

## Judgement against Ansty Man 1937



Horse-dealing transactions between a Salisbury farmer and an Ansty haulage contractor were the subject of an action lasting nearly two hours at Shaftesbury County Court on Monday.

Before His Hon Judge E W Cave, Simeon Masters of Dogdean Farm, Salisbury, sued Charles E Lever of Ansty for £56 9s and Lever counter claimed against Masters for £39 19s.

“The case concerns a number of somewhat complicated horse dealing transactions which are exceedingly difficult to understand unless one is connected with horse dealing” said Mr Lemon (Salisbury) who represented Masters. He proceeded to trace the various transactions involving the exchange of horses between the two men.

Masters gave evidence of the alleged transactions and James Penny, of Bedford-road Salisbury, corroborated with regard to certain of them.

Lever, for whom Mr W Farley Rutter (Shaftesbury) appeared, gave his version of the deals and details of his counter claim.

Both Masters and Lever were cross-examined at some length by the solicitors with regard to the details of the deals.

Frank Feltham, a carter in Lever's employ, giving evidence with regard to some of the horses which defendant was alleged to have bought from Masters, used some terse phrases to describe them. One, he said, was “not worth a penn'orth of cold gin”; another “wouldn't pull your hat off”; “I wouldn't give tuppence for him,” and “He ought to have had his head on the other end, he would go backwards better than forwards.”

The Judge gave judgement for the plaintiff on the claim of £42 7s 6d and on the counter-claim with costs.

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