

Clerk's Loose Papers

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State of Virginia, Prince William County to wit.

To the Clerk of the County Court of said County. I W. M. Longwell a Justice of said County do hereby certify that I have this day committed Melvin Thompson to the Jail of said County that he may be tried before the County Court of said County for Petit Larceny by him committed in this that he the said Melvin Thompson on the 10th day of January 1896 did unlawfully take steal and carry away a lamp of the value of 75 cents of the goods and chattels of the Southern Railway Company.

Given under my hand this 11th day of January 1896

W. M. Longwell J. P.

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State of Virginia, Prince William County to wit.

To F. C. Rorabaugh, Const. of said County and Keeper of the County Jail

These are in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia to command you the said Constable forthwith to convey and deliver into the custody of the keeper of the said jail together with this warrant the Body of Melvin Thompson charged before me W. M. Longwell a Justice of said County on oath of L. B. Thomas agent for the Southern Railway Company with petit larceny by him committed in this that he the said Melvin Thompson on the 10th day of January 1896 in said County did unlawfully take steal and carry away one piece of wire? Of the value of \$125 of the goods and chattels of the Southern Railway Company and you the keeper of the said jail are hereby required to receive the said Melvin Thompson into your jail and custody that he may be tried for the said offence before the county court of said county and him there safely keep until he shall be discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hand this 11th day of January 1896

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I David Strother complains in a warrant for House Breaking against Melvin Thompson issued this 15th day of January 1896 by W. M. Longwell, a Justice of Prince William County and State of Virginia. Do solemnly swear that between the 15th and 20th of September 1895 in the night time while in the employ of the Southern Railway Company I saw one Melvin Thompson colored raise a window of the Baggage Room of the Depot and reach his hand into said room and take a bundle containing two brooms, the following morning I met the said Melvin Thompson and told him that I saw him raise the said window and take the brooms and if he did not bring them back I would tell Mr. Thomas the agent of the Southern Railway Company. The said Melvin Thompson replied saying, don't say anything about it and I will bring them back.

David Strother

Sworn to before me in my county this 15th day of January 1896

W. M. Longwell J. P.