



# *Crime News*

## *– Stealing of seven pigs*

*Little Hinton*  
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### *STEALING SEVEN PIGS AT SPEEN*

TUESDAY, THE Court opened at ten o'clock this morning, and proceeded with the trial of prisoners. The calender was exceedingly light, there only being 14 trifling cases. T. Bros, Esq., presided.

**ROBERT FILEWOOD** :- charged with having, on the 21 st October, at Speen, stolen seven pigs, the property of Abraham Gee (out on Bail).

Mr Carrington prosecuted; and Mr Williams defended the prisoner.

This was rather a peculiar case. The prosecutor resides at Little Hinton, in the county of Wilts, and is a dealer. On the 21st of October last, he bought two sows and seventeen pigs at Newbury market. He left his boy Henry Lee to drive them home. At Speenhamland they got mixed with some other pigs which the prisoner was driving. The boy told him that some of the pigs had got mixed with those of the prisoner, and asked him to stop.

But he went on, and the boy was compelled to go on without them. Information was given to the police, and when Superintendent Harfield went to the prisoner he admitted that some of the pigs had run in amongst his, but that the boys had taken them out again. The pigs belonging to the prosecutor were afterwards identified from amongst several more in the prisoner's sty. The prisoner's statements were somewhat contradictory and unsatisfactory. Guilty – six months imprisonment.

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