



# Crime and Punishment

## *Hankerton*

### Miscellaneous Crime Reports

- 1850** Henry Golding For trial, charged with stealing one piece of oak timber, the property of Joseph Cordy at Hankerton  
*Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 31 October 1850*
- Charles Cooper Three months and find sureties for one year for night poaching at Hankerton  
*Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 21 November 1850*
- 1859** Simeon Law Five weeks imprisonment for stealing ducks at Charlton and Hankerton  
*Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 13 October 1859*
- 1872** Henry Golding For stealing a duck at Hankerton one month's imprisonment.  
*Salisbury and Wiltshire Journal Saturday 6 January 1872*
- John Hayward A little boy, was fined 6d and costs for stealing fruit from the garden of Sarah Reynolds, of Hankerton  
*Western Daily Press Friday 9 August 1872*
- 1873** George Skinner, sen. and George Skinner jun. Father and son of Hankerton, were charged with being drunk. William Curtis proved the offence. The father was fined 10s 6d costs included, and the son, £1 10s 6d costs included.  
*Western Daily Press Friday 7 March 1873*
- George Lewis A baker of Tetbury, was charged by Supt Woodman, inspector of weights and measures, with selling bread at Hankerton, otherwise than with scales and weights. Fined 10s, including costs.  
*Western Daily Press Friday 4 July 1873*
- Henry Blackwell Dealer, of Crudwell, was charged with allowing two cows to stray at Hankerton. The case was proved by P C Fisher. Fined 10s and costs.  
*Western Daily Press Friday 7 November 1873*
- 1875** William Josham Was charged with allowing a horse to stray at Hankerton. Fined 6d and costs.  
*Western Daily Press Saturday 5 June 1875*
- 1878** Wellington Sealy A farmer, of Cloatley, Hankerton, was summoned by Inspector Livermore for neglecting to provide proper drainage on premises in the parish of Somerford Magna. The bench ordered him to at once provide the proper accommodation,

- and pay 15s 6d costs.  
[Western Daily Press Thursday 4 April 1878](#)
- 1888** Henry Sparrow  
 Labourer, of Hankerton, for being drunk on the highway, was discharged with a caution.  
[Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 9 August 1888](#)
- Alfred Painter and David Sparrow  
 Labourers, of Hankerton, were charged with using profane language at Minety on 13<sup>th</sup> August. The case was proved by the Rector (the Rev Walter W A Butt), who left the Bench to give evidence. Defendants pleaded guilty, and said it was the drink. ---Fined 1s each, and 7s 6d each costs.  
[Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 6 September 1888](#)
- 1889** John Mills  
 Of Hankerton was summoned by the School Attendance Committee, represented by Mr M H Chubb, for not sending his child to school. The usual order was made.  
[Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 5 December 1889](#)
- Charles Gleed and James Gleed  
 Of Hankerton, were summoned for being drunk and noisy on the road from Murcott to Hankerton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. PC Hill proved the case, and said various complaints had been made by respectable people about the noise made by these fellows when going along the road at night. Both defendants swore they were not drunk, and were only singing on their way home from club. George Goodfield corroborated the police constable's evidence. Charles, who had previously been convicted, was fined 13s 6d including costs. The case against his brother was dismissed.  
[Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 5 December 1889](#)
- 1890** Wellington Sealy  
 Farmer, Cloatley, Hankerton, was charged with using his dog for rabbit shooting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct., without a license. Mr Pye prosecuted. Mr George Woodcock, Excise Officer, proved the case. Defendant denied the offence, and said he only used the dog for the cattle. Fined £1 3s including costs.  
[Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 4 December 1890](#)
- 1892** George Goodfield and James Large  
 Both of Murcott Crudwell, were summoned by Frederick Sparrow, labourer, of Hankerton, the former with assaulting and beating him on the night of 31<sup>st</sup> July, and the latter with aiding and abetting. Both defendants pleaded not guilty. The bench, after hearing the evidence, fined each of the defendants £1 and costs.  
[Western Daily Press Friday 9 September 1892](#)
- 1894** Jonathan Read  
 Farmer, of Hankerton, was summoned by Supt Tyler for keeping a dog without a license. Defendant pleaded the dog was sold in January. Fined 5s and 8s costs.  
[Western Daily Press Friday 13 July 1894](#)