



Paternity Claims 1827 - 1897

Tisbury and Wardour

- 1827** Committed to the House of Correction Devises
William Gerrard for three months for disobeying an order of bastardy due to the parish of Tisbury
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Thursday 13 December 1827
- 1846** Committed to Fisherton Gaol
William Foyle, of East Tisbury, for three months, for not maintaining his bastard child
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 07 February 1846
- 1846** Hindon Petty Sessions
An order on George Rebbeck, of Wardour, for the support of Catherine Drew, his illegitimate child
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 06 June 1846
- 1850** Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 19 Jun 1850
Elizabeth Read swore & saith "I live at St Mary. On the 22nd April I was delivered of a female bastard child there. John Green of Hatch is the father." Order Made.
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 23 Oct 1850
Jane Carter swore & saith "I live at Hindon. I was delivered of a female child on 27th June. Benjamin Thorp of West Tisbury is the father; he was then a single man but since is married." Order Made.
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 23 Oct 1850
Jane Hibberd swore & saith "I live at West Tisbury and on 4th Sept I was delivered of a female bastard child. William Targett of West Tisbury is the father." Adjourned.
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 13th Nov 1850
Mary Targett swore & saith "I know Jane Hibbard ... I gave her some money." Cross examined: "It was my money, not my son's or by his authority." Order Refused.
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 13th Nov 1850
Alice Gind swore & saith "I live at West Tisbury. On the 25th July last I was delivered of a male bastard child. Joseph Mould is the father." Order Made.
- 1851** Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 24th Sep 1851
Elizabeth Harding swore & saith "I live at Tisbury. On the 21st April last I was delivered of a male bastard child. Geo Edwards Rebbeck of Wardour, yeo, is the father." Rebbeck appeared and submitted to an Order.
- 1852** Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 14th Jan 1852
Elizabeth Sarah Harding swore and saith "I produce an Order of Bastardy upon Geo Edwards Rebbeck for the maintenance of my male bastard child at 1/6 a week, was due on the 3rd Dec." Committed for a month.
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 18th Feb 1852
Elizabeth Sarah Harding swore & saith "There is 10 week's pay due to me to the 14th Feb from Geo Edwards Rebbeck for the maintenance of my bastard child 15/-." No result recorded.
- Committed to Fisherton Gaol
Edward Mould, of West Tisbury, for six weeks for not obeying a bastardy order
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 07 February 1852
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 19th May 1852
Emma Gind swore & saith "I live at Wardour. On the 10th March I was delivered of a female bastard child. Matthew Coombs of Wardour, yeoman, is the father." Application Dismissed.
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 07th Jul 1852
Ann Wire swore & saith "I live at Tisbury. On the 11th November I was delivered of a female bastard child. Edward Martin of Sutton Mandeville is the father. This is not the first child I had by him, the other is dead." Order Made.
- 1853** Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 02 Nov 1853
Ebb Harris swore & saith "I live at East Tisbury. On 9th February I was delivered of a female bastard child. John Grimstone of Tisbury is the father." Order Made.

- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 07 Sep 1853
Fanny Stone swore & saith "I live at West Tisbury. On the 12th November I was delivered of a male bastard child. William Scammell of West Tisbury is the father." Order Made.
- 1854** Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 06 Dec 1854
Sarah Pike swore & saith "I live at Wardour. On 13th October I was delivered of a bastard child. John Lever of Ansty is the father." Order Made.
- 1856** Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 23 Jan 1856
Lucy Osborne swore & saith "I live at Tisbury. I know Albin Hibberd He seduced me and I was delivered of a female bastard child on 3rd November 1853. Albin Hibberd of Tisbury is the father." Order Made.
- Tisbury Petty Sessions, held at the Arundell Arms, Donhead St Andrew, 22 Oct 1856
Louisa Foot swore & saith "I live at Donhead St Mary. On the 2nd Feb 1855 I was delivered of a male bastard child. William Gray of Tisbury is the father." Wm Gray admits paternity and consents to an order. Order Made.
- 1866** Hindon Petty Sessions
Edward F Furnell, East Tisbury, was summoned for refusing to contribute towards the support of his daughter, Catharine Jane Furnell, an inmate in Devon & Exeter Girls' Reformatory. The Bench made an order for 1s per week. Western Gazette Friday 16 November 1866
- 1867** Hindon Petty Sessions
Charles Castle, a labourer, of Tisbury, was summoned to show cause why he should not contribute towards the support of the illegitimate child of Alice Yeates, of the same place. Plaintiff stated that the defendant had given her 8s since the birth of the child, which was on the 16th of December last. The last time he gave her money, a witness was present. Selina Penny was then sworn and stated that on the 16th February last, she was at the house of the plaintiff when Charles Castle came, and gave her 4s and told her it was to help keep the child, and that it was all he could give her then, but he would give her 1s per week regularly. Defendant did not appear. Sergeant Britten proved the service of the summons, and the Bench made an order of 1s 6d per week from the date of application (20th Feb). Western Gazette Friday 08 March 1867
- Hindon Petty Sessions
Frederick Furnell, labourer, of Tisbury, was summoned for neglecting to contribute towards the support of his daughter, Catherine Furnell, an inmate of the Devon and Exeter Reformatory. This case was settled by the defendant paying 17s of arrears and costs. Western Gazette Friday 26 July 1867
- 1875** Hindon Petty Sessions
Jas Gane, of Tisbury, was summoned by Jane Dummer, to show cause &c. Defendant did not deny the paternity and state that he was willing to take the child. When asked why they did not marry, defendant said he supposed he must, and the young lady expressing her willingness, the Bench allowed them a month to settle the matter. Western Gazette Friday 09 July 1875
- 1881** Warminster Petty Sessions
Thomas Astley, of Tisbury, was summoned by Ellen Baker, of Chitterne, to show cause, &c. Defendant admitted being the father of the child and an order of 1s 6d per week was made by the Bench. Western Gazette Friday 13 May 1881
- 1882** Hindon Petty Sessions
Henry Roper was summoned by Grace Pain of Tisbury to show cause &c. and an order of 5s a week was made. Western Gazette Friday 04 August 1882
- 1890** Tisbury Petty Sessions
George Moxham, labourer, West Tisbury, was summoned by Emily Jane Leman, of Tisbury, to show cause, &c. Mr Marsh prosecuted on behalf of the Tisbury Board of Guardians. Plaintiff was not an inmate of the Union. Defendant practically admitted the paternity. He said he earned 8s a week and lodgings as a carter. His hands and feet were deformed. Ordered to pay 1s 6d a week until the child is thirteen years old. Western Gazette Friday 29 August 1890
- 1891** Tisbury Petty Sessions
George Spearing, baker, grocer, and beer house keeper, Nunton, Salisbury, was summoned by Mary Maud Hibberd, servant, of Tisbury, to show cause, &c. After hearing further evidence, the Bench dismissed the case, but made no order as to costs. (part article only; more information under Tisbury People History)
Western Gazette Friday 16 January 1891
- 1897** Tisbury Police Court
Frederick Newton, labourer, of Tisbury, was brought up in custody charged on a warrant with being in arrears on a bastardy order to the amount of £2 8s, due to Mary Stretch, a single woman, of Berwick St John. Defendant now paid the amount owing, together with 9s 2d costs. Western Gazette Friday 26 March 1897