



## *Bastardy Examination*

### *Highway*

*At Calne Town Hall, 18th December 1876*

*Caroline Clifford v John Bishop*

Defendant did not appear and the case was adjourned

*At Calne Town Hall, 15th January 1877*

*Caroline Clifford v John Bishop*

Caroline Clifford swore and saith:-

I am a single woman and live at Highway in Wilts. I have been confined of a bastard child. Child was born on 23rd of May 1876. John Bishop of Hilmarton, labourer, is the father. He has not paid me any money. He made to walk alone with me, he offered me marriage and made to court me. He was at our house one Sunday evening, that was when the connection took place, that was on the 5th of September 1875. My mother and father were in the house on that evening.

Jane Clifford swore & saith:-

I live at Highway and I am Mother to the applicant. Defendant was in company at my house on the 5th September 1875. I saw nothing improper between them. He was not in the habit of walking with her.

Hannah Rumming swore & saith:-

I live at Highway. I know Caroline Clifford and John Bishop. He told me he was in company with this young person on the 5th September 1875 and had hands with her, he said if it was his he would help to keep it. He asked me if it was true that she was in the family way - about a twelve month ago. I have not seen the girl lying about with men.

Order Made

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