



Newspaper Articles 1800-1885

- 1801 Highway Robbery**
On Saturday the 7th inst. as Mr Drysdale, Bailiff to Mr Beckford at Fonthill, was returning from Warminster market, he was stopped near Pertwood Bushes, so early as half past three o'clock in the afternoon, by a stout man, who rode up to him, and, clapping a pistol to his head, demanded his money. Mr D said he would not be robbed; on which the highwayman drew out another pistol, and presenting that also, swore he should, and appeared so resolute, that Mr D found it prudent to part with his money, and surrendered about 20/. with which the highwayman rode off.
- He was shortly after pursued, but secreted himself in a wood; we hear he has since been taken, and committed to Devizes Bridewell. A person who was seen in his company a short time before the robbery has been apprehended at Frome, and also remains in custody.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 16 November 1801
- 1815 Twenty Guineas Reward**
Whereas on Saturday the 18th of February last, some evil disposed person or persons did wilfully and maliciously shoot a brace of greyhounds, the property of Mr John Folllott, of Knoyle Down, at or near the Willys Wood, between Pertwood and Deverhill, whereof one of them died, and the other much wounded. Whoever will give information of the person or persons who committed such act, shall receive the above reward by applying to the said Mr Folllott.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 06 March 1815
- 1818 Abandoned Horse**
Left at Pertwood, near Hindon, on Monday September 14th, by two men who promised to call for him in three weeks, a dark brown horse, about 14 hands high, short tail, white star in his forehead, white spot on his near shoulder, and a saddle ring on his back. Whoever can prove the said horse to be their property may have him again by applying to Mr Richard Stevens at Hindon, Wilts, and paying all reasonable expenses. If not owned on or before the 8th of December, he will be sold to pay the expenses. Dated Nov 13, 1818
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 23 November 1818
- 1822 Married**
On Friday last, was married in London, Mr Michael Rooke, of Breamore, in this county, to Sarah, daughter of the late Geo Rooke, Esq., of Pertwood Wilts.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 16 December 1822
- 1823 Fire**
A few days since a destructive fire occurred on the premises of Mr Rawlings at Pertwood, near Warminster, by which two waggons, a granary containing 200 sacks of wheat, several outhouses &c were destroyed. The accident was occasioned by the ignition of some hot lime which had been placed in a waggon shed and incautiously covered over. The loss is estimated at £700 and we learn with regret that the property was uninsured.
Hampshire Chronicle Monday 19 May 1823
- 1842 Died**
February 17, at the Widows' College, in the Close, Salisbury, aged 80, Mary, relict of the Rev Wm Norris, Rector of Hindon and Pertwood, in this county, and only daughter of the late John Griffin, Esq., of Bruton, Somerset. This lady was a lineal descendant in the male line from Cadwallader, the last King of the Britons and was the last of her race.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 28 February 1842
- 1848 Inquest**
At Pertwood, in the parish of Brixton Deverell, on Mr Joseph Rawlings, aged 72 years. The deceased had taken a hearty breakfast and was preparing to shave himself when he fell to the ground and in a moment the vital spark had fled. Verdict: Died from Natural Causes
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 20 May 1848
- 1856 Situation Wanted**
By a respectable man and his wife, no family, ages 35; the man as groom and gardener; the wife as housekeeper to a single gentleman or widower. Would have no objection to live in a Tap, or the man could fill a situation alone. The strictest references can be given. Address E.B., Messrs Rawlings, Pertwood, near Hindon, Wilts.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 19 April 1856
- Wanted**
A man as groom and gardener, with boys from 12 to 18 years old, to do the work of Under Carters. A cottage and garden found him. Apply to Mr Pratt, Pertwood, Hindon, Wilts.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 04 October 1856
- 1867 Warminster Petty Sessions**
Henry Chaplin, charged with leaving his master, Mr Pain, of Pertwood, without notice; dismissed on paying costs.
Western Gazette Friday 09 August 1867
- 1868 Early Adders**
On Tuesday last, Stephen Green, carter in the employ of Mr Warren, of Higher Pertwood, killed a large adder.
Western Gazette Friday 27 March 1868

- 1869 Wilts Spring Assize Devises**
Henry Wells, 21, Henry Osborn, 35, and Wm Harvey, 24, labourers, were indicted for breaking into the dwelling house of George Blackman, at Brixton Deverill, on Feb 8, and stealing 1 lb of butter and 4 lbs of bread. Mr Collins and Mr Jephon prosecuted; prisoners were not defended. Prosecutor occupied a cottage at Pertwood, near Shaftesbury. Prisoners were seen near the cottage about the time of the burglary, and a bundle was found in Osborne's possession containing part of the stolen goods; and some footmarks near the house corresponded with those made by the boots worn by Wells. Wells was sentenced to four months' hard labour and Osborne to three months. Harvey was acquitted.
Western Gazette Friday 02 April 1869
- 1870 East Knoyle**
On Saturday, Thomas Bennett, carter to Mr Warren, met with a sad accident, when returning from Iwerene to Pertwood with a waggon load of hay. When about a mile from Knoyle on the Warminster road, he had occasion to go to the off side of the waggon and, in doing so, fell down. The wheels passed over his left leg, breaking it in two places. He was carried home to Pertwood Farm where, under the care of Mr Rumsey, surgeon, of Mere, he is making fair progress towards recovery.
Western Gazette Friday 13 May 1870
- 1872 County Petty Sessions Shaftesbury**
Isaiah Warren, of Pertwood, Wilts, was charged with moving his sheep on the highway at Iwerene Minster on the 25th ult., whilst suffering from foot and mouth disease. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £1 and costs.
Western Gazette Friday 09 August 1872
- 1873 Inquest**
An inquest was held at the (*Salisbury*) Infirmary on Saturday, by Dr Young, on the body of a child three years of age, son of a man named Tuffin, who lives at Pertwood, near Hindon. Mr Biggs, the house-surgeon, stated that the little fellow was brought to the Infirmary on the 14th inst., having, on the previous day, crushed his left hand in a chaff-cutter. Gangrene had set in when he was admitted and on the following Wednesday stiffness of the joints was apparent. Amputation was performed, but convulsions ensued, in which he died. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.
Western Gazette Friday 28 February 1873
- Warminster Petty Sessions**
William Potteccary, labourer, pleaded guilty to having unlawfully absented himself from the service of his master, Mr Pain, of Pertwood, in 1871. The Bench ordered him to pay £1 compensation to Mr Pain, and 7s costs.

Job Forsyth was summoned for having unlawfully absented himself from the service of his master, Mr Pain, of Pertwood. He did not appear and a warrant was granted for his apprehension.
Western Gazette Friday 11 April 1873
- 1879 Hindon Petty Sessions**
Josiah Warren, jun., of Pertwood, was summoned by Eliza Jane Foot, of Donhead St Mary, to show cause, &c. An order was made for payment of 3s 6d weekly.
Western Gazette Friday 19 December 1879
- Fatal Accident at East Knoyle**
On the 24th of December, an inquest was held before Mr R A Wilson, deputy coroner, touching the death of William Tugday, 23, a carter in the employ of Mr Warren, of Pertwood Farm. On the 21st ult, the deceased was endeavouring to check the speed of his horses, when his foot slipped and both the wheels of the waggon passed over him. He only survived a short time, and never spoke after the accident happened. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.
Western Gazette Friday 03 January 1879
- 1883 Hindon Petty Sessions**
John Pearce and William Pearce, of Pertwood, were summoned for assaulting Stephen Holmes on the 23rd Dec. There was a cross summons against Holmes for assaulting John Pearce. It appeared that they had been drinking in Hindon till nearly closing time and, taking some beer with them, they adjourned to the house of Nancy Warp, and whilst there Holmes, it is said, attempted to kiss Mrs Warp (who, by the bye, is bordering on 80 years of age) for which offence she summoned him at this meeting. All the cases were ultimately dismissed.
Western Gazette Friday 12 January 1883
- 1885 Died**
March 6, at Cambridge Villa, Chippenham, Hope, last surviving daughter of the late Stephen Rawlings of Pertwood, Brixton Deverell, Wilts. American papers please copy.
Western Daily Press Tuesday 10 March 1885