



**SALISBURY AND WINCHESTER JOURNAL,**  
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1830-1859

- 1830 Married  
At Semley, near Shaftesbury, on 22<sup>nd</sup> ult., by the Rev. Ralph Ord, James, third son of Mr Robert Welsh, of Semley, to Eliza, only daughter of Mr J C Burbidge, of East Knoyle  
Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette March 04 1830
- Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes  
John White, for two months, for destroying wood, the property of Mr Robert Baker, of Semley  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 15 April 1830
- Decree of the High Court  
Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in the cause "Barfoot v Chitty", the creditors of George Parham, late of Semley, in the county of Wilts, gentleman) who died in the month of October 1825), are by their Solicitors, on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June next, to come in and prove their Debs, before James Trower, Esq., one of the masters of the said court, at his chambers in Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded the benefit of the said decree. Solicitor for the Plaintiff, Mr William Burr ridge, Shaftesbury. Agent, Mr George Capes, Raymond Buildings, Grays Inn  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette May 27 1830
- Committed to Fisherton Gaol  
Geo Harris, charged with having stolen two sheaves of wheat, the property of John Andrews, of Semley.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 01 November 1830
- 1831 Married: Feb. 17, at Dinton, Mr Hugh White, of Semley, to Maria, youngest daughter of the late Mr Henry Wright, of Dinton.  
Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette February 24 1831
- 1832 Twenty Pounds Reward.  
Whereas, on the night of Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 1832, or early the following morning, a Black Horse was stolen from Semley Common, near Shaftesbury. Notice is hereby given, that whoever will give such information as may lead to the recovery of the said horse, and the conviction of the offender or offenders, shall receive the above reward (Ten Pounds of the Treasurer of the Knoyle Association for the Prevention of Robberies, &c., and Ten Pounds of Mr William Pike, of Semley, the Owner).
- Description - the above horse is rising 5 years old, about 14 hands high, has been used to either riding or drawing, has a small round white star on his forehead, a white spot on the tip of his nose, a gall close to his near ear, from the halter, the hair a little off both knees, the off hoof behind white, and when lost had a long tail. N.B. There appears to be sufficient reason for believing the above horse to be stolen; but if it should be strayed only, whoever will bring the same to the owner shall be rewarded for their trouble, and all reasonable expenses paid.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 16 July 1832
- Let to the Poor  
Mr Bennett, Member for Wilts, has let upwards of 50 lots of land for field gardens to poor persons, of the parishes of Tisbury and Semley, at 3d per lug.  
Worcester Herald 11 August 1832
- Died: Oct, 21, suddenly, the Rev G Shell, Baptist Minister of Semley. The deceased had preached in the afternoon and had just taken tea; his head dropped, and before medical aid could be procured, life was extinct.  
Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette October 25 1832
- 1834 Inquest  
Mr Whitmarsh held an inquest on Tuesday, at Semley, on the body of James Baker. The deceased on the preceding day was at work in a quarry, and, whilst undermining a stone, a mass overhead weighing about two tons and a half, fell down upon him, and killed him on the spot. Verdict, Accidental Death  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 02 June 1834
- 1835 Notice  
Whereas by Will of the deceased Mr George Parham, Gentleman, of Semley, in the County of Wilts, who died on the 1st of October, 1825, it appears that Robert Senior Barfoot, therein named Robert Barfoot, Mary his wife, George Parham Barfoot, and Peter Barfoot, and six other children are interested by the right in Law of the said Will; and whereas the Will was submitted by Bill in the King's High Court of Chancery, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1827, for the relief in the cause prayed, and the said Will is admitted, but the execution prevented; and whereas various Securities, due to Testator's Estate, are now in the possession of Robert Senior Barfoot.

Now this publication is to inform all persons who may have business, or owe debts to the estate, that Robert Senior Barfoot, late of Melbury Abbas, in the county of Dorset, and Mary his wife, and their children, are now living in Old Lymington, in the County of Hants.  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal May 04 1835

- 1836 Bath Hospital  
The following is a list of patients with their diseases, when admitted, who have been discharged during the last month from the Bath Hospital, and who have derived great benefit from the use of the Bath Waters .....
- James Burt, Semley, Wilts, lumbago  
Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 04 February 1836

On Wednesday, May 25, the parish of Semley presented a very gay and pleasing appearance, the members of the Union Benefit Society proceeding in procession to their esteemed Minister's house and from thence to the church where an excellent and very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev R Ord, after which they proceeded to their usual place of meeting, and partook of an excellent dinner provided for the occasion. Nothing could exceed the harmony and conviviality which prevailed throughout the day, and the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 06 June 1836

- 1837 Committed to Fisherton Gaol  
Maria Warren, charged with breaking open the barn of Thomas Baker at Semley and stealing a quantity of wheat  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 27 November 1837

- 1838 Prisoners for Trial  
At the Wilts Quarter Sessions, which commence on Tuesday next at Devizes, the following prisoners appear on the calendar for trial: George Knipe and Charles Toogood for stealing a wether sheep at Donhead St Mary  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 01 January 1838

Wilts Quarter Sessions (concluded from last)  
Maria Warren for stealing wheat at Semley; two months  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 01 January 1838

Wilts Quarter Sessions  
Sentences of prisoners concluded from our last: Transportation for fifteen years: George Knipe and Charles Toogood for stealing a wether sheep, the property of John Barter of Donhead Saint Mary  
Wiltshire Independent Thursday 11 January 1838

The ninth anniversary of the Semley Union Society was celebrated on Whit Wednesday with unusual spirit and sociality. The members met at ten o'clock in the morning and attended Divine service at the parish church where an eloquent discourse was delivered by the respected Rector. They afterwards partook of an excellent dinner provided for the occasion. We congratulate this excellent Institution on the accession of a number of honorary members.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 18 June 1838

- 1840 Five Guineas Reward  
Whereas, on Sunday night last, the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, or early the following morning, a black mare, of the hack kind, was stolen or has strayed from a Common in the parish of Semley, Wilts. Whoever will give such information as shall lead to the recovery of the same, shall, on conviction of the offender (if stolen), receive the above reward, and if strayed, shall be handsomely rewarded for their trouble, on application to the owner, Mr Geo. Pike, of Semley, near Shaftesbury. NB. The mare is five years old, 14 hands high, has a saddle mark on the near side and three warts, viz, one under her throat, one between her fore legs and one under her belly, a switch tail and a scar from a kick on her near hinder leg. Dated June 2 1840  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal June 08 1840

Committed to Fisherton Gaol  
Jonathan Rogers, of Semley, charged with stealing beans and a quantity of turnips, the property of John Benett, Esq.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 23 March 1840

- 1841 Died: June 1, after a lingering illness, aged 11 years, Clementina, third daughter of Mr S Vincent of Coppice Farm.  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal June 07 1841

- 1842 Notice is hereby given  
That John Barratt, of Semley, in the county of Wilts, Miller and Baker, hath, by Indenture, bearing date the 2d day of April, 1842, conveyed and assigned all his real and personal estate and effects unto William Bracher, of the same place, Gentleman, and Thomas Blandford, of Fifielld Bavant, in the same county, Yeoman, (two of the creditors of the said John Barratt), upon trust, for the benefit of all the creditors of the said John Barratt who have executed or shall execute the said Indenture; that the said Indenture was duly executed by the said John Barratt and William Bracher, on the said 2d day of April, 1842, in the presence of, and is attested by, Philip Mathews Chitty, of Salisbury, in the county of Dorset, Attorney at Law, and that the same Indenture was also executed by the said Thomas Blandford, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1842, in the presence of, and is attested by, the said Philip Mathews Chitty. The said Indenture is now lying at the office of the said Philip Mathews Chitty, in Shaftesbury aforesaid, for execution by the creditors of the said John Barratt; and all such creditors are hereby required forthwith to execute the said Indenture, either by themselves or some person duly authorised on their behalf, in order that they may not be excluded from the benefit of the same.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 25 April 1842

- 1843     **Bath Hospital**  
The following is a list of patients who have been discharged from the Bath Hospital, during the last month, with their diseases when admitted, and who have derived benefit from the use of the Bath Waters .....  
Cured: Thomas Ings, Semley, Wilts, lepra  
Bath Chronicle & Weekly Gazette September 07 1843
- 1844     **Committed to Fisherton Gaol**  
James Furnell, charged with having feloniously stolen, in the dwelling house of Stephen Parsons, a watch, his property, at Semley.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 26 October 1844
- 1845     **Committed to Fisherton Gaol**  
Luke and Ann Gray, both of Semley, for having at various times, received stolen property  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal November 15 1845
- Committed to Fisherton Gaol**  
Robert Scammell and John Toogood, both of Semley, for six weeks each, for assaulting John Harding.  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal December 20 1845
- 1846     **Committed to Fisherton Gaol**  
William Stone, of Semley, for two months, for an assault.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 07 February 1846
- Hindon Petty Sessions**  
Alfred Gray, of Semley, was convicted in the penalty of 1/. and costs, for unlawfully using certain engines, called traps, for the destruction of hares.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 06 June 1846
- Committed to Fisherton Gaol**  
George and Henry Smith, both of Semley, for a month each, for poaching.  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal December 19 1846
- 1847     **Committed to Fisherton Gaol**  
Charles H Baker, of Semley, for stealing one shilling and two sixpences, the property of Caroline Pike  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal June 12 1847
- Mrs Grace Barrett, Deceased**  
All persons having any claim or demand on the late Mrs Grace Barrett, of Semley, widow, deceased, are requested to forward the same to Mr John Andrews, of Fovant, or Mr Job Snelgrove, of Donhead St Andrew, yeoman, the executors of the said deceased. And all persons indebted to the deceased are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to the said John Andrews or the said Mr Job Snelgrove.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 03 April 1847
- 1848     **Wilts Quarter Sessions**  
William Stone, Jeremiah Rogers, and Joseph Rogers, were indicted for stealing timber from the Marquis of Westminster at Semley. Mr Arney prosecuted and Mr Bethune Bayly defended Jeremiah Rogers. It appeared that the timber had been cut out and was lying ready for re-building the farm house of Mr Pike at Semley, belonging to the Marquis, and portions of it were stolen and found in the possession of Stone and Joseph Rogers, and in the house of the father-in-law Jeremiah Rogers, at Donhead, where Rogers resided. The Jury acquitted Jeremiah Rogers, but convicted the other two prisoners, who were sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment.  
Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette October 26 1848
- Committed to the County Gaol**  
John Mullins, of Semley, charged with stealing an umbrella, the property of George Gray.  
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 05 October 1848
- Committed to the County Gaol**  
Jane Toogood, of Donhead St Mary, for stealing bread, the property of George James, at Semley.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 16 December 1848
- 1849     **Wilts Quarter Sessions**  
**One Month - Jane Toogood, for stealing a loaf of bread at Semley.**  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal January 13 1849
- Committed to County Gaol**  
Hugh Maidment, of Semley, for fourteen days, for stealing live wood.  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal February 10 1849
- Wilts Lent Assizes.**  
Lord Arundel v. Street, a labouring man, at Semley, Wilts. Mr Stock and Mr Greenwood appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Crowder and Mr Barstow for the defendant.
- This was an action of ejectment, to recover 60 perches of land, at Semley, which had been leased by Henry Lord Arundel on three lives in 1773 (May 10) to one John Street, for 99 years, subject to a quit rent of 6d per year.

It appeared that the property having been built on was now of some value – that it had passed through several hands by deeds of assignment, till it came into the possession of the father of defendant, who gave it to him, and that the last life having said to have expired in Nov 1847, his Lordship claimed it as heir to the estate to which it devolved at the expiration of three lives. Verdict for defendant.

His Lordship: On what ground?

Foreman: Because there is not sufficient proof that the last life is expired, and that is all.

Hampshire Telegraph 10 March 1849

Hindon Petty Sessions

Mr Chitty applied, on behalf of Mr Norton, of Hindon, plumber, for a licence to a house at Semley. Granted.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 08 September 1849

Hindon Petty Sessions

Thomas Harrison and James Burden were summoned by John Rogers for a breach of the peace at Semley. Mr Geo Chitty appeared for the defendants. Ordered to pay the costs, and to find sureties for the good behaviour.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 08 September 1849

- 1850 Assignees of Bankrupts' Estates  
Norton G., plumber. Assignee William Norton of Semley, Wilts, plumber and glazier.  
Perry's Bankrupt Gazette October 19 1850
- 1851 Hindon Petty Sessions  
James Crickmay and Henry Bastable, of Hindon, were convicted in 5/. penalty for assaulting Martha Harrison, at Semley; in default of payment, committed to gaol for two months.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 27 September 1851
- 1852 Died: On the 2nd inst., after a long illness, Elizabeth, wife of Charles Vincent, Yeoman, Semley, Wilts, aged 62  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal May 08 1852
- 1853 Wiltshire Lent Assizes  
Henry Lampard was indicted for stealing a quantity of hay, the property of William Pike and another at Semley. Mr. Edwards prosecuted.
- Thomas Brown met the prisoner on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, in a lane at Semley; he had a bundle of hay on his back. Witness said "You have good hay there", he replied "Yes, it is some Elias, the clergyman's servant, tied up for me as I feed his cows in the morning". Witness saw it was of a different sort to that belonging to Elias, and communicated with prosecutor. The place where he met prisoner was a stone's throw from prosecutor's house.
- William Pike deposed, that he went to prisoner's house with a policeman and gave him in custody on a charge of stealing hay, he said he knew nothing about it. Witness saw him again the next morning and said "You had better have told the truth last night to Mr Brown" and he replied that he took the hay from my rick and gave it to Elias's cows. Witness, with the police officer, traced the hay from where prisoner was met by Brown, to the rick, from which as much as a man could carry had been taken. The Jury found the prisoner guilty. One month, hard labour.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal March 12 1853
- Hindon Petty Sessions  
John Ings, of Semley, was summoned by the Excise for selling beer on the 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. last without a licence to do so. Mr W Tootell, Officer of Excise at Shaftesbury, proved the charge, and the Court convicted the defendant in the mitigated costs.  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal March 19 1853
- Married: On the 11<sup>th</sup> ult., at Semley, by the Rev Leonard St George, Mr George Arnold of Holy Rhoad Farm, St James's Shaftesbury, to Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr Charles Vincent, yeoman, Senior's Farm Semley Wilts.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal April 23 1853
- Died: On the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, Mrs H Burt of Hook Farm Semley after a long and severe illness, leaving a large family to lament the loss of a good parent.  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal August 20 1853
- 1855 Annual Fete  
The annual fete and tea party in aid of the church school in this parish came off on Thursday, the 26th ult., and notwithstanding the heavy rain which unfortunately set in towards the afternoon, was attended by a very large party. The arrangements for the amusement of the company were admirably conducted under the kind superintendence of the worthy Curate and his excellent lady (Mr and Mrs S George), who with the assistance of the respectable parishioners, were indefatigable in their exertions to promote the pleasure and comfort of all.
- A band of music enlivened the scene, to the strains of which dancing went merrily on until the shades of evening terminated this happy party. We are gratified to see so much spirit displayed in this small parish, in establishing and supporting this annual gathering and we trust it will go on and prosper.  
Salisbury & Winchester Journal August 04 1855

For Sale by Auction

Charles Guy is instructed to sell by auction, on the premises, at the Rectory, on Thursday, the 1st of November, 1855, the household furniture and effects, late the property of the Rev Ralph Ord, deceased, which includes .... (part article only).

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 27 October 1855

1857 Fatal Accident

On Saturday last, as Mr W H Bond, the representative of Messrs Rowe and Co., soap manufacturers, Brentford, was on his journey from Shaftesbury to Warminster, his horse took fright at a short distance from the former place and ran down the hill and through the common at Semley, to the common gate, where an old man was stopping to open the gate, and according to one account, he had the gate open, and was requested by Mr Bond to shut it, in order to stop the horse, and in doing so the horse attempted to clear the gate, knocked the old man down, and beat the forewheel to pieces, the horse was also considerably injured.

We are sorry to find the old man was hurt so seriously that he died the same evening. Mr Bond escaped unhurt. On each of the last three Saturdays a fatal accident from horses and conveyances has happened within a few miles of each other.

Salisbury & Winchester Gazette May 23 1857

1858 Returned from India

On Thursday, Sedgell House, the residence of M Jeffreys, Esq., was the scene of unusual festivity, in honour of the return of Mr Vere Fane Benett from India, and of his arrival in this neighbourhood. The North Lawn was decorated with arches of laurel adorned with flags, which marked out the space for dancers, and the center arch bore a large flag, having, in conspicuous letters, the inscription of "Welcome Home".

At two o'clock the excellent village bands of Semley and Knoyle were in attendance, and Mr Benett having arrived and been received with enthusiastic cheering, dancing commenced, Mr Benett leading off with Miss Jeffreys in a good old English country dance. At five o'clock the company sat down to a substantial dinner, and at the conclusion Mr Benett's health was drunk with deafening applause, while the Semley bells rang out a merry peal. After dinner dancing was resumed with great spirit, and continued till 9 o'clock.

Among the company were Mrs John Locke and daughters, the Rev W C and Mrs Radcliffe and daughters, the Rev A Hall, Miss Fane, Miss Amy Fane, Mr Henry Fane, Mrs A and Mrs J Hussey, Miss Julia Wyndham &c., and a large number of old friends and servants of the Pyt House family, who were rejoiced to meet their young landlord.

At the conclusion, Mr Bennett again received the hearty cheers of the company, for which he returned thanks in an excellent and well delivered speech, promising to use his best endeavours to be a good landlord and a kind friend to rich and poor.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal May 01 1858

1859 Wanted Immediately

A good shoeing smith; constant employment. Apply to Mr R Bowren, Semley, Shaftesbury

Salisbury & Winchester Journal October 22 1859

Married: On the 19th inst., at Semley, by the Rev. H Hall, Mr W Pike, of Whitebridge Farm, to Emily Anna, second daughter of Mr G Perry, of the same place.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal October 29 1859