



Bastardy Examination

Calne

At Calne Town Hall 20th June 1853

Ann Goodship v John Scott

Ann Goodship swore & saith:-

I am a single woman residing in Calne Parish. On the 3rd day of February last I was confined and gave birth to a female child at my father's house, John Goodship, in Theobalds Green in Calne Parish. I charge John Scott of Preshute the defendant as being the father of the child. I was in the service of Mr. Cable of Manton in May 1852 when the defendant first had connexion with me. The defendant was at that time in the service of Mr. Cable living with his father at Manton. He was carter to Mr. Cable. He frequently had connexion with me afterwards. The first time it happened in the brewhouse of Mr. Cable's house. The defendant never gave me any money or promised to give me money. I never had connexion with any other men. I left Mr. Cable's service at old Michaelmas 1852.

John Scott swore:-

And admits having had criminal connexion on 25th July last in Mr. Cable's stable at Manton and afterwards I never had connexion with her before the 25th July.

George Dixon called by defendant & swore:-

I am living at Marlborough now. In May 1851 (2 years ago last May) I first entered Mr. Cable's service and remained there till Michaelmas last. I was under carter and lodged with John Scott a part of the time. Before I lodged with John Scott I lived at Mr. Cable's house till Mr. Cable married. I have had connexion with the complainant several times. The first time was within a month after she came. She first came about Michaelmas. My connexion with her was continued for 8 months afterwards. A month did not elapse without my having connexion with her.

John Peck sore & says:-

I live at Manton I had criminal connexion with the complainant Ann Goodship on the 22nd July 1852 about 9 at night and again about three weeks after but never again.

In answer to questions by complainant what John Scott had told him to say he said:-

"What he had now said".

Case Adjourned and dismissed on July 18th 1853

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