



Bastardy Examination

Calne

At Calne Town Hall on 18th October 1858

Mary Cleverly v John Rummig

Mary Cleverly on her oath saith as follows:-

I am a widow residing in the Parish of Calne, Wilts. I have been a widow five years this coming Christmas. I was confined on the 9th of this month of October and gave birth to a female child. I charge the defendant John Rummig with being the father of the child. He first had connexion with me on the 22nd December last. He has never given me any money. When I asked him for money he said he knew nothing about me.

Cross Examined by Mr. Rogers:-

I have been a widow five years. I know Thomas Ely and swear I never had connexion with him nor with any other man since my husband died. I don't remember going home with two men about last Christmas. I was not in a public house at Cherhill a fortnight before Christmas last or a fortnight afterwards. The defendant lives next door but one to me.

James Ely swore & says:-

About Christmas last I saw the defendant with complainant on an evening in a field of Mr. Maundrell's Farm called the Penning. It was about 8 o'clock. About a week afterward I met them again on an evening going towards home.

Cross-Examined by Mr. Rogers:-

I have never had connexion with the complainant. I have not seen her in a public house.

Thomas Ely called by defendant swore & says:-

I am a farm labourer, I know Mary Cleverly. I have had connexion with Mary Cleverly since her husband died. About last Christmas I was at the Black Horse Cherhill. I saw Mary Cleverly the complainant there. She was with two men, strangers to me. I saw them drinking together. They were there when I went in and stayed there till near 11 o'clock.

John Ruming, defendant, swore & says:-

I never had connexion with Mary Cleverly

Case dismissed for want of corroborative evidence.

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