



## *Crime Reports*

### *Stratton St. Margaret 1900-1949*

- 1900 – William BUNCE and Thomas ILES, labourers, of Stratton, fined for not sending children to school. *Citizen* 23-02-1900.
- Ernest PANTING, baker, of Stratton, fined for driving with no lights. *Citizen* 23-02-1900.
  - Emily BREAKSPEARE, servant of Stratton, stealing £11 from John LOVERIDGE, of Stratton on September 5th. Three months prison. *Citizen* 04-04-1890.
  - Albert HEWER, 14, with embezzling 6s, from his employer, W.J. COX, dairyman, Stratton. He collected the money and told his master the account had not been paid. Bound over. *Citizen* 11-12-1900.
- 1901 -Millicent WEBB, of Gypsy Lane, Stratton was charged by NSPCC with neglecting her four children. She had been charged and cautioned before. Given 2 months hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser* 18-01-1901.
- Charles FROUD brought up charged with being a deserter. Remanded to await an escort. *Swindon Advertiser* 08-03-1901.
  - Frederick & Arthur ARCHER for damaging a fox trap value 2s 6d. To pay 11s 6d damages, costs and fine. *Swindon Advertiser* 15-03-1901.
  - Harry DYKE, a brewer's traveller of Stratton for riding his bicycle with no lights. Fined 1s and 7s costs. *Swindon Advertiser* 26-04-1901.
- Arthur COOK, baker of Stratton against Michael GALE, GWR riveter of Gorse Hill, claim for £18 19s 5d for bread and flour. Debt to be paid at 3s per month. *Swindon Advertiser* 26-04-1901.
- Frank RUSSELL, farmer of Stratton, fined £1 including costs for driving a bull, exceeding 18 months, without being properly secured. *Citizen* 31-05-1901
  - William HALE, labourer of Stratton, bound over for three months for assaulting his brother George HALE. *Citizen* 31-05-1901
  - Geo. R STANLEY of Fairview Terrace, for not sending his son to school regularly, when wife laughed at this, she was made to pay entire costs of 10s 5d. The child was 12 and had missed 82 days. *Swindon Advertiser* 06-09-1901.
  - Jasper TURNER, labourer of Stratton, for obstructing Hythe Road, Swindon for 50 minutes on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Costs 2s 6d. *Swindon Advertiser* 18-10-1901.
  - Enos William TARRANT, a labourer of Stratton for being drunk & disorderly at 3:30 this morning. Agreed to go to Workhouse. *Swindon Advertiser* 27-12-1901.
- 1902 -Frederick BLUNSDEN, 14 of Stratton, for stealing a pack of cards and 1d from William H DAY, of Stratton Reading Rooms on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. Bound over. *Swindon Advertiser* 10-01-1902.
- George RUSSELL, dealer of Stratton, for allowing 2 horses to stray on highway at Stanton.

Fined 1s each plus costs. *Swindon Advertiser 24-01-1901.*

-George RUSSELL, dealer of Stratton, for allowing two heifers to stray at Stratton on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Fined 5s and 5s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 16-05-1902.*

-George RUSSELL, dealer of Stratton in trouble again. At Faringdon Petty Sessions for using insulting language on 6<sup>th</sup> May, in Faringdon Market Place. Fined £1 8s and 12s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 30-05-1902.*

-John OSMAN, Victoria Cottages, Stratton. Administration Order. *Citizen 29-05-1902.*

-Henry Lewis, labourer of Stratton for being drunk on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Fined 2s 6d and 5s costs.

*Swindon Advertiser 18-07-1902.*

-Thomas CONSTABLE for being in arrears on Bastardy Order, Bench ordered arrears to be paid at 2s 6d per week. *Swindon Advertiser 18-07-1902.*

-William Procter, a tramp was charged with smashing glass panes and tearing up his blanket, while in the Workhouse. Committed for 1 months hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 01-08-1902*

-Henry James FORD, baker, of Stratton, wilful damage by catapult, breaking panes of glass of North Wilts Equitable Society's Jubilee cottages, 10s fine 6d damages and £1 1s solicitors fee. *Swindon Advertiser 12-09-1902.*

Thomas SMITH of Upper Stratton for attempting to commit suicide by cutting his own throat. Committed for trial from Police court. *Swindon Advertiser 12-09-1902.*

-William ILES, of Stratton Green, was charged with stealing a side of bacon, value £2, was committed to gaol for one month, with hard labour. *Faringdon Advertiser 21-09-1902*

-Thomas SMITH, labourer, charged with attempted suicide, by cutting his own throat on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Stratton. Bound over. *The Western Daily Press 15-10-1902.*

-Fred FORD, baker of Stratton, charged with being drunk and disorderly, also assaulting P.C. Crouch. Fined 5s and 5s 6d cost, plus 20s and 6s costs for the assault. *Citizen 24-10-1902.*

-Enos LAWRENCE for not sending child to school regularly, fined 5s. *Swindon Advertiser 05-12-1902.*

-Thomas Smith, of Upper Stratton, was brought up in custody charged with having, on June 28<sup>th</sup> last, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat, – Prisoner was committed for trial, and reserved his defence. Bail was allowed. *Swindon Advertiser 12-12-1902.*

1903 Raymond TOOMBS, 22, baker, for stealing four iron bars, worth 10s, the property of Albert HAINES, of Stratton. Six months hard labour. *The Western Daily Press 07-01-1903.*

-Henry James SMITH, 9, of Stratton, bound over for stealing a bicycle lamp and a carriage lamp. Mother warned to pay better attention. *Citizen 16-01-1903.*

-Harry TAYLOR of Stratton Green for allowing an ass to stray. Fined 1s and costs. *Swindon Advertiser 23-01-1903.*

-John MATTHEWS, carter of Stratton for not having control of horse & cart at Shrivenham on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Given 16 days in gaol. *Swindon Advertiser 13-03-1903.*

-Edwin PONTIN, 49, labourer, for stealing a pair of gloves, value 2s 6d, the property of Thomas PEARCE, of Stratton. On 27<sup>th</sup> January. Six months imprisonment.

*Citizen 09-04-1903.*

-Cyclist in trouble – Benjamin Austin, labourer of Lower Stratton for dangerous cycling 1s plus costs, and Edward Attwood of Swindon for riding on pavement in Cricklade Road, 3s 6d. also John Smith of Kingsdown for obstructing Regent Street with a cart fined 5s. *Swindon Advertiser 10-04-1903.*

-Edwin PONTER, labourer of Stratton for stealing a pair of gloves value 2s 6d, the property of Thomas PEARE, of the White Hart. Having previous convictions, he was given six months hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 10-04-1903.*

-Harry NEWPORT, labourer of Stratton, for not sending his daughter Ellen, 13, to school. Bench made attendance order and fined of 2s 5d plus costs. *Swindon Advertiser 17-04-1903.*

-George Henry SMITH and William WARREN, carters, of Stratton, charged with not having

proper control of horses they were driving. Fined 10s each including costs. *The Western Daily Press 21-04-1903*.

-Frederick STEVENS, tinsmith of Stratton for using obscene language, fined 3s and 7s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 01-05-1903*.

Herbert ROBINSON, labourer of Stratton, for breach of contract with Albert Snook, farmer of South Marston. Left before end of 12-month contract, bench fined him £1 and 8s costs. He now has better job at Stratton Sewerage works. *Swindon Advertiser 01-05-1903*.

-Thurza RICHENS, married woman, of Stratton, for assaulting a little lad of eight. The child was returning home from school when she threw him into a bed of nettles, nearly blinding him. When fine of 5s and 15s costs imposed she became violent and had to be removed by police. *Citizen 29-05-1903*.

Henry ILES of Lower Stratton for furiously driving a horse and trap and then driving without lights that night. Fined 15s and 24s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 26-06-1903*.

-Enos LAWRENCE, labourer of Stratton for neglecting to send his children to school, fined 2s 6d per child. John Hammond was similarly charged and given an attendance order. *Swindon Advertiser 10-07-1903*.

-Frank HOLLIDAY, William ALGAR, Edgar ALGAR and Frank COMLEY, of Stratton, obtained drinks at Plough Inn & Harrow in at Wanborough under false representations of their travels. Fined 15s each, or seven days. *Citizen 31-07-1903 & Swindon Advertiser 31-07-1903*.

-Arthur BEAMS, labourer of Stratton, affiliation order by Ruth RODBOURNE of Stratton. Ordered to pay 2s 6d until child is 14 plus £2 12s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 28-08-1903*.

-Alfred STEVENS, Highworth Road, Stratton was summoned by Martha STEVENS for assault. Bound over for 6 months at £40, plus 11s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 28-08-1903*.

George FARMER of Stratton was bound over for striking the 12-year-old son of Louisa BOWLES of Stratton with 5s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 04-09-1903*.

-Geroge COLLETT, labourer of Stratton summoned for using bad language. Fined 5s and 16s 6d costs or 7 days. *Swindon Advertiser 09-10-1903*.

-Arthur BEAVIS, Lower Stratton, for arrears of £3 4s 6d on affiliation order with Ruth RODBOURNE, committed for one month. *Swindon Advertiser 09-10-1903*.

-Thomas BREWER, a labourer, of Stratton, sent to gaol for 14 days in default of paying fine for smashing window of Bell Inn, Liddington, after he had been ejected. *Citizen 16-10-1903*.

-Alfred George EDWARDS, 37, a ship's cook, for stealing a silver watch and chain, value 3 guineas, the property of Ernest Edward PAWLING at Stratton on June 19<sup>th</sup>. 4 months hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 23-10-1903*.

-Jone BARNES for assault on stepfather Charles KEENE. Dismissed as Mr Keene did not attend. *Swindon Advertiser 13-11-1903*.

-William TITCOMBE, labourer of Stratton, for being drunk and disorderly on 4<sup>th</sup>. Fined 2s 6d and 5s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 20-11-1903*.

-Frederick MOORE, oil dealer of Stratton, for assaulting his wife on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Order was granted, fined £2 and bound over for 6 months. *Swindon Advertiser 20-11-1903*.

-Elizabeth HAWKINS, married woman of Stratton, for neglecting her children. Fortnight gaol, with hard labour, husband told he would be given month to effect an improvement. *Citizen 11-12-1903*.

-James DREWETT, of Stratton for being drunk and disorderly at Swindon, fined. *Citizen 11-12-1903*.

-William LIDDON and Edward HILL of Stratton, charged by RSPCA for cruelty to horses, Both fined £1. *Swindon Advertiser 11-12-1903*.

-Ernest FROWDE, of Stratton, for obscene language in the street, fined 3s and 7s costs. *Citizen 11-12-1903*.

-James DREWETT, labourer of Stratton for being drunk and disorderly on 4<sup>th</sup>. Fined 2s 6d and 5s costs, also bound over for 3 months. *Swindon Advertiser 11-12-1903*.

-George HEATH of Stratton for being drunk on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Fined 2s 6d and 5s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 11-12-1903*.

George ILES, 21, of Stratton, Road Car Driver. Summoned for not wearing his badge and

Edgar ILES, 18, the conductor for like offence. Fined 10s. *Swindon Advertiser 11-12-1903.*

George RUSSELL, for leaving a horse & cart unattended in John Street for 90 minutes. Fined 2s 6d and 3s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 18-12-1903.*

- 1904 Daniel J LARGE, was summoned for selling pints of milk containing 2.5% milk fat and 8% milk solids when legal minimums are 3% and 8% respectively. Fined £1 and costs. *Hastings & St Leonards Observer 09-01-1904.*
- Frank MORSE, a lad, 16, of Stratton charged with stealing 6d on 3rs and 8d on 4<sup>th</sup>, the property of Alice Annie TROTMAN, baker of Stratton. It was also reported he had been found drinking on several occasions. 3 years Reform school. *Swindon Advertiser 15-01-1904.*
- Benjamin MULCOCK of Stratton, being drunk on Boxing Day. Fined 2s 6d and 5s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 15-01-1904.*
  - Arthur ALDRIDGE of Stratton, summoned for obscene language in High Street on Christmas Day, fined 2s 6d and 7s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 15-01-1904.*
  - Edward ANTISS of Lower Stratton for being drunk & disorderly, fined 6s and 4s costs and bound over for six months at 40s. *Swindon Advertiser 12-02-1904.*
  - Robert THOMPSON, a tramp for sleeping rough in a hay rick. 1 days prison. *Swindon Advertiser 12-02-1904.*
  - Frederick WEEKS of Stratton, with another man, for committing a criminal assault on Flora Jackson, a married woman from Highworth, on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, after leaving The Crown Inn, on the pretext of walking her home. *Citizen 04-03-1904.*
  - Joseph EMBLING and George Henry SMITH, of Stratton, fined 10s and 6s costs for trespassing for conies on Mrs Agar's property. *Citizen 18-03-1904.*
  - William JOHNSON, labourer of Stratton, for non-school attendance of his child Elizabeth. Given attendance order. *Swindon Advertiser 15-04-1904.*
  - Mrs A BUCKLAND of Stratton for pretending to tell fortunes, William TITCOMBE, labourer of Stratton, for stealing potatoes valued at 2s 6d, Harold HOLT of Stratton for wilful damage to a wall. *Swindon Advertiser 29-04-1904.*
  - Edward ANSTIE, of Stratton, for being drunk & disorderly and assaulting PC Bowyer. Defendant did not appear so warrant issued. *Swindon Advertiser 20-05-1904.*
  - William PULLEN, of Stratton for wilfully damaging a laburnum tree, the property of John Masters of Stanton Fitzwarren. *Citizen 03-06-1904.*
  - Harry Lewis of Swindon for stealing a bicycle the property of William Henry HILL, coach builder of Stratton. Accused asked for work of Mr Hill who acceded, the bicycle was taken when accused went to get clothes to start work. He then took the bicycle to Highworth where he sold it. Six months hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 01-07-1904.*
  - John ELLIOT for keeping a dog without a licence. 4s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 01-07-1904.*
- George & Henry ILES summoned by RSPCA for working a horse in an unfit state. Fined £1 & 8s costs each. *Swindon Advertiser 01-07-1904.*
- John FERRIS to contribute towards maintenance costs for his wife at County Asylum. To pay 2s 6d per week. *Swindon Advertiser 08-07-1904.*
  - John BARNES was summoned to keep the peace towards Edith BARNES. Separation Order granted, defendant bound over for 3 months and to pay costs of 7s. *Swindon Advertiser 08-07-1904.*
  - Walter LEGG, labourer of Upper Stratton for obscene language fined 3s 6d including costs. *Swindon Advertiser 08-07-1904.*
  - Edward KEMBREY, dairyman, summoned for driving without a light. 4s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 08-07-1904.*
  - Thomas BREWER, labourer of Stratton, using obscene language on 4<sup>th</sup>, Arrest warrant issued. *Swindon Advertiser 22-07-1904.*
  - No Licence – Albert MAYES fined 2s 6d + 7s costs & John ELLIOT fined 7s 6d & 7s costs,

both of Stratton for keeping dog without licence. *Swindon Advertiser 26-08-1904.*

-Alfred PILL of Stratton for having an unlicensed dog. Fined 5s & 7s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 02-09-1904.*

- Thomas SAUNDERS of Victoria Cottages for refusing to quit The Engineer's Arms on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Fined 10s & 10s costs but became disorderly in court and was removed to the cells. *Swindon Advertiser 02-09-1904.*

- Walter LIDDEN & Frederick WEAVING of Stratton were charged with animal cruelty by RSPCA Inspector. Fined 5s each. Also, Edward HILL who was fined £1 12s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 23-09-1904.*

-Albert NORDEN of Stratton for allowing two horses to stray, ordered to pay costs of 3s 6d, also Frank & Sidney BUCKLAND of Stratton to pay costs for a similar offence. At same court John BAILEY of Lower Stratton was charged with being drunk and made to pay costs. *Swindon Advertiser 21-10-1904.*

-Edwin PONTERN, 50, labourer for stealing a bridge valued at 7s 6d the property of Albert NURDEN at Stratton and a jar worth 1s 6d the property of Albert HAYES of Stratton and other items. As a repeat offender he was given 7 months hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 21-10-1904.*

Henry ILES of Stratton for driving a horse & cart furiously in Fleet Street on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>. Fined 10s 6d and £1 8s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 02-12-1904.*

-George JAMES of Stratton for committing a nuisance. Fined 1s and costs. *Swindon Advertiser 16-12-1904.*

- Kate HOBBS, for assaulting Martha PEART at the workhouse on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Seven days hard labour. Also, Jabes BUCKLAND for keeping a dog without a licence, 4s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 16-12-1904.*

-Catherine STEVENS, Elm Tree Cottage, Upper Stratton for being drunk & disorderly. Fined 2s 6d and 4s costs. Also, Albert CADEL, Stratton for obscene language. Fined 1s and 8d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 23-12-1904.*

1905 -Archie LAW of Stratton and William ALGAR of Gorse Hill for poaching. Made to pay costs. Also, Edward FRENCH of Stratton for allowing horses to stray, fined 1s for each horse and 5s 6d costs. Also, Charles KENT for obstructing the highway with horse & cart 3s 6d costs. Also, Thomas STEPHENS of Stratton for stealing Post Office letters, remanded for one week. *Swindon Advertiser 17-02-1905.*

-Alfred MASON, Upper Stratton for committing a nuisance. Fined 2s 6d & 7s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 10-03-1905.*

-Herbert SHEPPARD, labourer of Ryall farm, applied for an Administration Order, being £40 2s 11d in debt to 20 creditors. To repay 10s in £1 at 6s 6d per month. Wages 10s per week with wife and 2 children. Granted. *Swindon Advertiser 17-03-1905.*

-Fred Eastbury of Upper Stratton for obstructing the highway. Fined 5s & 5s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 14-04-1905.*

-William BUTCHER, James REEVES, Charles COOK, James WORTH, Frederick HOLDMAN, William BEAMES & Arthur REEVES. Obstruction, Fined 1s each *Swindon Advertiser 05-05-1905*

- Henry APLIN – No light - Proved *Swindon Advertiser 05-05-1905*

-David ILES of Upper Stratton for being in arrears of £1 10s, Order issued, also Walter LEGG & James SIMS of Stratton for breach of the peace outside Bakers Arms. Bond over on £1 plus 4s 9d each costs. *Swindon Advertiser 26-05-1905.*

-George PULLEN Enos LAWRENCE & William JOHNSON all of Stratton were summoned for not sending their children regularly to school. Fined 5s each. *Swindon Advertiser 09-06-1905.*

-Jesse BOWLEY, of Stratton for riding a cycle without a light at 1:30 a.m. *Citizen 16-06-1905*

-Sarah RICHENS, married woman of Stratton, for assaulting a youth Walter George MAPSON on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Bound over for £2 and 8s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 14-07-1905.*

-William MOESE labourer of the Green for using obscene language. Fined 3s & 7s costs. Also, Joseph RICHENS, labourer of Upper Stratton for similar offence, 4s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 14-07-1905.*

-Ralph TITCOMBE, of Stratton for being drunk & disorderly. Costs 4s. also, Harvey PULLEN 4s costs and bound over for 3 months. *Swindon Advertiser 04-08-1905.*

-John FERRIS, of Stratton summoned for maintenance arrears of £1 17s 6d. Order made. *Swindon Advertiser 28-07-1905.*

-Catherine JAMES, tramp for begging in Stratton & using obscene language. 7 day in each

case, concurrently. *Swindon Advertiser 11-08-1905.*

-William WEEKS, of Stratton, was summoned by Hannah GASKIN, a gipsy, for assault on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Case dismissed and FASKIN ordered to pay costs 4s 6d. *Citizen 22-08-1905.*

-James MOORE of Stratton for stealing the property of Mr. GILBERT of Stratton. Sentenced to 14 days. *Citizen 22-08-1905.*

-William WEEKS of Stratton was summoned by Hannah GASKIN, a gypsy, for assault. Dismissed, Gaskin to pay costs 4s 6d. *Swindon Advertiser 25-08-1905.*

-Frederick BARRETT of Stratton for stealing 3d worth of mushrooms the property of Mr J K Coleing of Highworth. Fined 5s plus 7s costs and 3d damages. *Swindon Advertiser 15-09-1905.*

-Richard POWELL and Thomas CURNICK both of Stratton summoned by RSPCA for cruelly treating a horse. Fined £1 5s. *Swindon Advertiser 15-09-1905.*

-William Albert SIMS, Richard SILK, H. PULLEN, of Stratton, were fined 6s 6d, and Ernest PULLEN, John ARKELL, Henry WILSON, James TAYLOR, and Albert MOULDING, 4s each for playing Banker in a public place on September 17<sup>th</sup>. *Citizen 03-10-1905.*

-John Fisher LOOKER, of Stratton applied for separation from his drunken wife, Louise A. LOOKER. Order granted, husband to get custody of children and pay wife 6s per week. *Citizen 27-10-1905.*

-Levi MILLARD, of Stratton, was summoned by Alfred JACKSON for stealing 1s on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Fined £5 or 28 days. *Citizen 27-10-1902.*

- 1906 - Ralph WRIGHT 21, and Frederick BLUNSDON both labourers of Stratton were indicted for breaking into the house of Thomas LOVE, baker of High Street, Stratton on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Bailed at £10 each *Swindon Advertiser 30-03-1906.* At Quarter Sessions, Wright pleaded guilty but Blunsdon denied the offence. Both given 4 months' hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 06-04-1906.*
- Henry ILES of Stratton for bad language in argument over sale of strip of land. Fined 2s 6d & 7s costs. Also, George ISLES on similar offence after a collision with a Tram in Gorse Hill. Fined 1s and 10s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 18-05-1906.*
- Henry Brown ANDREWS, 22, labourer, guilty of setting fire to a farm building at Stratton. Four months hard labour. *The Bath Chronical 18-01-1906.* Committed to County Assizes *Swindon Advertiser 25-05-1906.*
- Walter Henry JUKES, 47, farmer, and assistant overseer, of Stratton charged with setting fire to Pidgeon House farm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Put on remand. *Citizen 16-3-1906.* Bail was set at £1,500 *Citizen 20-3-1906.* He was also later charged with embezzling £14 17s paid to him as rates from Mr. Henry Charles LOOKER on May 1906, and also the Overseer's accounts were missing some £700. Bail refused and sent to cells for further evidence. *Citizen 11-05-1906.* New charge of receiving monies under false pretences from Joseph RUSSELL, for £100, £5 and £100 against parts of the farm. *Citizen 15-05-1906.* At Wilts Assizes he was finally charged with embezzling three sums of money amounting to £590 16s 6d, and with the charge of arson, the fire brigade found four separate locations for the fire starting, including one in the barn that housed the Stratton fire engine. It is believed the fire was set to destroy the Rate books. Given ten years for the arson and five years for the embezzling, to run concurrently. *Citizen 09-06-1906.* He was declared Bankrupt in July. *Western Gazette 05-06-1907.* Was in Portland Gaol when his Bankruptcy case was heard and was still saying he was innocent of Arson & Embezzlement. *Citizen 05-10-1907.*
- Frederick Charles BRUNSDON and Ralph WRIGHT, labourers, of Stratton were committed to Quarter Sessions on charge of housebreaking on 21<sup>st</sup>. Bail allowed. *Citizen 27-03-1906* Sentenced 4 months hard labour. *Faringdon Advertiser 07-04-1906.*
- Alfred William Boodle, solicitor of Swindon charged with assaulting a girl under 16, Florence JORDAN, 14, daughter of Edwin Thomas JORDAN, GWR labourer of Stratton, had left school at end of October and gone into service with Mr. Boodle, on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> he assaulted her while she was cleaning the bedroom. He tried again on 14<sup>th</sup>, but she resisted and got away. She had not said anything until 17<sup>th</sup> as she was scared due to Mr Boodle's position. Adjourned, defendant on £100 bail. *Citizen 26-06-*

1906. He was found guilty and received 5 years & 10 years penal servitude to run con-currently on 13<sup>th</sup> June. *Swindon Advertiser 15-06-1906*.

-Harry B. ANDREWS, of Stratton, for being drunk and disorderly on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Fined 2s 6d and 3s costs. *Citizen 26-06-1906*.

-John PULLEN, Richard SILK, Alfred HEWER, Alfred SIMS, Harry ORCHARD, Thomas BEAUMONT, Walter REEVES & Arthur REEVES, all of Stratton, for playing 'Banker' in a public place. All fined 2s 6d and 1s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 30-06-1905*.

-William & Ralph TITCOMBE for fighting over a family dispute. Bound over for 3 months and costs. *Swindon Advertiser 27-07-1906*.

-John MORRIS of Stratton St. Margaret, was charged with embezzling 3s 1½d, the moneys of his employer, William ANDERSON, grocer, of Gorse Hill. - The Superintendent of police asked for a remand until Monday, intimating there would be several charges against the prisoner. - Mr. Withy, who appeared to defend MORRIS, did not object to the remand, but asked for bail. - This was granted, the recognisances being fixed at £10, with surety of £5. *The Citizen 27-07-1906*, at Swindon Petty Sessions MORRIS pleaded guilty, he was sent to gaol for three months with hard labour. *The Citizen 31-07-1906*.

-Henry ILES, of Stratton, charged with cruelty to horse by R.S.P.C.A. Fined 50s and costs. *Citizen 17-08-1906*.

-Frank BRITAIN, of Stratton for cruelty to a horse. Fined 1s, his employer having already been fined. *Citizen 17-08-1906*.

-Richard TITCOMBE for being drunk, fined 2s 6d and costs. *Citizen 16-10-1906*.

-Herbert Ernest WILDERN of Dockle Farm, Stratton, for stealing a live pig, value £18s 6d, the property of Mr. A. Cook of Wroughton, on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Wildern had received an extra pig but had not hidden the fact. Case dismissed but passed to police for investigation. *Citizen 02-11-1906*.

-Edward GEORGE (36) Charged with grievous bodily harm to Matilda George his wife. Found guilty 2 months prison. *Faringdon Advertiser 03-11-1906*.

-Thomas SHAIL, of Stratton for being drunk. Fined 6s. *Citizen 05-11-1906*.

-Harry Brown ANDREWS, of Stratton, summoned by R.S.P.C.A. for cruelty to a horse on November 4<sup>th</sup>. 21 days in prison. *Citizen 30-11-1906*.

1907 -Henry BARRETT of Wanborough Road for driving a trap without a light. Fined 1s and 7s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 26-04-1907*.

-George COLLETT was charged with being drunk & disorderly. Having previous convictions, he was given 1 months hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 26-04-1907*.

-Phoebe and Blanche GODWIN, mother, and daughter of Stratton, Summoned for damaging a field of peas while crossing a field with no footpath. Case dismissed. *Citizen 16-04-1907*.

-Louisa ILES of Stratton obtained an order against Henry Tuckwell of Sevenhampton, for 4s a week for her illegitimate child. *Citizen 28-05-1907*.

-Edwin PONTER of Stratton, sent to Quarter Sessions for stealing a halter and two dandy-brushes from Henry Iles, a Stratton haulier. *Citizen 18-06-1907*.

-George Frederick KILBY, hairdresser of Didcot ordered to pay 3s 6d for 16 years towards the child of Mary DEAR of Stratton. *Citizen 16-07-1907 & Swindon Advertiser 19-07-1907*.

-Frederick BLUNSDON for playing 'Banker', on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unable to pay fine so committed to 14 days hard labour. *Swindon Advertiser 19-07-1907*.

-Henry BOWLES of Stratton, fined 4s for being in a drunken sleep on Saturday morning. *Citizen 17-09-1907*.

-Thomas ALDER and Alfred ANDREWS both of Stratton St. Margaret, who were bailed out from the previous Monday were charged, the former with sealing five sacks of barley meal and two-thirds of a rack of poultry meal, all the property of A. and E. Haynes, of Stratton Mills, during September. Charles JOHNSON was charged with receiving two sacks of barley meal with the knowledge that they were stolen

The sentence of the court was that Andrews would be sent to hard labour for two months, and the other defendants for one month each. *Faringdon Advertiser 05-10-1907*

-Albert MILLS, carter, of Stratton, to pay costs after being caught riding a bicycle without lights. *Citizen 05-11-1907*.

-Albert HAYNES of Stratton, for leaving a horse and cart for 37 minutes and obstructing highway at Westcott Place. Costs of 11s 6d. also Arthur James COOK, baker of Upper Stratton for leaving a horse in cart in Farringdon Street for 20 minutes, obstructing the same. 4s 6d costs. Frank COOK of Stratton for begging in Deacon Street on Nov 4. Committed for one day. *Swindon Advertiser 08-11-1907*.

Arthur James COOK. Overseer of Stratton St Margaret for refusing to complete his duties, by signing off relief cheque book. Fined £1 plus £2 10s costs *Swindon Advertiser 29-11-1907* & *Faringdon Advertiser 30-11-1907*.

Albert GIBBS, Bakers Arms, Stratton for obstructing Commercial Road for 25 minutes on 12<sup>th</sup>. 3s 6d costs. Charles KENT of Lower Stratton was fined 3s 6d for the same offence on 15<sup>th</sup>. *Swindon Advertiser 29-11-1907*.

1908 -Thomas KENT of Stratton, summoned for allowing a horse to stray. Fined 3s 6d costs. *Swindon Advertiser 06-03-1908*.

-Charles KENT, not in control of horse and carriage. Fined 5s plus costs. *Swindon Advertiser 27-03-1908*.

-Horses straying, John CHAPMAN, did not attend court and a warrant issued, John SMITH fined 2s 6d & 5s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 10-04-1908*.

-Sidney TITCOMBE of 111 Princess Street, Swindon summoned for playing "under and over" at Bailey's Piece, Stratton. Ordered to pay 4s6d. *Faringdon Advertiser 04-07-1908*

-Maurice MILES was charged with unlawfully wounding Sarah RICHENS on June 27<sup>th</sup>, she had leg broken in two places. Remand for 2 months for witness to appear. *Faringdon Advertiser 04-07-1908*, Committed to Devizes for trial (*Faringdon Advertiser 22-08-1908*)

-Frederick MOORE, oilman, of Stratton for foul language. Three previous convictions so full penalty, £2 and 3! 2s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 17-07-1908*.

-Maurice MILES, a young man of Stratton, summoned for unlawfully wounding Sarah RICHENS at Stratton Cross Roads, she ended up with 2 broken legs, on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Adjourned on £10 bail. *Swindon Advertiser 21-08-1908*.

-Edmund PERRIN of Stratton St. Margaret, summoned Marion PATEY, 17 Armstrong Street, for wilful damage to a pane of glass to the amount of 2s 6d on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, defendant did not appear, and warrant was issued. *Faringdon Advertiser 22-08-1908*

-William SANDERS, 17, apprenticed to Henry C KING, wheelwright & Coachbuilder. For absconding his six-year apprenticeship to join army, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wilts. Bound over for 12 months and to return to his apprenticeship. *Swindon Advertiser 18-09-1908*.

-Harvey PULLEN, of Stratton summonsed for using bad language. Defendant had been previously convicted, fined 1s and 7s costs or 14 days. *Swindon Advertiser 13-11-1908*.

1909 at Stonehouse 29<sup>th</sup> April, Ernest GREENWAY of Stratton St Margaret, convicted of illtreating an Ass, aged 38 a dealer, bound over. (from register)

-For keeping a dog without a licence Isabella STROUD, fined 1s, Charles Johnson fined 1s & 7s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 14-05-1909*.

-Daisy BARKER, 24, at Summer Assizes, Salisbury before Justice Phillimore charged with murdering her 3-day old son while a laundress at the Workhouse Infirmary, Stratton. The child had been bleeding around the umbilical cord. After extensive evidence from witnesses and medical advice the jury found her not guilty and she was discharged. *Swindon Advertiser 11-06-1909*.

-Harvey PULLEN of Stratton, for being disorderly and refusing to quit The Brewers Arms at Wanborough on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. Fined 25s and 7s costs or one-month prison. Defendant took the alternative. *Swindon Advertiser 22-10-1909*.



Kate HANNINGTON of no fixed abode for stealing a skirt, blouse and 5s, the property of Bessie DAVIS of Stratton. Bound over for 6 months. *Swindon Advertiser 22-10-1909.*

- 1910 Henry CHEESLEY, postman of Stratton, charged with stealing money from Post Office till at Stratton. Committed for fourteen days. *Citizen 15-02-1910.*
- William ILES and William BROWN, of Stratton, charged with cruelty to horses. Iles fined 20s and 5s costs, Brown fined 5s. *Citizen 04-03-2010.*
  - George COLLETT, of Stratton, charged with being drunk & disorderly, having been charged 28 times before he was given one lunar months gaol with hard labour. *Citizen 04-03-2010*
  - George ILES, of Stratton, for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart. Not first time he had been caught. Fined 10s and 5s Costs. *Citizen 09-08-1910.*
  - Frank CARTER, 9, Stanley WARMAN, 10, Harry BRIGHMAN, 8, and Harry PINNEGAR, 8, were charged for wilful damage to a field of beans the property of Donald HODDINOTT of Stratton. Fined 3s 3d damages plus costs. *Swindon Advertiser 01-10-1910.*
  - George COLLETT, labourer of Stratton for being drunk & disorderly at The Globe, Highworth. List of previous convictions, fined £1, but unable to pay so given 28 days hard labour, to which he said, 'would have preferred 6 months, would have helped pass the winter'. *Swindon Advertiser 01-10-1910.*
  - Edward J RILES for riding a bicycle without a light, fined 4s 6d. *Citizen 11-10-1910.*
  - Thomas JACKSON, of Stratton, for stealing money from the till of The Crown Inn at Stratton. Bound over. *Citizen 15-11-1910.*
  - Arthur BERRY, of no fixed abode, for breaking into the house of Mr J H Charters, Stratton and helping himself to a meal. Committed to Quarter Sessions. *Swindon Advertiser 14-11-1910 & Citizen 15-11-1910.*

- 1911 Ada SHIRLEY obtained an order against Arthur Easter of Shoeburyness, for her illegitimate child. Payment of 3s a week for 16 years was ordered plus £2 15s costs. *Citizen 28-03-1911.*
- Edgar ELLISON of Pidgeon House farm, Stratton for driving a horse and cart while drunk on April 4<sup>th</sup>, being a danger to the public. *Citizen 11-04-1911.*
  - George COLLETT of Stratton had to face 31 previous convictions for being drunk and disorderly in Bridge Street on Friday. *Citizen 09-05-1911.*
  - Alfred HALL and James BEAUMONT both of Stratton, for driving a trap without a light. 10s fine and costs each. *Citizen 23-05-1911.*
  - Alfred LOWE, of Stratton, for being drunk and singing in the street. 5s costs. *Citizen 30-05-1911.*
  - Alfred COX, 14, cautioned and fined 1s for riding on the footpath. *Citizen 30-05-1911*
  - George COLLETT, of Stratton, made another of his frequent appearances for being drunk and disorderly. Sent to the "Temperance Hotel", Devizes for 28 days. *Citizen 30-05-1911*
  - The wife of John KEENE, Stratton for riding a bicycle with no light. KEENE to pay 1s costs. *Citizen 17-10-1911.*

- 1912 Edward Hill of Stratton fined for allowing cattle to stray on the highway. *Citizen 09-07-1911.*
- George COLLETT, of Stratton, made another appearance for refusal to quit The Rodbourne Arms Hotel. Fined £1. *Citizen 12-11-1912.*
  - An Application was made under Workman's Compensation for death of former worker, John SMITH of Stratton, who died of lead poisoning in July 1912. His widow was awarded £100 to be invested and paid to her at 10s per week. *Citizen 14-11-1912.*
  - Mr. John COX, assistant overseer of Stratton Workhouse, said he had been bitten by Mr. John TOWNSEND's dog. Awarded £12 and costs. *Citizen 14-11-1912.*
  - Thomas BEAMS, an old soldier of Stratton, was bound over for stealing wood from the garden of Lieut. E. F. GLYNN of same village. *Citizen 26-11-1911.*

- 1914 J. H. CHAERWE of Stratton, fined £1 and 8s costs for causing an obstruction with his car at the

Siddington Races on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He was also fined £3 and 5s costs for failing to produce licence to P.C. Wiggins. *The Cheltenham Chronicle 21-03-1914.*

1917 James Henry KING, 16 and Edith May HITCHMAN, 20, were each sent to Borstal for thefts of money at Stratton and Swindon. *The Western Daily Press 04-07-1917.*

1922 Stealing Christmas Trees – Harry George HEDGES and Albert Charles WHITFIELD of West End Road, Stratton were charged at County Court with stealing trees the property of Herbert WILDERN of Dockle Farm on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Fined £1 each. *Faringdon Advertiser 14-01-1922.*

Victor ILES of 17 Ermin Street, Stratton for delivering coal without proper weighing scales. Fined £3. Also, Charles ILES of Clyde Villas who pleaded guilty was fined £1. *Faringdon Advertiser 14-01-1922.*

1923 Arthur Ernest TIMMS, labourer, of Stratton, for riding a bicycle without a light and giving an incorrect address. *Cheltenham Chronical 17-11-1923.*

-Mr. W. ARKELL, farmer, obtained a possession order for a cottage at Kempford, occupied by Frederick BAILEY, a former employee. *Cheltenham Chronical 17-11-1923.*

1932 William GILES, 51 The Street. Fined 7s 6d for riding a bicycle without a front light. *North Wilts Herald 03-06-1932.*

Albert Thomas GILES, 51 The Street, Stratton, for faulty light and no insurance. Fined 5s and £2 and license suspended for 12 months. *North Wilts Herald 30-09-1932.*

William EVAMS, 65, shoemaker, breaking and entering the house of Thomas William WOODRUFF, at Stratton, and stealing a silver watch & chain, £1 note and other items. 22 months imprisonment. *The Western Daily Press 15-11-1932.*

1934 Albert ARKELL, hawker, of Stratton appealed his licence. Bench refused and send the 12-month suspension was to stay. *The Gloucester Echo 17-05-1934*

1936 Harold Walter PEARSON, 15 Bridge End Villas, Stratton, remanded for 8 days for breaking and entering a house, 'Balero', Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, owned by Dr Robert Park, and stealing two gold finger rings and a chain bracelet, on August 25<sup>th</sup>. *The Gloucester Echo 26-08-1936.*

1937 Albert Edward HATTON, Station Road, Stratton, fined 5s at Cirencester Police Court for driving a lorry over the pavement. *Cheltenham Chronicle 06-03-1937.*

1938 Ernest Henry TREMBLIN, St Philip's Road, and Ernest Victor ROMAIN, 33 Dores Road, cycling without a light. Fined 5s. Cyclists, Ethel GRAY, Arthur Beasant FRANKLIN and Rose PINNAGAR for failing to stop at a Halt sign. Fined 7s 6d. *North Wilts Herald 21-01-1938.*

Douglas West of Minety, for not stopping at the Halt sign at Stratton, also having no current driving licence. Fined 10s and £1. *North Wilts Herald 08-07-1938.*

1940 Leaving Light on, Charles LARHAM, 94 Swindon Road. Fined 5s, Cycle without rear light, Harry SELMAN, 66 Ermin Street, fined 5s, No light on cycle, Arthur J ILES 54 Ermin Street, fined 5s, Failed to stop, Frederick C GALE, 65 Ermin Street, fined 5s. *North Wilts Herald 12-04-1940*

George T BRUGER, Greenbank, Highworth Road, for showing a light was fined 7s 6d. & Lance-Corporal I J COLLIER fined 5s for riding bicycle without lights. *North Wilts Herald 02-08-1940*

Miss Iris RODWAY, 83 Kingsdown Road fined 7s6d for displaying unauthorized bicycle lights.

Thomas BOHRINGER, Green Road, driving motor cycle & sidecar without due care and attention, on St. Phillip's Road on 21<sup>st</sup> September, fined £5 and 10s costs plus endorsement. Leonard C LOVERIDGE £2 for car without authorised headlamp, Francis WOOD, 38 Oxford Road 5s for no rear cycle light, George William

WISE, 113 Swindon Road, fined for car without rear light. Charles A TIMMS, Tilley's Lane f10s for driving without licence. Ronald B MAXFIELD, 40 Orchard Grove and Lilian BOLTON, 134 Ermin Street, fined 5s for failing to observe Halt sign, Margerate HARRIS, 5 Highworth Road, Mrs Ellen ROBINSON, 72 Oxford Road and William KIRKWOOD, 180 Oxford Road fined 5s for riding bicycles with no rear light. *North Wilts Herald* 13-12-1940.

1941 Walter Charles TREMBLIN, 61 St Philips Road, fined 5s for no rear cycle light. *North Wilts Herald* 25-04-1941

1944 ANGUS MAN FACES MURDER CHARGE – A decision is expected on the case in which John Blyth Ouchterlonie (28) of 60 Durham Street, Monifieth, is accused at Bristol Assizes of the murder of Vera HARDING (20) at Stratton St Margaret. The accused pleaded not guilty. Shortly after eleven o'clock on the night of September 21 the accused, accompanied by a man called Houghton, arrived at Gorse Hill Police Station, and told the inspector, " I have done my girl in, she called me things I did not like and I strangled her, she is dead." Accused was taken to a spot beside the road and in a ditch, there was the body, the neck was broken in two places, with a necktie as ligature about her neck, she had also been interfered with. The girl's mother from Elm Farm, Wanborough said she though he was only a friend of her daughter. A Doctor had described him as depressive with paranoiac tendencies. *Oxford Courier & Advertiser* 23-11-1944.

Judge gave final verdict of Guilty but Insane. *Dundee Courier* 22-11-1944.