



# Crime Reports

Warminster  
1800-1849

**1818**

Salisbury. The business of our Assizes commenced on Monday last, before Mr Justice Abbot and Mr Justice Holroyd; the former presiding in the Crown Court, and the latter at Nisi Prius. The calendar of prisoners was very heavy, and their trials were not concluded till Thursday morning. The awful sentence of death was passed on the following prisoners, 17 in number: Henry Dean, for stealing a mare belonging to John Morse, at Leighterton, in Gloucestershire. Of the prisoners sentenced to death, all have been reprieved excepting William Gale, for sacrilege, who is to be executed on Tuesday the 24th instant. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1818** **OPC Note:-** Other reports suggest that the accused was a horse dealer of Warminster

**1823**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol William Polden, of Warminster Common, yeoman, charged with having, in the night of the 19th instant, at Warminster Common, maliciously wounded a bay cart mare, the property of William Ponton. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, 28 July 1823**

**1826**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol Stephen Payne, charged with stealing a gun and other articles, the property of William Tavender, of Warminster. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 29 May 1826**

**1828**

Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes Thomas Field, of Chippenham, James Norris of Hilperton, James Strange, of Corsham, John Garrett, of Warminster, and Benjamin Woods, of Codford St. Mary, for three months each, for breaches of the Game Laws. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, 21 January 1828**

**1830**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol Edw. Pinnels, charged with stealing a mare at Warminster, the property of Henry Trollop. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 21 June 1830**

**1833**

Committed to the Old Bridewell, Devizes. James Long, charged with stealing wooden images, 2 glass ornaments, and a picture, the property of S. F. Phelps, esq., of Warminster **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette, 4 July 1833**

Committed to the Old Bridewell, Devizes Thomas Player, charges with stealing a pair of quarter boots, the property of Harry Stepney, of Warminster, (Player was convicted at the last January Sessions of stealing fowls at Bishopstrow, and sentenced to 6 months imprisonment, Mr. Estcourt at the time admonished him as to his future conduct, observing, that if ever he should be brought before him for a similar offence, he would be transported). **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette, 21 November 1833**

#### 1835

Committed to House of Correction, Devizes. John Curtis, for two months, for assaulting Mary Jerrett, at Warminster. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 3 September 1835**

#### 1839

Committed to the New Prison Devizes. Jeremiah Carr, for two months, for having assaulted Elizabeth, his wife, at Warminster. **Wiltshire Independent, 28 November 1839**

#### 1841

At a petty Sessions held at Warminster on Thursday last. At the above Petty Sessions, James Eacott, a beer-house keeper of Warminster, was convicted, upon the information of Superintendent of Police, of keeping his house open after the time prescribed by the Act, and fined 20s.; and John Chislett, of Longbridge Deverill, was fined 20s for wiring trout; and in default of payment, he was committed to the House of Correction for one month. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 11 February 1841**

Salisbury Assizes James Blake, for stealing 59 copper halfpennies, the property of Charles Dredge, of Warminster – four months' hard labour. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, March 8 1841**

#### 1843

Wilts Epiphany Sessions Charles Munday, charged with having stolen two smock frocks, the property of George Alford, of Warminster. Guilty: three months imprisonment with hard labour. **Wiltshire Independent 12 January 1843**

Wilts Epiphany Sessions William May, charged with having stolen ten cotton gown pieces, the property of Frederick Tapley, at Warminster. Guilty: six months imprisonment. **Wiltshire Independent, 12 January 1843**

Wilts Epiphany Sessions George Phelps, charged with having stolen one silver tea spoon, the property of Charles Dredge, at Warminster. Guilty: 2 months imprisonment. **Wiltshire Independent, 12 January 1843**

Wilts Epiphany Sessions Alfred Randell, charged on suspicion of stealing one silver spoon, the property of William Trapp, at Warminster. Guilty: 2 months imprisonment. **Wiltshire Independent, 12 January 1843**

Committed to Fisherton Gaol William Hardy, of Warminster, for want of sureties to keep the peace, &c. Praxall Alford, alias Hinwood, of Warminster, for want of sureties to keep the peace. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 4 February 1843**

#### 1846

**Committed to The New Prison, Devizes.** James Scammell, for one month, for wilfully damaging a door in the Workhouse at Warminster. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 19 March 1846**

**Wilts Easter Sessions** Sentences of the Prisoners Imprisonment, with hard labour - 6 months: Martha Prince, leaving her bastard children chargeable at Warminster. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 16 April 1846**

**Wilts Easter Sessions** Sentences of the Prisoners Imprisonment, with hard labour - 2 months Luke Coonocton, stealing rabbits at Warminster. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 16 April 1846**

A man, named William Hurcutt(?) escaped from custody at Warminster, on Saturday, by breaking a hole through the roof of the cell in which he was confined, charged with committing numerous felonies. He is about 27 years of age, 5 feet, 6 ½ inches in height, light complexion, and curly hair, little whiskers, and has lost a front tooth. It is supposed he has made his way to Bath or Bristol. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 3 September 1846**

**Committed to Fisherton Gaol.** William Davis, of Warminster, charged with stealing a quantity of coal, the property of John Banton **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 19 December 1846**

#### **1847**

Mary Langley, stealing a sheet, the property of William J. Stent, at Warminster. Sentenced to 4 months imprisonment. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday 28 October 1847**

William Richards, stealing cloth, the property of G. Dodmon, at Warminster. Sentenced to 4 months imprisonment. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday 28 October 1847**