

This story is about the killing of a newborn child. If you think it will upset you, please don't read this story.

(I hope this story doesn't offend anyone. It is posted with the other cases to show that even in the 1870s some terrible crimes took place)

Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Prince William County to Wit:

In the Circuit Court for the said County. The jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for the body of the County of Prince William and for the body of the County of Prince William and now attending the said court upon their oaths present, that Sarah Jasper on the 28th day of March 1878 in the light of day, in the County aforesaid in and upon a certain new born male child whose name is to the jurors unknown, the issue of the body of the said Sarah Jasper, feloniously, willfully and her malice aforethought, did make an assault, and that the said Sarah Jasper a certain string about the neck of the said newborn male child, then and there feloniously and willfully and of her malice aforethought did fix, tie & fasten the said Sarah Jasper with the string aforesaid him the said newborn male child, then and there feloniously & willfully and of her malice aforethought, did pull choke strangle and dislocate the neck, of which did pulling choking & strangling & dislocation of the neck, he the said newborn male child instantly died and the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do say that the said Sarah Jasper hit the said newborn male child in manner and force aforesaid feloniously and willfully and of her malice aforethought and did kill & murder against the peace & dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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