



Bastardy Examination

Bremhill, Stanley

At Calne Town Hall 18th March 1861
Elizabeth Dolman v George Dolman

Elizabeth Dolman swore & saith:-

I am a singlewoman residing at Stanly in the parish of Bremhill. I was confined of a male child on 25 December last. George Dolman is the father of it. I was living at Bushton last year. Defendant was living at Stanley. I went home at Lady Day in last year and stayed a week. We have kept company for six years. I met defendant at Chippenham, on coming home from Chippenham the connexion took place. We were together nearly every day of the week I stayed at home.

Sarah Pearce swore & saith:-

I live at Stanley in parish of Bremhill and am married. A little time before Michaelmas last the defendant was in my house and I heard him say to my husband and myself in allusion to Elizabeth Dolman. "If she was in the family way he would marry her and she must bide with her father and must bide with his until they could get a place to live in." In the month of August last the defendant and complainant were at my house and the defendant said to me "if her money was gone he would let her have some of his as long as he had any she should have part of it." I have seen them have tea together at my Mother's house last Lady Day, he never contradicted being the father of Elizabeth Dolman's child when taxed with it.

Order Made.

At Calne Town Hall 17th February 1862
Elizabeth Dolman v George Dolman

Elizabeth Dolman swore & saith:-

An order which I produce was made on the 18th March 1861 on the Defendant George Dolman as the father of my child. The defendant has given me some money but this was on the Thursday after last Christmas Day. I served a copy of the order on the Defendant at the Police Station. The Defendant has not paid me the costs I paid for the order and owes me 19/6 for 13 weeks pay.

Defendant says "I cannot pay I sometimes earn 2/6 a day and sometimes only 2/- a day. I can't pay and suppose I must go to Prison. I have no goods.

Committed for 6 weeks.

Justices Minute Books, Calne County Division 1851-1883