

Crime Reports

Corsham 1800-1849



1818

Salisbury The business of our Assizes commenced on Monday last, before Mr Justice Abbot and Mr Justice Holroyd; the former presiding in the Crown Court, and the latter at Nisi Prius. The calendar of prisoners was very heavy, and their trials were not concluded till Thursday morning. The awful sentence of death was passed on the following prisoners, 17 in number: John Hancock, for a burglary in the house of W. Sainsbury, at Corsham. Of the prisoners sentenced to death, all have been reprieved excepting William Gale, for sacrilege, who is to be executed on Tuesday the 24th instant. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1818**

1828

Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes Thomas Field, of Chippenham, James Norris of Hilperton, James Strange, of Corsham, John Garrett, of Warminster, and Benjamin Woods, of Codford St. Mary, for three months each, for breaches of the Game Laws. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, 21 January 1828**

James Blizzard, of Box, George Smith and Stephen Wootton, both of Corsham, Young Choules, of Swindon, and William Trowbridge, of Alderbury, all for three months each, for breaches of the game laws; John Mason, of Little Bedwyn, for four months for destroying fish, the property of E. W. L. Popham, Esq. at Chilton Foliatt. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette, Thursday, 31 January 1828**

At Wilts Sessions, held at Salisbury, before the Earl of Radnor, chairman, and a numerous bench of magistrates, the following prisoners were tried, and sentenced as follows: Hard labour in the House of correction, Devizes: Wilmot Hulbert, for assaulting Thomas Smith, constable, at Corsham, six months, and bound to keep the peace. **Bath Chronicle and Western Gazette, 24 April 1828**

1831

Salisbury Assizes. Thomas Day, indicted for having broken open the house of Robert Lawrence, of Corsham, was stolen therefrom nine yards of Irish cloth, one calico sheet, and other articles, his property, was found Guilty. Judgement of Death recorded. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March**

1831 OPC Note: Thomas Day was transported to Van Diemen's Land on the "William Glen Anderson", 31 May 1831.

1832

Committed to Fisherton Gaol. Samuel Sparks, charged with having stolen a blue shot silk shawl or handkerchief from the house of Sarah Kingstone, at Corsham **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 1 March 1832**

1835

Committed to House of Correction, Devizes. Job West, for three months, for stealing apples from an orchard at Corsham. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 3 September 1835**

Committed to House of Correction, Devizes. Frederick Kenson, for having committed an act of vagrancy, at Corsham. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 3 September 1835**

1839

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes George Shewring, for three months, for destroying game at Corsham **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 28 February 1839**

Committed for Trial. Thomas Budd, charged with having stolen a half-pound weight of tobacco, the property of Henry Spackman, at Corsham. **Wiltshire Independent, 28 November 1839**

1841

Salisbury Assizes Thomas Davies, for stealing a sheep, the property of Mr John Hulbert, of Corsham 9 months' hard labour. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, March 8 1841**

Salisbury Assizes James Weeks, charged with stealing an axe, and other tools, at Corsham Not Guilty. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, 8 March 1841**