



Crime and Punishment

Minety

Court Case

Walter Poole

Walter Poole, Of Minety, was charged by the Inland Revenue authorities with keeping a dog without a license.

Mr C F Cooke, supervisor, of Cirencester, prosecuted. Mr John Russell Randell, Inland Revenue officer stationed at Cricklade, deposed to going to defendant's house on the 18th June. He knew defendant had one dog license, and that he kept three dogs. He asked him how many dogs he had, when he said one. Witness called his attention to two that were present, and he said one was under age (which was true). While they were talking, the third dog came in, to which he called his attention. Defendant said, "That isn't mine, he belongs to a man named Brown in the Militia, and I am taking care of it for him." Witness told defendant Brown's dog was a different colour from that. Witness subsequently went to Brown's house. He had seen three dogs at defendant's on the 14th May and called on him, but he was not at home.

PC George Phillips, stationed at Minety, proved seeing three dogs on Poole's premises ever since last November, and had called Poole's attention to it, when he said one was licensed, one was a puppy, and one was a neighbour's. Mr Cooke asked for a substantial penalty. Defendant was fined 30s.

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