



Crime Reports

Salisbury 1800-1849

1812

Not less than five houses in this city and the immediate neighbourhood were broken open on the nights of Saturday and Sunday, the 11th and 12th inst. The general alarm has, however, made the public so vigilant, that the robbers almost wholly failed of their object; being disturbed before they could commit any plunder at four of the houses, and only carrying off a cheese from the fifth. Two lurking fellows, in smock frocks, each carrying a heavy stick, were seen about two o'clock on Sunday morning, walking quickly from the city towards Harnham (where the house of Mr. John White was shortly after broken open, and the family disturbed); and there is little doubt but that these men were concerned in some or all of these burglaries. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday, 20 January 1812**

1818

Committed to Fisherton Gaol: William Miller, of New Sarum, labourer, for stealing one glass, the property of Joachim Hibberd. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1818**

1831

Salisbury Assizes. Judgement of Death was recorded against Mary Smith, convicted of breaking into the dwelling-house of Stephen May, and stealing therefrom various articles of wearing-apparel, his property. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1831**

OPC Note: Mary Smith was transported to Van Diemen's Land, on the "Mary" 9 June 1831.

Salisbury Assizes. George Chapman was convicted of embezzling the sum of £10, the property of his master, John Crees; but his Lordship, taking into consideration his previous good character, and the circumstance of his master having expressed his willingness to take him back again into his service, sentenced him only to one month's imprisonment and hard labour. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1831**

Salisbury Assizes. Nehemiah Jefferys was indicted for breaking into the dwelling-house of Eli Rawlins, and stealing 7 sovereigns. The jury found the prisoner guilty of stealing only. Seven years' transportation. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1831**

OPC Note: Nehemiah Jefferys was transported to Van Diemen's Land on the William Glen Anderson, 31 May 1831

1838

On Saturday night last, a fat ewe sheep was stolen from a field, called the Second Butts, situate about half a mile from Salisbury, on the Stratford Road, the property of Messrs. Meatyard, butchers, of Castle Street, Salisbury. We understand they have suspicions on a certain party and are adopting such

measures as will doubtless bring the offending party to justice. **Wiltshire Independent, Thursday, 22 February 1838, Page 3, Column 3**

1843

On Friday, before John Cother, Esq., James Smith, labourer, was charged with willfully breaking a gas light in the Blue Boar Row, on the previous night. The offence having been fully proved by the police, he was fined 40s. and costs, and in default of payment was committed for a month to hard labour.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 20 June 1843

Committed to Fisherton Gaol. James Smith, of Corsley, for a month, for breaking a public lamp at Salisbury. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 20 June 1843**

1846

Robbery. Early on Sunday morning last a daring robbery was committed in the dwelling-house of Mr. Smith, pawnbroker, of St Ann's-street, in this city, when two gold watches, and gold, silver and bank-notes of the value of £40 were stolen. It is conjectured that the thief must have concealed himself in the shop before it closed on the previous evening. No clue has hitherto been obtained likely to lead to the discovery of the offender. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 19 December 1846**

1847

Committed to Fisherton Gaol. Jane Blake, for further examination, charged with stealing wearing apparel at Salisbury. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 23 September 1847**

1849

Salisbury - City Petty Sessions. Public House Act George Adams, keeper of a public-house in Culver-street, known as the Dolphin Inn, was summoned for having refused admittance to one of the police-constables (Chalke). The circumstances attending the matter were of a trifling character, and the Bench did not come to any decision for punishment; the defendant was therefore discharged with a caution as to his future conduct. It was said that there were other charges to be made against the defendant. **Hampshire Advertiser, Saturday, 21 April 1849**