



## Little Hinton Wanton Damage to Property

Swindon Police Court  
Thursday April 22

John Kent and John Turtle, labourers, of Little Hinton, were summoned on a charged of doing wilful damage to a wall, the property of George Talbot, blacksmith of Lower Wanborough.

The defendants did not appear, but a letter from Turtle's father was presented to the Bench, in which that person stated that his son was unavoidably absent in London on an important lawsuit.

P.C. Hancock deposed that he had seen Kent that morning, who told him that he had a bad foot, and could not, therefore, be present in Court that day.

From the evidence of the plaintiff and his witnesses it appeared that the outrage was of a most wanton and unprovoked character, the defendants having deliberately put their shoulders to the wall and push it down. The Bench ordered the case to be adjourned, and allow the plaintiff's and his witnesses costs for that day's attendance.

**Source: The North Wilts Herald 26 April 1869**

Swindon Police Court  
Thursday April 29  
Wilful Damage

John Kent and John Turtle, labourers, of Little Hinton, were charged with wilfully damaging a wall, the property of G.T. Smith, of Binlands Farm, Wanborough.

This was an adjourned case.

A youth and boy in the employ of Mr. Smith deposed that they saw the prisoners in the act of throwing down the wall, and a blacksmith named Fisher, the occupier of the premises, testified that he saw Turtle with one of the bricks in his hand, just as the wall was falling.

The defendants were ordered to pay £1 each including expenses, or go to prison for fourteen days. The money having been paid the prisoners were discharged.

**Source: The North Wilts Herald 3 May 1869**