

Gaol for Theft

Wilts Michaelmas Sessions – Second Court

John Amor, shoemaker, and his daughter, Sarah Amor, a young girl, were charged – the latter with stealing a gold ring and half sovereign, the property of Charles Wayte, at Pewsey, on the 15th August, and the former with receiving the same well knowing them to have been stolen.

The girl, it appeared from the evidence, had induced the little daughter of Mr. Wayte to leave her father's house of which she had been left in charge, and a short time afterwards the ring and half-sovereign was found to have been stolen from the pocket of Mrs. Wayte's dress, which was hanging upstairs.

Subsequently the girl admitted to a neighbouring woman that she had committed the theft. The father was proved to have sold the ring to Mr. Hamley, jeweler, Marlborough.

Both prisoners were found guilty, and the sentence of the court was that the father be imprisoned for nine months, and the daughter for one month, and afterwards be sent to a reformatory for 2 years.

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