



Bastardy Examination

Hankerton

At Chippenham Petty Sessions

Thursday 1st January 1874

Rosa Scott v Eli Garland

Eli Garland, of Hankerton, was summoned at the instigation of the Board of Guardians of the Chippenham Union, to show cause why he should not contribute towards the support of the illegitimate child of Rosa Scott, at present an inmate of the Chippenham Workhouse. Mr Phillips attended on behalf of the Guardians. Defendant did not answer to the summons, and proof of service was given by Mr Supt Wiltshire.

Rosa Scott deposed that whilst in the service of Mr Teagle, of Hankerton, she had made the acquaintance of defendant, who was also a servant of Mr Teagle's. They began courting in January, 1873. In the month of February improper conduct took place, and on the 10th of November she was confined of a female child at the Chippenham Workhouse.

Defendant had promised to marry her, and had made her a present of a photograph in which both their likenesses appeared. He also visited her at her sister's at Kington Langley. A letter from defendant to complainant, which was couched in loving terms, was also produced.

An order as made for the payment of 2s weekly, with costs.

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