



Bastardy Examination

Calne

At Calne Town Hall 15th July 1867

Eliza Greenaway v John Smart

Eliza Greenaway swore & saith:-

I was delivered of a male bastard child on the 22nd April last, John Smart of Calne is the father. I live in Calne and have been accustomed to work for him. Eliza Drew has seen us together several times trying to take liberties with me. I lived at defendant's house when I had the first child, he paid me for that, but refuses to pay for this. Defendant had connexion with me on his premises on the 10th July last, that was the first time after the birth of the first child, but he had tried to do it several times before. I had been working for him and went to say Read done it. He pulled me down in the yard. He had connexion with me again on the 6th of October last, a boy was there but he sent him away with some horses, then pulled me into the yard. I have asked him for money but he refuses.

Eliza Drew swore & saith:-

I live in Calne. I know Eliza Greenaway and John Smart. I have seen them sometimes together. About twelve months ago in the field at Lickhill. I have not seen Smart take any indecent liberties with Eliza Greenaway.

(Defendant denies that he is the father)

Henry Manners swore & saith:-

I live in Calne. In July last I was with complainant and several others, haymakers at the rose and Crown Inn in Calne. We had some drink together. It was about half past ten in the evening. We all came from there to the Lansdown. We came out, and I went home with her. We went to the Pippin where she lived, did not stop on the road. I took no liberties with her, nor seen anyone else.

Adjourned to 26th August.

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John Smart swore & saith:-

I live in Calne. I have not had any connection with complainant since the birth of the first child - never any at all. I deny that I had connection with complainant on the 20th July last year or any time since then.

Case dismissed for Second Child

For First child defendant agreed to pay - Order Made

Source:- B10/100/2 - Justice Minutes Book, Calne County Division 1851-1883