



A Notorious Criminal Coiners Discovered

Keys, the Bow Street officer, with assistance of Davis, the Sheriff's Officer of this city [Salisbury], has succeeded in apprehending the notorious "Bill Phillips", a native of the neighbouring village of Alderbury, and a woman with whom he cohabited, on the charge of coining to a great extent.

In searching the house in which they resided, in Church street, St. Edmund's, all the necessary apparatus for carrying on their nefarious traffic was at once discovered. It appears that the parties have been for some time engaged in this occupation, and that they were in the habit of employing boys to pass off their bad money.

The prisoners underwent an examination on Saturday last, and were remanded till this day (Monday). Mr. Powell, the solicitor to the Mint, has been for some days past in this city, to aid in the efforts making to bring the delinquents to justice.

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From the Criminal Records

County Sessions Salisbury 3rd January 1837

William Phillips age 27, for having in possession a mould for coining. Transportation for life.

Jane Brunsdon age 28, for the same charge. 6 months imprisonment