

Crime and Punishment

Hurdcott



COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS – Tuesday

Before Viscount Folkestone, Sir E. Hulse, Mr E. Hinxman, Mr R. A. Ferryman, the Rev. E. Duke and Mr W. E. Matcham,

STEALING A RAIL

A man of respectable appearance, named William Fatcher, labourer, of Hurdcott, was charged with stealing a rail, of the value of 6d., from a fence belonging to Mr George Gay, yeoman, of Ford. Mr Matthews gave the prisoner a very good character, and the Bench therefore took a lenient view of the case, merely ordering the prisoner to pay 6d., the value of the rail, together with a fine of 5s. and costs, or in default to be imprisoned for seven days.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal – Saturday 16 February, 1867)

(Note: Hurdcott, a Hamlet about 1 mile south-east of Baverstock, in the county of Wilts. There is also a Hurdcott located near Winterbourne Earls, approximately 4 miles north-east of Salisbury, Wiltshire. With some newspaper articles it cannot be determined which Hurdcott is being referred to.)