

Commonwealth vs Joseph A King
Prince William County to wit

In the County Court for the said County the jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for the body of the County of Prince William and now attending the said court upon their oaths present that Joseph A. King on the tenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1878 in the County aforesaid in and upon one Philip Brady, feloniously willfully and of his malice aforethought did make an assault, and that the said Joseph A King with a certain dangerous weapon called a pick in his hand, then and there held, the said Philip Brady in and upon the left side of the head of him the said Philip Brady. Then and there feloniously, willfully and of his malice aforethought did strike; giving to the said Philip Brady then and there, with the pick aforesaid in and upon the aforesaid left side of the head of him the said Philip Brady one mortal wound of the breath of three inches and of the depth of three inches and crushing the scull of him the said Philip Brady; of which said mortal wound, he the said Philip Brady from the said tenth day of October in the year aforesaid, to the 24th day of October in the year aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, did languish, and languishing did live ; on which said 24th day of October in the year 1878, the said Philip Brady, in the County aforesaid, of the said mortal wound died. And so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do say that the said Joseph A. King, the said Philip Brady in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously & willfully, and of his malice aforethought, did kill & murder, against the peace & dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia upon the testimony of Randolph Brady, Wm. Brady, Luther F. Akers and others.

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