



Horse Dealing Dispute

Judgment Against Ansty Man

Shaftesbury Court Claim

Horse-dealing transactions between a Salisbury farmer and an Ansty haulage contractor were the subject of an action lasting nearly two hours at Shaftesbury County Court on Monday.

Before His Hon. Judge E. W. Cave, Simeon Masters of Dogdean Farm, Salisbury, sued Charles E. Leaver of Ansty for £56 9s. and Leaver counter-claimed against Masters for £39 19s.

"The case concerns a number of somewhat complicated horse dealing transactions which are exceedingly difficult to understand unless one is connected with horse dealing" said Mr. Lemon (Salisbury), who represented Masters. He proceeded to trace the various transactions involving the exchange of horses between the two men.

Masters gave evidence of the alleged transactions and James Penny, of Bedford Road, Salisbury, corroborated with regard to certain of them.

Leaver - for whom Mr. W. Farley Rutter (Shaftesbury) appeared - gave his version of the deals and details of his counter claim.

Both Masters and Leaver were cross-examined at some length by the solicitors with regard to the details of the deals.

Frank Feltham, carter in Leaver's employ, giving evidence with regard to some of the horses which defendant was alleged to have bought from Masters, used some terse phrases to describe them. One, he said, was "not worth a penn'orth of cold gin"; another "wouldn't pull your hat off"; "I wouldn't give tuppence for him," and "He ought to have had his head on the other end, he would go backwards better than forwards."

The Judge gave judgement for the plaintiff on the claim of £42 7s. 6d., and on the counter-claim with costs.

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