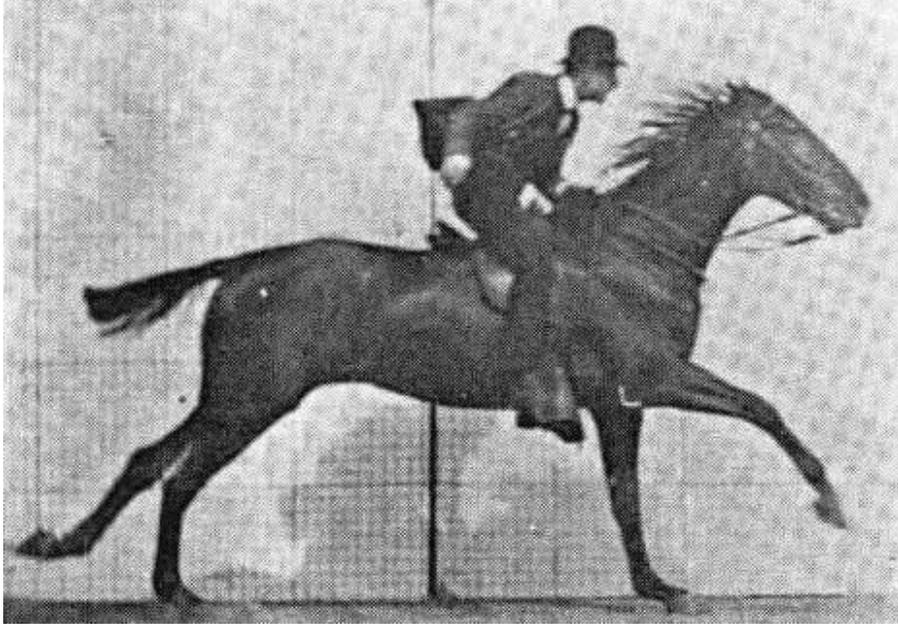


Little Somerford



Furious Riding

Malmesbury Petty Sessions, Jan 5. Before the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Andover, Rev. H. Wightwick, Clerk, and R.H. Pollan, Esq.

George Hall, of Little Somerford, baker, was summoned by Mary Ponting, on behalf of her little girl, Eliza Ponting. He appeared, and the child stated, that on the 20th December last, she was going with her sister to Somerford, for apples: they had a small hand-cart with them; when they got to the top of Somerford hill, on the turnpike road, her sister called to her to go on the sward for horses were coming: she had done so, but before she had time to turn around, the prisoner, on horseback, galloped over her and the cart, and threw them down; her arms and other parts of her person were hurt, and her clothes and the cart damaged. He did not pull up until he had got a good way past. There was another young man on horseback also galloping. The defendant said they were not racing, he could not control the horse, and he had offered the girl's mother reparation, but she had asked 15s., which he thought too much. The magistrates however, considered this sum a very modest compensation; he might have been brought before them on a much more serious charge, and they hoped he would be more cautious in future: Ordered to pay 15s and costs.

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