



Bastardy Examination

Studley, Calne

At Calne Town Hall 4th September 1865

Ann Cole v George Hunt

Ann Cole swore & saith:-

I am a single woman residing at Studley. I am 25 years of age. On 4th May last I was confined of a female bastard child. I charge the defendant George Hunt with being the father of such child. A twelvemonth ago a little before haymaking - about June 1864 - we went away together. We lived from that time up to about September last year as man and wife at my father's house at Studley. He then left me and went away. I was then in the family way. He has had connection with me since September last. We went to Tredegar in Monmouthshire where we stopped a month. We then came back to my father's house where we cohabited as man and wife for nearly two months.

Robert Newbury swore & saith:-

I live at Hilmarton and am a labourer. Sometime in July last year the defendant and Ann Cole came to my house in Hilmarton and slept in one bed as man and wife. I got out of my bed for them to sleep in it and slept in another. I did not know but what they were married.

Mary Cole swore & saith:-

I live at Studley and am the mother of Ann Cole. They came home to our house and said they were married and lived in our house as man and wife. They stayed together at our house rather better than two months. The beginning of September last year the defendant left our house.

Sophia Slade swore & saith:-

The complainant came on the 26th of November last year with a man who she said was her husband. The man's name was John Fry. They stayed there two nights.

Case dismissed

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