



Crime Reports

Worton & Marston

1800-1849

1833

Thursday night or early on Friday morning, 20 two-teeth Southdown wether sheep, the property of Mr. B. Glass, were stolen from a field at Worton. The sheep were marked D.C on the near hip. A reward of 10 Guineas has been offered to any person who will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the offender. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 4 November 1833.**

1834

From the Salisbury Assizes Calendar as follows: Robert Allen, stealing 20 sheep from James Glass, at Worton - the calendar quaintly says "the commitment only and not the body of the prisoner, was delivered to the gaoler." **The Bath Chronicle, 13 March 1834**

1841

Jacob Burbage of Worton was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment (his crime is unknown at time of writing) and sent to the Prison Hulk York. The York was anchored either at Gosport or on the Thames. The York was taken out of service in 1850 after a rebellion by inmates in 1848. It is possible that Jacob was amongst the convicts that rebelled. **Source Unknown**

1846

John Wise of Worton was fined 40s. and costs for keeping his public-house open during divine service on Sunday the 20th Sept. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 1 October 1846**

1847

Devizes Petty Sessions. Other cases, various in their character, but of an uninteresting nature, were also disposed of. Among them, was a violent dispute between two brothers named Bishop, at Worton, about each other's claims to a house, led to each being bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £50, with sureties of £25. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 10 June 1847**

At the City Sessions at Winchester, on Tuesday last, a girl named Mary Ann Jefferis, who was tried at our Sessions twelve months since for robbing her mistress, Mrs. Bishop, at Worton, and sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment, was arraigned in the name of Elizabeth Jane Stevens, for stealing a watch from a man in a house of ill fame within the city, and sentenced to six months imprisonment. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 28 October, 1847**