



Crime Reports

Steeple Ashton 1800-1849

1827

Violent Assault and Robbery. Five men were apprehended at Trowbridge, under circumstances which justified a very strong suspicion of their having robbed and cruelly treated a man named Bailey of Keevil on Tuesday evening previous. Two of the men Richard Doggett and Moses Angell of Steeple Ashton were fully committed to Fisherton gaol for trial. **Jackson's Oxford Journal, 29 November 1827**

1828

Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes. James Willes of Seend, for three months, for disobeying an order of bastardy due to the parish of Steeple Ashton. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 10 April 1828**

1834

Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes. James Wicks and William Wilkins, for four months each for stealing a quantity of potatoes the property of George Ball, of Steeple Ashton. **Winchester Chronicle, 9 August 1834**

1840

Daring Highway Robbery. On Saturday morning about 2 o'clock as Rose the carrier of Steeple Ashton was going from Bath to Bristol with a load, on arrival at Newbridge Hill, three fellows robbed his cart of a cask, (supposed to contain spices) with which they made off with in sight of him. The cask was directed to Mr. Ruddle, Melksham. **Bristol Mercury, 26 December 1840**

1841

Committed to the New Prison Devizes. Henry Oram, for fourteen days, for a misdemeanor in the service of James Matravers, at Steeple Ashton. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 11 February 1841**

For Trial. William Bennit, charged with having been an incorrigible rogue, this being his second offence, for leaving his family chargeable to the tithing of Steeple Ashton. **Salisbury Guardian, 25 September 1841**

1847

Committed to the New Prison, Devizes. William Benett, for two months, for leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Steeple Ashton. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 23 September 1847**

John Weeks (to be twice whipped), stealing a pair of stockings, the property of William Sims, at Steeple Aston. Sentenced to 3 months imprisonment. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 28 October 1847, Page 3 Col. 4**

Thomas Marchant, stealing an iron boiler, the property of James Phillips, at Steeple Aston. Sentenced to 3 months imprisonment. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 28 October 1847, Page 3 Col. 4**