



Bastardy Examination

Calne

At Calne Town Hall 15th November 1858

Eliza Henly v Henry Horton

Eliza Henly swore and says:-

I am a single woman living near Cow Lane, Calne. I lodge with Ann Webb. I have lately been delivered of a bastard child - a boy. It was born on the 24th of August last. Henry Horton is the father of the child. I have known him 2 years come next March. He has kept company with me the whole of that time. He is the father and nobody else.

Cross Examined by Mr. Worthy:-

I never had a child before. I am 21 on the 10th April next. I know Stephen Cleverly. He never courted me. I never said I was never in a public house with him. The Sunday night before Calne Fair in May last I was in a Public House with Stephen Cleverly and another woman, all together with the defendant. I know Henry Pearce. He never courted me. I know David Trembling. He was a sweet heart and I've talked to him but not had connexion with him. I have spoken to him only on passing within the last twelve months. I saw him the other day. I have not been in a public house with him for three or four years. I know Abraham Greenaway. He was not a sweet heart. I do not know George Brewer or William Mayo. I have not walked with Mayo since I kept company with defendant. My connexion with defendant took place in the Marsh at night. It was just before Christmas in December and since Christmas more than once or twice or ten times - always out of doors. He came to the house but it did not happen there. I have not had connexion with any other man since I kept company with defendant but I have before.

Cross Examined by Mr. Bakewell:-

I have not had connexion with anyone but defendant since two years next March when he began to keep company with me.

Ann Henly swore and says:-

I am Mother to complainant. My daughter Eliza has lately had a Child - a Boy. She was living with me when confined and about six months previously. I know Henry Horton. I have seen the defendant

with my daughter several times at my house and standing by the gate. The first time was about last Michaelmas twelve month. I never saw anyone else with her at the gate.

Cross Examined by Mr. Worthy:-

My daughter left my House because she had the Child. She never went to service. I have not found fault with her for going to Public Houses and keeping company with men. She lived at home but slept at Webb's for our convenience.

Ann Webb swore and says:-

I am a married woman. I live at Calne. I know Eliza Henly. I know Henry Horton. Eliza Henly used to come backwards and forwards. I have known Henry Horton come and see her there. He came to court her. I should say he came twenty times. I never saw anyone else come there.

Henry Edwards swore and says:-

I live at Calne and know where Mrs. Webb lives and also Eliza Henly and Henry Horton. I have seen Eliza Henly and Henry Horton together just over Mrs. Webb's house by the rails on several nights - on Christmas Eve I saw them - between 6 and 7 o'clock.

Hannah Dyke swore and says:-

I am Married. I know Eliza Henly and Henry Horton. I know Eliza Henly has had a child, since then I have seen Henry Horton about the streets. He has made no allusion as to the father of the child. Eliza Henly has spoken to me about it. She had the child with her.

Mr. Worth here contended that there was no corroborative evidence.

David Kembling called by the defendant, swore and says:-

I live at Calne. I know Eliza Henly and have done so for twelve months. I have had improper connexion with her more than twelve months ago - the last time about two months before that. I have had connexion with her two or three times before - often seen her out at night.

Cross Examined by Mr. Bakewell and Re-examined by Mr. Worthy:-

I have seen her walking with another man Abraham Greenaway.

Stephen Cleverly swore and says:-

I know Eliza Henly. I have been at home with her times before she was confined and after. I don't know the first time. I have seen other persons with her. I saw Henry Pearce feeling her about. I saw them go up a lane together - they were away ten minutes. I have seen her with Abraham Greenaway. She is in the habit of going with men. I have not had connexion with her myself. I thought she had a disorder.

Mr. Bakewell then replied.

Case dismissed. Eliza Henly owes 7/- for 7 depositions.

Reference:- B10/100/1 - **Justices Minute Books, Calne County Division 1851-1883**