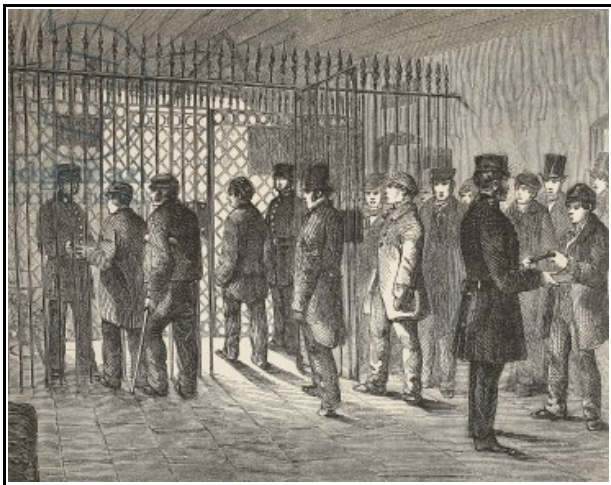


Crime and Punishment

Castle Eaton



1850

Swindon Petty Sessions Dec 27 --- Richard Hancock and Thomas Eacott, both of Broad Blunston, labourers, were summoned for the double offence of trespassing on land of Mr Jonah Newman, at Castle Eaton, in search of game, and of sporting without a certificate. Neither of the defendants appeared; the trespass was, however, disposed of in their absence. Eacott only was fined £2, including costs, the evidence against Hancock not having been quite conclusive. For the game certificate charge, a warrant was issued to apprehend both defendants. [Reading Mercury Saturday 5 January 1850](#)

1854

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes. --- Isaac Hawkins for three weeks for vagrancy at Castle Eaton. [Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 5 January 1854](#)

1856

Joseph Painter was charged by his master, Mr Jonah Newton, of Castle Eaton with having absconded from his service. Painter stated that his master ordered him off three times, and said that if he did not go he would beat his brains out; so he thought it was quite time to get off. The Bench considered Mr Newman had not acted properly, and dismissed the summons, ordering Mr Newman to pay the costs. [Reading Mercury Saturday 15 November 1856](#)

1857

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes. --- Richard Page for one month for leaving his service at Castle Eaton. [Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 10 December 1857](#)

1861

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes. --- Edward Midwinter, for 21 days for unlawfully leaving the service of Jonah Newman at Castle Eaton. [Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 5 December 1861](#)

1863

Michael O'Neill, a tramp from Cork, was committed for ten days for vagrancy at Castle Eaton on the 25th December. [Reading Mercury Saturday 3 January 1863](#)

Cricklade Petty Sessions April 18 --- Jonah Newman of Castle Eaton, farmer, was fined £2, to include costs, for assaulting PC John Moreton, on the 30th March last. **Reading Mercury Saturday 25 April 1863**

Cricklade Petty Sessions, Saturday Aug 8 --- Absolom Harding, agent for Mr J Archer, applied for the recovery of possession of a tenement at Castle Eaton, held over by Jacob Bowles. The tenancy not being satisfactorily proved, the Bench refused the application. **Reading Mercury Saturday 15 August 1863**

Cricklade Petty Sessions Sept 19 --- Jacob Bowles of Castle Eaton was fined 4s 6d and costs for drunkenness at Cricklade on the 14th inst. **Reading Mercury Saturday 26 September 1863**

Cricklade Petty Sessions Oct 10 --- Thomas Cox and Sarah Cox, his wife, of Castle Eaton, Wilts, were brought up in custody, charged with stealing a cheese, value 7s, the property of their master, Mr John Archer, on the 6th inst. The prisoners were hired by Mr Archer to manage his dairy; he had repeatedly missed butter and cheese, and a cheese was marked, part of which was found in the prisoner's house. The female prisoner was discharged; her husband pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. **Reading Mercury Saturday 17 October 1863**

1865

Cricklade Petty Sessions Sept 23 --- Jonah Newman of Castle Eaton, farmer, was summoned by Catherine Eggleton, of Blunsdon, for assaulting her on the 5th Sept. Mr Newman summoned Catherine Eggleton for stealing wheat in the ear, lying in his fields. It appears that Eggleton, with two other women, were gleaning in a field occupied by Mr Newman, which had not been raked, and he on finding them there, ordered them off, and commenced horse-whipping them. The Bench considered Mr Newman had used unnecessary force in removing the women, and fined him in the nominal penalty of 7s 6d, to include costs, but dismissed the charge of felony. This decision ruled two other cases, the facts being precisely the same. **Reading Mercury Saturday 20 September 1865**

1866

Wiltshire Quarter Sessions --- Harry Law, 27 labourer, was indicted for stealing a sovereign and a sixpence, the property of Alfred Lane at Castle Eaton on 20th April 1866. Mr Slade prosecuted and Mr Read defended. The prisoner slept with the prosecutor on the night in question, and, during the night he picked prosecutor's pocket. He was sentenced to three months hard labour. **Western Gazette Friday 13 July 1866**

1874

Committed to the County Gaol, Devizes. --- William Bartholomew, twenty one days for vagrancy at Castle Eaton. **Wiltshire Independent Thursday 24 September 1874**

1886

John Hole, 51, and his two sons George and William, labourers of Castle Eaton were charged with assaulting Joseph Baldwin of the same place on the night of the 28th August. There had been a dispute between the parties about a cat killing a rabbit, and it was alleged that the defendants met the complainant outside his cottage at 10 o'clock at night, knocked him down, kicked him and broke a couple of his ribs, in addition to tearing out his moustache and smashing his watch. A neighbour who came to

the rescue also got kicked. The younger defendants were committed for one month each, and the elder fined £2 and costs. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 23 September 1886**

1887

Henry Addis (22), George Ely (28) and John Head (16), labourers all of Highworth, were summoned by Mr Charles Webb, farmer of Castle Eaton, for trespassing in pursuit of game on land at Castle Eaton in the occupation of Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart, on January 29th. After consultation, the bench dismissed the case against Ely and Head, and issued a warrant for the apprehension of Addis, against whom there is also a charge of taking a hare without a license. **Bristol Mercury Friday 4 February 1887**

1890

Swindon Police Court, Thursday. --- Enoch Winstone and Thomas Reynolds, both of Castle Eaton, were each fined 10s and 8s costs for being drunk and disorderly at Hannington on July 5th. PC Smith proved the case. **Gloucester Citizen Friday 18 July 1890**

1891

Swindon Police Court, Thursday. --- John William Akers, baker, of Castle Eaton, was summoned for keeping a trap without a license. Mr William Cumberland prosecuted on behalf of the Inland Revenue Commissioners, and called William Henry Wagstaffe, who stated the facts. Defendant was fined £2 and 7s costs. **Gloucester Citizen Friday 4 September 1891**

1895

Wilts Assizes at Salisbury on Thursday. --- Alfred Bromley, 69, labourer, pleaded guilty to burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of Alfred Angel at Castle Eaton on the 20th February, and also to stealing various articles of wearing apparel, the property of Christopher Card, at Swindon. Mr H Green prosecuted. A long list of previous convictions was put in, but in order to give the prisoner another chance, the Judge dealt leniently with him, and sentenced him to six calendar months, in addition to 160 days of an unexpired ticket of leave. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 6 June 1895**

1898

Swindon Petty Sessions, Thursday. --- John Price, carter of Castle Eaton, was fined 5s and 7s costs for driving without lights on November 22nd. **Gloucester Citizen Friday 2 December 1898**

1899

Swindon Petty Sessions, Thursday. --- George Morgan and Felix Harding, both of Castle Eaton, for allowing cattle to stray on the highway were fined £1 and 5s costs each. **Gloucester Citizen Friday 4 August 1899**