



Crime Reports

Downton 1800-1849

1818

Committed to Fisherton gaol: George Hayter, of Downton, labourer, charged with stealing about a peck of wheat, the property of John Baily, Snr. at Downton. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1818**

1823

Committed to Fisherton Gaol Henry Thorn, of Downton, labourer, charged with having on the 18th of June last, violently assaulted Maria Jones, at Downton, with intent to ravish her. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, 28 July 1823**

1833

Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes Samuel Hatchet, of Downton, for fourteen days for breaches of game laws **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette, 21 November 1833**

1841

Committed to Fisherton Gaol. Sewance Moody, Fanny Harris, and Sarah Fitcher, all of Downton, charged with stealing a quantity of bacon, the property of Samuel Musselwhite. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 21 January 1841**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol. Henry Barrow and George Musselwhite, both of Downton, six weeks each, for a breach of the game laws. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 21 January 1841**

1843

Wilts Epiphany Sessions Samuel Hatchett, charged with having entered the dwelling-house of Sarah Burnett, and by threats demanded money; and for threatening to stab the constable with a knife, in the execution of his duty, at Downton. Guilty: 15 years transportation. **Wiltshire Independent, 12 January 1843**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol Stephen Shelly, of Downton, charged with stealing two pieces of spring steel, the property of James Hobbs. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 4 February 1843**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol George Nicholas, of Downton, charged with having feloniously stolen a gun, the property of John Tamlin, at Witherington. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 8 July 1843**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol Ralph Fanstone, of Downton, one month, for stealing cabbages. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 8 July 1843**

1846

Committed to Fisherton Gaol. Edward Olding, of Downton, for nine weeks, for stealing a dog.
Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 19 December 1846

1847

Committed to Fisherton Gaol. John Maslen, of Amesbury, William Fulford, and George Hobbs, both of Downton, fourteen days each for poaching. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 23 September 1847**