



Bastardy Examination

Calne

Calne Town Hall 15th April 1867

Jane Gingell v John Goss, Jnr.

Jane Gingell swore & saith:-

I am a single woman living in Frog Lane, Calne. I was delivered of a female bastard child on 13th of January last. John Goss the younger is the father. I was servant at Mr. Gregory's in Calne and Goss was a baker in his employ. On the 13th of April in last year defendant had first connection with me. I took place in a stable belonging to Mr. Gregory. He had connection with me a good many times afterwards. I am not sixteen yet. He would never let me alone. My mother spoke to Goss.

Cross Examined:-

I have never charged Goss with being the father. The stable is behind - horse kept there. John attended tot h horse. Mr. Gregory and his son attended also to the horse. My mother found it out on my leaving Gregory's ill. I told my mother four months before I was confined. I told her what he had done in the stable. I don't know what day of the 13th April was. Mother says it was that day. We were not friendly. Young Mr. Herbert Gregory was there in the house - living there - he isn't the father. I never went into Herbert Gregory's bedroom. I went up to fetch the candle. I meant he did not take liberties with me then. I have picked up his bed clothes. He never took any liberties with me. I have never received any money from Goss.

Mary Gingell swore & saith:-

I am the mother of Jane Gingell. When I found out my daughter was in the family way, about 4 months ago, I went up to Mrs. Gregory's and told her about it - John Goss came in. I asked him why he took liberties with my daughter, he said he didn't. I said he did. He then said he never took liberties with her but once and then he felled her back on the steps and he said is there anything the matter and that was all took place.

Cross Examined:-

I said no more, nor he to me. I told my daughter that he connection took place on the 13th April. She did not tell me. Mr. Gregory gave me a gallon of bread while the girl was at home with me.

John Goss, Defendant, swore & saith:-

I am the defendant in this case. I am an engine cleaner. I was living in Mr. Gregory's service in 1866. John Goss, Herbert Gregory, Mr. Gregory and his wife were living in the house. There was a lodger there - a woman I believe. It is not true that I had connection with Jane Gingell in the stable on the 13th April 1866. It is not true that I had connection with her on many other occasions. She has never spoken to me about or concerning the child. I heard what Mrs. Gingell said. I saw her in the kitchen of Gregory's house. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were out. She asked me my name and said I had connection with her daughter and I should find out. I said I had no connection with her at all. She said I should find out that I had. I told her I knew Herbert Gregory had by his telling me himself. I did say I felled her back on the steps. I was at the Pump, she came and threw a bowl of water over me and I threw her back on the steps, that was the occasion I referred to to her mother. Jane Gingell and I did not agree. We did not quarrel more than servants together.

Cross Examined:-

Were you not in the pantry - with me twice? I don't remember it.

Herbert Gregory swore & saith:-

I am fifteen years of age. Sixteen on the 27th of this month. I was living on the Green with my father when Jane Gingell, was a servant there. I have had hands with her. I suppose my father knows it. I have been with her more than once. I don't know the first time, it was in the Parlour about 2 months after she first came I had connection with her.

Order Made.

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