



Died on the 16th inst, John Gifford, esq, of Seend, aged 87 **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 22 November 1866**

On looking over an old file of our newspaper, published in 1817, we find a circumstance recorded in connection with Mr Giffard of Seend, which probably few of our present readers will remember. In the year above mentioned, or rather in the latter end of 1816.....the culprits were afterwards captured, through one of the men shewing the bank notes to a boy in a public house at Pewsey. There were tried at the Lent Assizes at Salisbury in 1817 and hung! Mr Giffard after the trial obtained the repossession of his watch and seals, which he wore up to the time of his death.

(OPC Note: See Seend Crime and Punishment 1800 to 1849)