



Bastardy Examination

Calne

At Calne Town Hall 15th November 1858

Eliza Henly v Henry Horton

Eliza Henly swore and saith:-

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:-

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 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 sweetheart and I've talked to him but not had connexion with him. I have spoken to him only on passing within the last 12 months. I saw him the other day. I have not been in a public house with him for 3 or 4 years. I know Abraham Greenaway. He was not a sweetheart. 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 10 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.

Re Cross Examined:-

I have not had connexion with anyone but defendant since 2 years next March when he began to keep company with me.

Ann Henly swore and saith:-

I am Mother to complainant. My daughter Eliza has lately had a Child - a Boy. She was living with me when confined and about 6 months previously. I know Henry Horton. I have seen the defendant with my daughter several times at my house and standing by the light. The first time was about last Michaelmas 12 month. I never saw anyone else with her at the gate.

Cross Examined:-

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 saith:-

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 20 times. I never saw anyone else come there.

Henry Edwards swore and saith:-

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 saith:-

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.

David Kembling swore and saith:-

I know Eliza Henly and have done so for 12 months. I have had improper connexion with her more than 12 months ago - the last time about two months before that. I have had connexion with her 2 or 3 times before - often seen her out at night.

Cross Examined:-

I have seen her walking with another man Abraham Greenaway.

Stephen Cleverly swore and saith:-

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 10 minutes. I have seen her with Abraham Greenaway. She is in habit of going with men. I have not had connexion with her myself. I thought she had a disorder.

Case dismissed.

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

At Calne Town Hall 19th October 1863

Eliza Henly v Henry Horton

Eliza Henly swore and saith:-

I live in Kew Lane in parish of Calne, single woman. I was confined on 21st August 1862 of a male bastard child. I charge Henry Horton with being the father of the child. I have known him nearly 8 years. He first had connexion with me 7 years ago last March. I have kept his company that time. He has been in the habit of giving me money. He has given me some before a witness since the birth. He never wrote to me.

James Webb swore and saith:-

I am a labourer. I heard Henry Horton offer Henly a sovereign and 1/6 per week at my house last Saturday night.

Order made.

Source:- B10/100/2 - Justices Minute Books, Calne County Division 1851-1883