



Former site of Fisherton Gaol

Execution of Richard Potter

On 11 August 1789 for Richard Potter was buried in West Lavington after execution at Fisherton Gaol.

Newspaper reports about his crime follow:-

Richard Potter of Market Lavington, gardener, was committed to Fisherton jail for stealing a brown mare, the property of Richard Watts of Steeple Ashton. **Bath Chronicle, 2 July 1789**

Several prisoners sentenced to death including "Richard Potter, charged on the oath of Richard Watts of Hinton with stealing a brown mare from out of a common called Littleton's Wood, the property of the said Richard Watts." **Hampshire Chronicle, Saturday, 1 August 1789**

Potter was hanged on 11 August 1789 at Fisherton gallows together with three other prisoners. "They all behaved in a manner becoming their dreadful situation and severally confessed the commission of the crimes for which they suffered." **Bath Chronicle, 20 August 1789**