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1800-1899

- 1806 County Assizes Salisbury**
The following prisoner received sentence of death, reprieved: Edward Lloyd for stealing a stag sheep, the property of W White of West Knoyle.
Hampshire Chronicle Monday 17 March 1806
- 1809 Died**
At Clifton, the Rev H Hawes, A.M., Vicar of West Knoyle, Wilts, and of Yatton, Somersetshire
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 03 April 1809
- Ecclesiastical Intelligence**
The Rev Dr Eyre has presented the Rev Thomas Wickham, Prebendary of Sarum, to the Vicarage of Yatton in the county of Somerset and the Curacy of West Knoyle, in this county, both vacant by the death of the Rev Henry Hawes.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 22 May 1809
- 1818 General Quarter Sessions Warminster**
Wm Ford, for stealing 2 sacks and potatoes belonging to Robert Rumsey at West Knoyle: to be confined 6 months in Devizes house of correction, and to be publicly whipped at Devizes.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 20 July 1818
- 1823 Died**
On Monday last died at Mere, in this county, in his 77th year, universally respected and regretted, Mr Wm White, who had been a tenant of Sir Richard Colt Hoare, Bart, and his ancestors, upwards of fifty years. He was interred on Friday at West Knoyle; his funeral was attended by a numerous and respectable assemblage of neighbours, anxious to testify their respect for his integrity, benevolence, and general worth.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 10 February 1823
- 1825 Married**
On Thursday the 29th ult., was married at West Knoyle Church, by the Rev S H Cassan, Mr Thos Hillier to Miss Williams, both of the same place
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 03 January 1825
- Committed to Fisherton Gaol**
William Ford charged with stealing a halter and a quantity of straw and potatoes, the property of his master William White Rumsey at West Knoyle
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday May 16 1825
- Quarter Sessions**
On Tuesday last the quarter sessions of the peace for this county commenced at Warminster. Six months - William Ford for stealing potatoes, &c. from W.W. Rumsey at West Knoyle
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday July 18 1825
- 1827 Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes**
Robert Mells, of West Knoyle for three months for breaches of the game laws
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday February 19 1827
- 1830 Died**
On the 28th ult. In the 72^d year of his age, Mr Willoughby, of Serjeants' Inn, Fleet-street, London, and formerly of West Knoyle in this county.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 08 February 1830
- 1831 Inquest**
Mr Whitmarsh held an inquest, on the 21st inst., at West Knoyle, on the body of Maria Mills. The clothes of the deceased had caught fire in the absence of the mother, which burnt her so seriously as to cause her death in a few hours afterwards. Verdict: Accidental death.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 28 February 1831
- 1834 Committed to the House of Correction, Devizes**
James Chalk and Henry Parfitt, for six weeks each, for willfully trespassing in a wood, the property of Sir R C Hoare Bart., in the parish of West Knoyle.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 27 January 1834

1835 Inquest

Mr Whitmarsh held an inquest on the 22d ult., at West Knoyle, on the body of Wm Hibberd. Deceased was guard of a road wagon, drawn by six horses. On coming out of Mere, being in a state of intoxication, he was riding in the fore part of the wagon. The vehicle had not proceeded far on Hindon road, when the wagoner, hearing a noise and looking back, found th deceased had fallen to the ground. He received severe injury in his head, that, after being put into the wagon, he died whilst it was going up Charnage hill. Verdict: Accidental death and a deodand of 1s. Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 02 February 1835

1841 Committed to Fisherton Gaol

Henry Ricketts, of West Knoyle, charged with stealing a scythe, the property of William Arnold, also charged with stealing a hop-pick, the property of William Ridgeley at West Tisbury. Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 30 August 1841

1842 Unfit for Residence

It is in contemplation to take down and rebuild the vicarage-house, and the offices thereto belonging to the vicarage of West Knoyle, near Mere, Wilts, the present glebe-house being unfit for the residence of the minister. Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 17 October 1842

1843 Church Intelligence

On the 18th instant, the Rev Alston William Radcliffe, clerk, M.A. was instituted by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury to the vicarage of North Newton, otherwise North Neunton, otherwise Newington, otherwise Newnton, in this county, void by the resignation of James Walter Cardew, clerk, on the presentation of the Rev Joseph Samuel Stockwell, clerk, rector and prebendary of the Rectory and Prebendal Church of North Newton, otherwise North Neunton, otherwise Newington, otherwise Newnton aforesaid, heretofore founded in the ancient conventual Church of the Monastery of Wilton, and for many years past lawfully dissolved, together with the chapel of Knoyle Oderne, otherwise Little Knoyle, to the said Rectory and Prebendal Church annexed; and as such Rector and Prebendary the true and undoubted Patron of the Vicarages aforesaid.

Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 27 April 1843

Inquests

At West Knoyle, on Thomas Gray, aged 42 years, and George Light, aged 25 years. These men, with a third man, and a boy, were sent by their master, Mr Butt of Pertwood, to Mere, with a wagon laden with barley. After unloading, they took up cider tackle of the weight of about three tons.

From the evidence of the boy, who was the son of Gray, it appears they visited one or two public houses, but were not intoxicated, and on their return about five o'clock p.m. they were descending a hill towards Willoughby-hedge-gate at a smart trot, the two deceased men and the boy riding in the wagon, and the third man running by the side holding the trace, when the latter stumbled and fell, and one or both near-wheels passing over him, fractured his thigh-bone, and otherwise injured him.

Gray, observing this man lying on the ground, attempted to get out of the wagon, but fell on his head. Light, also shortly after, in getting out, fell to the ground and both near-wheels passed over his abdomen. Both men expired in a few minutes. From the evidence of Mr Rumsey, surgeon of Mere, it appears that the cause of death in Gray was concussion of the brain, and in Light, the rupture of some of the viscera of the abdomen.

Verdict in both cases: Accidentally Killed.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 11 November 1843

1851 Inquest

At West Knoyle, on Ann Arnold, aged 30 years. The deceased was housekeeper to Mr John Ailes, who had driven her in his trap, with two other persons, to Mere. On their return, being very dark, the carriage was upset by a heap of stones, all were thrown out, and the deceased received a very severe contusion of the left leg. In three days mortification came on, which destroyed life on the tenth day. Verdict Accidental Death.

At West Knoyle on the infant male child of the above Ann Arnold, which was found, after her death, locked up in a box, in a state of decomposition. The surgeon was of the opinion the infant was still-born. Verdict accordingly.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 01 March 1851

1857 Wilts Quarter Sessions

William Coward, stealing a smock frock, the property of James Lloyd, at West Knoyle – seven years penal servitude, having had previous convictions.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 04 July 1857

1858 Inquest

At West Knoyle, on Charles Mills, aged 60 years. The deceased was subject to epileptic fits and was found drowned in Knoyle Lake, lying on his face in eight inches of water; there were no external injuries of the body and it is inferred he was attacked with a fit and fell into the lake. Verdict Found Drowned.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 13 March 1858

Inquest

At West Knoyle, on Sarah Jane Low, aged one year. Elizabeth Low deposed 'I am mother of the deceased. On Monday, Nov. 22, I left my three children in the house at about eleven o'clock a.m. to go to Mr Mitchell's to pay some club money. I was not more than five minutes gone.

On my return I heard the children screaming and found the deceased out in the garden, lying on his face, all in flames. I put them out as soon as I could. Her clothes were consumed and she was burnt all over the front of the body. She died in two hours. My little boy told me that she was playing with some string at the fire when her clothes caught. Verdict Accidental Death.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 18 December 1858

1866 Hindon Petty Sessions

Charles Morgan was brought up in custody, charged with night poaching at West Knoyle, on the 31st January, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and at the end of that period, to find sureties.

Western Gazette Friday 16 February 1866

1867 Hindon Petty Sessions

James Lander, dairyman, of Mere, Thomas Lander, carpenter, of Mere, and John Waters, dairyman, of West Knoyle, were summoned for unlawfully being in pursuit of game on lands in the occupation of Mr Thomas Gough on the 16th January. William Ranger stated: I am assistant gamekeeper to Sir H Hoare, and live at West Knoyle. About half past two o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th of this month, I saw the three defendants on land in the occupation of Mr Thos Gough at West Knoyle. They had three dogs and each carried a gun. They beat several hedges, and James Lander shot at something, but I could not tell what it was. I saw him re-load his gun, and they then went on beating other hedges. When they observed me coming towards them, they all ran away. In answer to the Bench, witness swore positively to the men, as he knew them all quite well.

Mr George Chitty appeared for the defendants and contended that his clients only crossed certain fields, as a near cut to a field in the occupation of the Landers' father, to shoot blackbirds. Ranger, however, swore that they had with them a greyhound, a setter and a retriever, all sporting dogs, and that they beat several hedges over 700 yards. The magistrates were of the opinion that the case was clearly proved and fined them £1 each and costs 12s.

Western Gazette Friday 25 January 1867

1868 Sudden Death

An inquest was held by Mr R M Wilson, coroner, at West Knoyle, on Wednesday, on the body of Jabez Hull, aged 34 years, gamekeeper to Sir Henry Hoare, Bart. The deceased left his home on the previous morning about seven o'clock. He then made no complaint of illness, but he had on previous occasions complained of shortness of breath after any exertion. He was afterwards seen in a coppice by an under keeper, whom he requested to make haste to see what was the matter, a load of hurdles being upset in the road. The under keeper went on, as requested, but on looking back after going a short distance, he saw deceased in a stooping position, and on going back a short time afterwards he found him lying on the ground in an insensible state and he died almost immediately. Mr Rumsey, surgeon, attributed death to disease of the heart. Verdict accordingly.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 25 July 1868

1869 Hindon Petty Sessions

John Riddick, labourer, of West Knoyle, brought up on remand, charged with leaving his wife and child chargeable to the Mere Union. Sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

Western Gazette Friday 22 January 1869

Wilts Spring Assize, Devizes

Wm Smith and Frank Champion were indicted for stealing 7s, at West Knoyle. Mr Ravehill prosecuted.

The prisoners, who were travelling tinkers, were employed by a man named Thos Raddock, to mend two tin tea-pots for him. they were to receive 3s for the job, and he gave them half a sovereign, expecting to receive the change. They left the house and did not return. The prosecutor gave information to the police, and the prisoners, on being apprehended at Warminster, admitted having spent the seven shillings.

His lordship said, in point of law, there was no case against the prisoners. It had beend ecided that a man could not be convicted of larceny as a bilee, unless the bailment was to re-deliver the very same chattel or money. He said nothing about the honesty of the prisoners' intentions. The prisoners were acquitted – evidently much to their own astonishment.

Western Gazette Friday 02 April 1869

Wilful Damage

George Mills, of West Knoyle, and Thomas Mead, of Mere, were summoned for maliciously destroying a quantity of cabbages and beans growing in a garden at West Knoyle, occupied by James Gray. The charge was proved by Frank Whitehorn, who assisted in committing the offence, and afterwards told upon the other defendants. The witness stated that on Saturday night the defendant Mead asked him to fetch a hook from a coppice at West Knoyle, and cut complainant's beans and cabbages. He accordingly got the hook and in company with Mead went and committed the offence stated, whilst Mills stood and watched; there were altogether 60 cabbages destroyed and several lugs of beans. Mead was ordered to pay 15s damages and a fine of 2/. and costs.

George Mills and Phineas Mead were also summoned for committing damage to a window and a picture, property of John Carey at West Knoyle, on the same day. The offence against Mills was not proved, and the summons was dismissed, but Mead was convicted and ordered to pay the damages, 5s, and a penalty of 10s and costs. In default of payment, Mead was committed to prison upon both charges.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 10 July 1869

1871 Married
On the 20th inst., at West Knoyle, Mr Henry Jupe, of Burton Farm, to Jane, widow of the late Mr W H Selwood, of West Knoyle.
Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 30 March 1871

Hindon Petty Sessions

Wm Love was summoned by Mr Godwin, of West Knoyle, for misconduct in service. Ordered to pay the costs and cautioned not to appear again.
Western Gazette Friday 18 August 1871

1872 Farm Servants Leaving their Masters

George Mills, of West Knoyle, a servant to Mr R C R Godwin, of the same place, farmer, was charged with leaving his masters employ. Defendant was a weekly servant and employed as a general labourer in husbandry at 10s a week and lately he had been allowed to cut grass at 4s per acre. On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., he left his work and did not afterwards return. He was fined 2s 6d and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 13 July 1872

Rectory Vacant

The rectory of West Knoyle, Wiltshire, has become vacant by the death of the Rev J Walter Cardew, M.A. It is worth £300 a year and is in the gift of the Prebendary thereof in Salisbury Cathedral.
Western Gazette Friday 09 August 1872

Diocese of Salisbury

The Bishop has instituted the Rev E Inman, M.A. late curate of Winterslow, to the vicarage of West Knoyle, Wiltshire, vacant by the death of the Rev J W Cardew, M.A.
Western Gazette Friday 27 September 1872

Auction at the Rectory

Mr W H Hannen is favoured with instructions to sell by auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, October 15th 1872, a portion of the household furniture, horse carriage, &c. late the property of the Rev J W Cardew, deceased. Particulars in handbills to be had of the auctioneer. Dated Auction Offices, Wincanton, October 2, 1872
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 05 October 1872

Sudden Death

On Monday, an inquest was held before Mr R M Wilson, coroner, on the body of Eliza Gray, aged 31, wife of Daniel Gray, labourer. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased was taken ill on Saturday evening and was helped up stairs by her mother, when she died in a few minutes. The jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.
Western Gazette Friday 15 November 1872

1878 The Parish Church

On Tuesday, St Barnabas' Day, the foundation stone of the Parish Church, which is being rebuilt, was laid by Mrs Starky of Pensbury. The Rector, the Rev Edward Inman, having prayed for a blessing on the work, the stone was prepared by the builder, and a trowel and mallet handed to Mrs Starky by Mr R C R Godwin, churchwarden. Mrs Starky, with a few appropriate words, laid and adjusted the stone.

Canon Olivier then prayed for the Bishop, the incumbent, the donors of the funds, and for those employed on the building; and after a hymn very heartily sung, and a final blessing, the company separated. Among them we noticed Canon Glyn, Rev M and Mrs Warburton, Rev G B Oldfield, Rev C Tayler, Rev W Miles, Rev W and Mrs Butt, Rev J Deane &c. Messrs Osborne and Davis, of Shaftesbury, have a large staff of excellent workmen employed on the church, but we hear that the funds are as yet not nearly sufficient for the completion.
Western Gazette Friday 14 June 1878

1879 Important Stock Sale

The sale of Mr R C R Godwin's live and dead farming stock took place on Friday and was well attended by the leading agriculturists in this and adjoining counties. Upwards of 450 partook of a splendid luncheon, supplied by Mr Laycock of the Railway Hotel Gillingham who gave great satisfaction. The dairy cows averaged £19 10s each; in calf heifers, rising three years old £23 6s each, barreners £16 10s each. The entire horse fetched 60 guineas and the hunter 80 guineas, being purchased by Mr James Bracher of Tisbury. The sale, which was conducted by Messrs Walter Godwin & Son, reflected much credit on the vendor.
Western Gazette March 07 1879

Re-Opening of the Church

The carving executed in the church was done by Mr C Porlet, of Church Street, Bath, and not by Mr T Osborne, as stated in our last issue. The builders who signed the contract were Mr G W Davis, mason, and Mr J Osborne, carpenter, both of Shaftesbury.
Western Gazette Friday 02 May 1879

Elected

On the 22nd ult, Messrs J Carey and T Thick were elected lay representatives of West Knoyle church.
Western Gazette Friday 05 November 1880

Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at the church on Wednesday evening. The building was prettily adorned for the occasion, and some of the gifts and decorations sent by cottagers were especially noticeable for their beauty and good taste.

A choral service was heartily sung by the Rector and choir and a most eloquent and striking sermon was preached by the Rev T W Wilkinson, Rector of Penselwood. The tempestuous weather kept many away, though the congregation was fairly good. The collection for the Salisbury Infirmary was £1 16s 2d, and this sum has since been added to by absentees.

Western Gazette Friday 05 November 1880

1882 Burglary

A successful attempt at housebreaking was effected late on Saturday night, 25th ult., at the house of Mr Thomas Viner, baker, &c., of West Knoyle. Entrance to the shop was effected through the window and it is surmised by the police that the robber was no stranger to the place. Several articles were abstracted, including some ham, tea, sugar, cake, butter, &c. The thief is still at large, but it is hoped he may be speedily captured and duly punished.

Western Gazette Friday 03 March 1882

New Rector

The Bishop of Salisbury, on the 9th inst., licensed the Rev. George Allen Vander-Meulen, B.A. to the vicarage or perpetual curacy of West Knoyle, vacant by the cession of the Rev Edward Inman, on the presentation of the Earl of Pembroke .

Western Gazette Friday 20 October 1882

1888 Death of the Rector

The death of the Rev G A Vander-Meulen, rector of this parish, took place on Monday at Kingswear, South Devon, where the Rev gentleman had been staying for the benefit of his health. Mr Vander-Meulen has been ill for a long time past, but his decease was wholly unexpected and when the telegram announcing the sad event was received, much regret was evinced among his parishioners, by whom he was deeply respected.

Western Gazette Friday 07 December 1888

Temperance

A temperance tea and meeting to celebrate the anniversary of the Total Abstinence Society took place in the Primitive Methodist preaching-room on Thursday evening. The tea was well patronised and the meeting which followed was presided over by Mr W Andrews. The Rev G Fowler, Mr W Read (Gillingham), and Mr Drew (East Knoyle) were the speakers.

Western Gazette Friday 28 December 1888

1889 Church Intelligence

The Rev Samuel Waring Mangan has been appointed curate of West Knoyle

Western Gazette Friday 26 April 1889

Abandoned

On Thursday Aug. 20th, musical entertainments were to have been held on the rectory lawn in order to raise funds wherewith to free the Parish church from debt. An excellent programme of music had been arranged but the continuous downpour of rain necessitated the abandonment of the proceedings.

Western Gazette Friday 28 August 1891

1892 Sad Death

Mr Wilson held an inquest at West Knoyle on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, on the body of James Broadway, farmer, of Nebraska, United States, who died suddenly whilst on a visit to this brother, Mr John Broadway, farmer, of West Knoyle. Deceased, who was 65 years of age and who had been in America for thirty years, paid a visit to his brother, whom he had not seen for ten years, arriving at West Knoyle Christmas Eve, when he complained of a pain in his stomach, but recovered sufficiently to be able to eat a good dinner on Christmas Day.

He retired to rest at about one o'clock, and shortly afterwards his brother heard him fall down and, on going to his bedroom, found him dead. Mr Woods of Gillingham was immediately called in and gave it as his opinion that the death resulted from syncope. A verdict to that effect was returned.

Western Gazette Friday 08 January 1892