



# Crime and Punishment

## *Oaksey*

### Miscellaneous Crime Reports

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| <b>1828</b> | William Ayliff                     | Six weeks for a misdemeanour in the service of Mr William West of Oaksey<br><i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 3 January 1828</i>   |
| <b>1828</b> | Rachael Holliday                   | One month , for leaving the service of Mr Moses Clarke, of Oaksey<br><i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 13 November 1828</i>  |
| <b>1829</b> | William Cole                       | Three months hard labour for stealing beans at Oaksey<br><i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 16 March 1829</i>  |
| <b>1830</b> | Thomas Boulton                     | Of Oaksey, Three months for breaches of the Game Laws<br><i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 11 November 1830</i>  |
| <b>1831</b> | Thomas Ricketts &<br>Leonard Jones | Two months each for destroying wood, the property of Joseph Pitt of Oaksey<br><i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 10 February 1831</i>   |
| <b>1832</b> | George Hillier                     | One month, and to be whipped, for leaving the service of William Milsom, of Oaksey<br><i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 30 April 1832</i>   |
| <b>1839</b> | Joseph Taylor                      | One month for leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Oaksey<br><i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 19 December 1839</i>  |
| <b>1840</b> | Peter Uzzell                       | Of Oaksey was fined in the full penalty of five pounds for a violent assault upon Mr Jones, his father-in-law, and ordered to find sureties to keep the peace for 12 months.<br><i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 27 August 1840</i> |
| <b>1841</b> | John Barton                        | Four months for stealing a cart harness bridle at Oaksey<br><i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 12 July 1841</i>  |
| <b>1842</b> | T Bartlett                         | Of Oaksey six months for destroying game at Kemble<br><i>Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 24 February 1842</i>   |
| <b>1843</b> | William Butcher                    | Two months for leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Oaksey.<br><i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 4 May 1843</i>  |
| <b>1850</b> | Thomas White                       | One month for stealing a band saw from John Dix, at Oaksey   |

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 14 March 1850

- 1859** David Tulley One month for hawking without a license at Oaksey.  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 16 June 1859
- 1866** William Anderson One month for vagrancy at Oaksey  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 20 December 1866
- 1869** William Rigsby One month for bastardy at Oaksey  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 25 November 1869
- 1872** Elizabeth Mayo 10 years of age, living at Oaksey, was brought up on remand charged with stealing a pair of calico drawers, the property of Simon Lewis, of Poole Keynes, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ult. Fined £1 (under the Juvenile Offenders Act), which was paid.  
Western Daily Press Friday 12 January 1872
- 1872** William Morris Seven days for vagrancy at Oaksey.  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 27 June 1872
- 1873** Thomas Wicks & Frederick Glass Charged with being drunk and fighting, at Oaksey, on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. The case was proved by PS Perrett. Fined 9s each, including costs.  
Western Daily Press Friday 7 March 1873
- 1873** Charles Jones A hawker, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the Wheatsheaf Inn, at Oaksey; and also with being drunk and riotous at the same time and place. Fined 10s 6d in each case, including costs.  
Western Daily Press Friday 4 July 1873
- 1873** James Wainwright Was summoned to show cause why he should not contribute towards the support of the illegitimate child of Elizabeth Harris, of Oaksey.  
Western Daily Press Friday 8 August 1873
- 1873** Jesse Fisher & William Uzzell Of Oaksey, charged with being drunk and riotous, were fined 13s each, costs included.  
Western Daily Press Friday 5 December 1873
- 1873** Mark Rickets Charged with refusing to leave the Wheatsheaf Inn, at Oaksey, when requested, was fined 13s, costs included.  
Western Daily Press Friday 5 December 1873
- 1874** George Rickets Of Oaksey, was brought up in custody of PC Oatley, charged with being drunk and riotous, and refusing to leave the public street, at 11 o'clock on the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant. PC Oatley deposed that he found the prisoner very drunk, and making a noise in Gloucester Street, when he requested him to go home, which he refused to do. He then took him into custody. Prisoner admitted the offence, and was convicted and fined 5s and costs.  
Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Monday 26 January 1874
- 1875** Hannah Darve Of Oaksey, a girl about 14, was brought up in custody of PS Perrett charged with stealing a box containing money, the principal part of which consisted of farthings. Remanded until the 4th of August.  
Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Monday 26 July 1875
- 1877** George Chambers A lad twelve years of age, was charged with willful damage to a plough. Mr Charles Warner, a farmer, of Oaksey, said that on the last day of January the

plough was left all right, and the next morning the ploughman found the plough all in pieces, and some of it broken. The lad said he took it apart to put it together again, but could not do so. The chairman said he ought to be whipped, but as he had no father, he would be fined 12s, including costs.

[Western Daily Press Friday 9 February 1877](#)

**1877** John Mills

Of Oaksey, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness at Crudwell, and likewise with riding in a waggon without reins. Fined 2s 6d and 8s 6d costs.

[Western Daily Press Thursday 5 April 1877](#)

**1877** John Collar &  
Richard Collar

Two brothers, of Swellbrook, Minety, aged 14 and 16 respectively, were summoned by John Leonard Hawkins, farmer, of Oaksey, for doing damage to a gate by unhinging it and throwing it in a pool. The case was proved by George Butcher and PS Cross. The defendants had been drinking at Oaksey, until nine o'clock on the Sunday night, and the damage was alleged to have been committed on their way home. The Bench informed the defendants that they were liable to a fine of £5 each, but as this was their first offence, they would be fined in the mitigated penalty of £1 each, including costs, or one month each. The money was paid.

[Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Gazette Monday 10 December 1877](#)

**1878** F Fisher

Of Oaksey, for being drunk and disorderly at Crudwell, was fined 1s and 9s costs.

[Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Gazette Monday 8 April 1878](#)

**1882** Walter Baker

A native of Oaksey, but who has been living at Birmingham, was brought up in custody charged with stealing a silver watch, two jackets, and a pair of trousers, value £2, the property of his father, Daniel Baker, labourer, at Oaksey, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. The prisoner paid his father a visit, and he was afterwards apprehended at Cirencester with the property in question in his possession. He was remanded until Friday.

[Western Daily Press Saturday 19 August 1882](#)

**1883** Henry Taylor &  
Noah Ody

(Taylor appeared but Ody did not). Farmers, were summoned by Supt Luffman, charged with removing two pigs from a sale at Oaksey, without a license. Taylor admitted the offence, but stated that he acted in accordance with an advertisement in a Wiltshire paper, which he produced. He did not think he was violating the law. The bench believed he acted in perfect good faith, but they must inflict a fine and costs, which would amount to £1 5s 6d.

[Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 8 March 1883](#)

**1888** Sarah Williams

Domestic servant, was charged with stealing a gold ring, value £5, the property of her mistress, Miss Hannah Buckland, of Woodfold Farm, Oaksey. She was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

[Bristol Mercury Monday 10 September 1888](#)

**1889** Stewart Ricketts

Single man, of Oaksey, was charged by Albert Kent, landlord of the Wheatsheaf Inn, with being quarrelsome and abusive to him, and refusing to leave his house on the 25th December. Plaintiff proved the case, and defendant pleaded guilty, but said that it was the plaintiff's beer that made him quarrelsome. Fined 11s, including costs.

[Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 3 January 1889](#)

- 1890** Arthur Wright A carter, of Oaksey, was summoned by Charles Mayo, an under carter, on a charge of beating him with a stick on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Plaintiff stated that defendant beat him on the head , throat and back for no offence whatsoever. Defendant admitted beating him, but said he did not do it cruelly. The lad was lazy and did not come to his work, and was saucy. Fined 13s 6d including costs.  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 4 December 1890
- 1891** William Whiteman A single man, carpenter, residing at Oaksey, was summoned by Albert Kent, landlord of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Oaksey, charged with refusing to quit licensed premises when requested, on the 29<sup>th</sup> November last; there was a second charge of assaulting and beating the landlord. The bench decided to hear both cases together, and ultimately fined the defendant 25s, to include costs, and allowed three weeks to pay.  
Western Daily Press Thursday 15 January 1891
- 1897** Clara Watts Of Oaksey, fined 8s in respect of unmuzzled dog.  
Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Saturday 20 November 1897
- 1898** Matilda Butcher 17, a well dressed , decent, respectable looking servant girl, surrendered to her bail, and pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the dwelling house of Daniel Biggs, at Oaksey, on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, and stealing a £5 note, £1 18s, and other articles. Three months' hard labour.  
Bristol Mercury Wednesday 5 January 1898
- 1899** Kate May 17, of Oaksey, was charged with sleeping out and having no visible means of subsistence. The police gave the girl a very bad character, and Supt Morgan intimated that further efforts would be made to reform her. She was sent for seven days' hard labour.  
Gloucester Chronicle Thursday 13 July 1899