



Bastardy Examination

Wootton Bassett

*At Calne Town Hall
21st May 1855
Jane Haddrell v William Cook*

Jane Haddrell swore & saith:-

I am a single woman and living in the parish of Bremhill. On the 23rd of February last I was delivered of a male child. I charge the defendant William Cook with being the father. I kept company with him for two years when we were both living at Wootton Bassett. I was living in service with Mr. Proud a draper and Cook was living with his father who was a plumber. He promised to marry me after I was in the family way and he gave me half a sovereign and 1/6 a week.

Mary Webb swore & saith:-

I am sister of the complainant living at Broughton Gifford, my sister came to me and was taken ill and confined at my house. He promised to keep the child I wrote letters to which the two now produced are answer.

Order Made

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