



Bastardy Examination

Quemerford, Calne

At Calne Town Hall, 28th September 1863

Mary Ann Bewley v Edwin Pullin

Mary Ann Bewley swore & saith:-

I am a single woman residing at Quemerford in Calne parish with my father who is a Wheelwright and the defendant Edwin Pullin is also a wheelwright. He was employed by my father, he came 12 months last March and worked until October. I have had a bastard child lately, it was a girl, it was born on the 10th of July. Edwin Pullin is the father. I came over in June (the 26th) to Chippenham with my mother. I was in his (defendant's) lodgings on that day. Mr. Bakewell was there also, at my request Mr. Bakewell went to see the defendant. I went with Mr. Bakewell. He went to Mr. Bradbury's house. He went to put the banns in the church. I have seen defendant since he went to Bradbury's. He gave me money - 8/-.

John Gerrard swore & saith:-

I am a police Constable stationed at Castle Coombe. When I served the summons on defendant on 19th Sept. a conversation occurred between us. He said he should have married her if they had not behaved nasty to him.

Order Made

Source:- B10/100/2 - Justice Minute Books, Calne County Division - 1851-1883

OPC Notes

The child born to Mary Ann Bewley was named Annie Maria Bewley

Edwin Pullin & Mary Ann Bewley were married in the June Quarter in 1864 in Calne. In the 1871 Edwin and Mary Ann are listed as resident at High Street, Amesbury, Edwin recorded as being a journeyman carpenter. According to the census there is no sign of their daughter Annie Maria but a

son Charles is recorded at age 5. Records show he was registered in the Marlborough RD in the September Quarter of 1865. Further research shows that their daughter Annie Maria Bewley died in the December quarter of 1863.

By 1881 the couple had moved to Castle Combe (Edwin's native village). Son Charles is recorded as an unemployed stableman, born in Avebury. There are 4 more children recorded Bertha aged 9 and Ellen aged 6 both born in Avebury and twins Frank and Kate aged 3 born in Castle Combe.

The 1891 census have the family still living in Castle Combe, Charles is no longer at home and the other 4 children are joined by Alice aged 8 and Moses aged 6 both born in Castle Combe. Edwin is still working as a carpenter.

The 1901 census shows only one son remains with Edwin & Mary Ann. Frank is recorded as a carpenter, the family remaining in Castle Combe.

Edwin Pullin is recorded as having died in the September Quarter 1908 in the Chippenham RD aged 70. The death of Mary Ann Pullin is uncertain.