county of Rockingham, unlawfully and feloniously man-

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of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of W. T. Rexrode and John L. Dirting, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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Indictment  
No. 1000

Profess

State, Great Court

John D. Diring

W. T. Rexrode

W. T. Rexrode



Commonwealth

v) Indictment

John <sup>P.</sup> Coffman

Felony

June term, 1926

A True Bill:

L. L. Hedrick  
Foreman

Plea of Guilty <sup>et</sup>

Set for 28

Committee

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of W. T.

John P. Coffman, Jr., Sheriff of the County of Loudoun, Virginia.

and the Grand Jury of the County of Loudoun, Virginia.

January Term, 1924.

At a Circuit Court continued and held for the County of Clarke at the Court House thereof on Tuesday, February 5th. 1924.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs. (Indictment for Misdemeanor

J. R. Coffman

This day came the attorney for the Commonwealth, and the prisoner appeared in Court in pursuance of his recognizance, and the prisoner by Counsel moved the Court to quash the indictment on the ground that it was too general, generic, and stating more than one offense, which was overruled by the Court; and thereupon Counsel for the prisoner moved that the Attorney for the Commonwealth furnish a bill of particulars, which bill of particulars being furnished was excepted to by Counsel for the prisoner, and overruled by the Court; and the prisoner being arraigned plead not guilty to the indictment. And a panel of seven jurors summoned by the Sheriff of the County from a list furnished by the Clerk of this Court, were examined by the Court found free from all legal exceptions and qualified to serve as jurors according to law. Thereupon the Attorney for the Commonwealth struck from the panel one of said jurors, and the prisoner by his attorney likewise struck from the panel one of said jurors, and the following five jurors were selected against whom there were no objections, namely: John H. Carlisle, W. S. Bromley, Edgar Kackley, Ralph Levi and D. F. Carper, who were sworn to well and truly try and true deliverance make between the Commonwealth and the prisoner at the bar, whom you shall have in charge, and a true verdict render according to the evidence; and the jury having fully heard the evidence and the arguments of Counsel retired to its room to consult of its verdict, and after some time returned into Court, having found the following verdict: "We the jury find the accused guilty as charged in the within indictment and fix his punishment at a fine of \$ 50.00

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and a sentence of thirty days in jail. E. M. Kackley, foreman." Whereupon the Defendant moved the Court to set aside the verdict and grant him a new trial on the ground that the verdict was contrary to the law and the evidence, which motion was overruled by the Court, and it being asked of the prisoner if anything for himself he had or knew to say why this Court should not now proceed to pronounce judgment against him according to law, and nothing further being offered or alleged in delay of judgment, it is considered by the Court that the said J. R. Coffman do pay a fine of Fifty Dollars and be imprisoned in the County jail for a period of thirty days, the period by the jurors ascertained, to which the prisoner excepted. And on the motion of the Defendant the enforcement of this judgment is suspended for sixty days in order that he may have a copy of the record made inclusive of the transcript of the evidence and bills of exception to present to the Supreme Court of Appeals with a petition for a writ of error; and on his further motion permission is given him to enter into a recognizance for his appearance at this Court on tomorrow.

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Teste: Eugene Glover Clerk.

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Clerk.

Teste:





March Term, 1924.

Virginia,

Clarke County, sct:

At a Circuit Court continued and held for the County of Clarke at the Court House thereof on Monday, April 7th. 1924.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs. (Indictment for Misd.

J. R. Coffman

This day came the Commonwealth by its Attorney, and J. R. Coffman appeared in pursuance of his recognizance, and it appearing to the Court that the petition of J. R. Coffman for a writ of error and supersedeas to a judgment rendered by this Court has been denied by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, it is ordered that the said J. R. Coffman be remanded to Jail.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs. (Indictment for Misd.

J. R. Coffman

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Appeals held at the Library Building in the City of Richmond, on Friday the 4th. day of April, 1924.

The petition of J. R. Coffman for a writ of error and supersedeas to a judgment rendered by the circuit court of Clarke County on the 5th. day of February, in a prosecution by the Commonwealth against the said petitioner, for a violation of the Prohibition Law, whereby it was considered by the court that the said J. R. Coffman be confined in jail for thirty days and to pay a fine of fifty dollars, having been maturely considered and a transcript of the record of the judgment aforesaid seen and inspected, the court being of opinion that the said judgment is plainly right, doth reject said petition and refuse said

March Term, 1934.

Virginia,

Clarke County, West:

At a Circuit Court convened and held for the County of Clarke at the Court House thereof on Monday, April 23rd, 1934.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs. (Indictment for Murder)

J. R. Coffman

This day came the Commonwealth by its Attorney, and J. R.

Coffman appeared in pursuance of his recognizance, and it appearing

to the Court that the petition of J. R. Coffman for a writ of error

and supersedeas to a judgment rendered by this Court has been

denied by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, it is ordered

that the said J. R. Coffman be remanded to jail.

Commonwealth of Virginia

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to a judgment rendered by the circuit court of Clarke County on the

5th day of February, in a prosecution by the Commonwealth against the

said petitioner, for a violation of the Prohibition Law, whereby

it was considered by the court that the said J. R. Coffman be confined

in jail for thirty days and to pay a fine of fifty dollars, having been

maturely considered and a transcript of the record of the judgment

therein seen and inspected, the court being of opinion that the said

judgment is plainly right, both respect said petition and refuse said

writ of error and supersedeas, the effect of which is to affirm  
the judgment of the said circuit court.

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Teste: Eugene Glover Clerk.

Writ of error and supersedeas, the effect of which is to affirm  
the judgment of the said circuit court.

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Teste: Richard B. [Signature] Clerk.

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 20 day of May 1926,  
John R. Coffman and Rebecca Coffman  
came before me H.W. Bestman Bail Commissioner for the Circuit Court

of the said county of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be in-  
debted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say: ~~the said~~  
each in the sum of  
One thousand Dollars

good 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  
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  
John R. Coffman shall make default in the performance of the  
conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound John R. Coffman  
F. J. Arguebright or some other justice who may believe to try the case do and shall personally appear before <sup>the</sup> Circuit  
Court of Rockingham on the 22 day of ~~the~~ May 1926, <sup>at 10 o'clock a.m.</sup> ~~Term next~~  
thereof, being the ~~day of~~ in Harrisonburg 1926, at the Court-house thereof,  
and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain undue where-  
of the said John R. Coffman 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.  
H.W. Bestman B.C.

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

do hereby certify that on the 20 day of May 1895  
before me, J. R. Coffman and J. R. Coffman  
of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia

in the sum of Dollars

good 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 on 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 recognition with  
exceptions attached 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

condition of the above recognition is such that if the above bond  
do and shall personally appear before the Clerk  
on the 20 day of the Month of May 1895  
at the Court house thereat

of the said J. R. Coffman  
depart thereat without the leave of said Court, then the above recognition 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.  
J. R. Coffman

Bail Bond of  
J. R. Coffman



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

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

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*W. J. Russell & J. L. Diering*

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 *28th* day of *June* 19 *26*,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against.....

*John R. Coffman*

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 *24* day of *June*, 19 *26*, and in the *17<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.

Executed JUN 26 1925 by delivering a true Copy of the

within Summons to the within named witnesses

\_\_\_\_\_ in person.

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

Comd.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

John P. Coffman

Sheriff fee 1.00

June 28 1926



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

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

*You are hereby commanded to summon*

*W. J. Rissade & J. L. Diering*

*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 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 19<sup>26</sup>,*

*to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury*

*vs. John Coffman*

*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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 19<sup>26</sup>, and in the 14<sup>54</sup>th year of the Commonwealth.*

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.

JUN 17 1925

Executed by delivering a true Copy of the

within Summons to

*the within named witnesses*

*each* in person.

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

To the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Buchanan County, Georgia:

*Cam.*

*John Coffman*

*Sheriff fee \$1.00*

*June 21, 1925*

Arrest Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, } TO WIT:  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

To The Sheriff, a Constable of said County:

Whereas, W. D. Reynolds of the said County, has this day made

complaint and information on oath before me, R. J. Arguehight a Justice of the said County,

that J. R. Coffman

of the said County, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1926, in the said County, did

Unlawfully have in his possession and transport Ardent Spirits 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. R. Coffman to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon

mon J. S. Disting

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

Given under my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year 1926

R. J. Arguehight J. P. (Seal)

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

J. R. Goffman

Executed the within warrant by arresting  
and delivering the body of

J. H. Coffman  
before *W. H. G. Goffman*  
a Justice of Rockingham County, and by sum-  
moning the within named witnesses in person,

this 20 day of May 1926

Constable of Rockingham County.

Costs  
Justice \$3.00

Rockingham County, State of Virginia.  
The Devered appeared before me and waived his preliminary  
hearing, the Devered named in within warrant. Devered  
with Rebecca Goffman and each was recognized in the sum  
of One thousand dollars for the personal appearance of  
John R. Goffman before the Circuit Court of this County on the  
1st day of its next term and not depart therefrom with leave of  
the Court  
Given under my hand this the 22nd day of May 1926  
W. H. G. Goffman, J.P.

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COMMONWEALTH

vs. Felony (Pro.)

John R. Coffman

Sheriff Cost

Prison Fare 11.50

Summons 2.00

\$13.50

5.50

1.00

1.50

50

8.00

Ans. plea G.  
Set for June 28

fixed evidence case  
cont for judgment



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