



WINFARTHING

A village in the newspapers (ii) 1801 - 1825

Transcripts of newspaper articles with a connection to the village of Winfarthing, with comments and notes on their content.

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Notes:

- Some of the original documents are hard to read and the transcripts are as accurate as possible.
- Especially in the earlier articles, grammar and spelling is 'different' to that normally accepted today. All transcripts are copies of the originals including these differences.
- Within some of the articles, there is content that is not relevant to Winfarthing. Where it is possible to omit this from the transcription without losing relevance, in its place will be shown '.....'.
- Comments and notes associated with an article is the work of individual researchers. No guarantee as to its accuracy can be given but it is checked as carefully as possible.
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Introduction

Some academics think the Romans were the first to have a ‘newspaper’ – the Acta Diurna, or daily doings, in 59 BC. No copies of this paper have survived, but it is widely believed to have listed events, assemblies, births, deaths, and daily gossip.

The Oxford Gazette was established as a government ‘newsbook’ in 1665, and was succeeded by the London Gazette in 1666. Its format as a single sheet, printed on both sides, now described as the first English newspaper.

Since about 1706, there are thought to have been at least 40 newspapers published in Norfolk, many based around Norwich and other towns. There are still some going today but nowhere like the number there had been. Add to this the newspapers from Suffolk, making newspapers significant sources of information. Old newspapers are sometimes the only easily accessible resources to show what was happening in our towns and villages.

For genealogists they provide a significant source of information on the social events taking place, and some of the more anti-social ones too! They include names of people and events in their lives. Births, marriages and deaths are often given for the more notable, whilst court proceedings name the less social (if guilty) people. Along with the main subject of the article there are often listed others, family members, etc., so expanding the knowledge we can glean from them.

The transcripts below are listed in date order, starting with the earliest.

1801 : Horse Breeding
The Ipswich Journal, Saturday, 25 Apr 1801, Page 3

To COVER this SEASON.

THAT Beautiful Bay Horse YOUNG GRENADIER, the property of Daniel Saver, of Mendham; at One Guinea a Mare, and One Shilling the Groom. He was got by that noted horse Grenadier; his dam is a well bred Yorkshire mare; Grenadier is 15 hands 2 inches high, free from all natural blemishes, 'for symmetry and proportion few to equal him, and proved himself an excellent trotter in performing a 4 mile course in 13 minutes and a half, August 12, 1799. He was hunted at 4 years old, and gave every proof of his being an excellent hunter, as he covered his leaps to the admiration of the gentlemen in the field; he is allowed by the best judges to be one of the completest horses in the country, and is much noted for getting remarkable fine stock. He will attend at the Oak, in Winfarthing, on Monday nights; at Harling-Market, on Tuesdays; at the George, in Sapeston [Sapiston, Suffolk], that night; at the Spread Eagle, in Bury St; Edmund's, on Wednesdays; at the Swan, in Woolpit, that night; at the King's Arms, in Stowmarket, oh. Thursdays; at the White Horse, in Finningham, that night; at Botesdale, at 11 o'clock on Friday ; at Diss market on that day; at home on Saturdays and Sundays. N.B. The money to be paid at the time of Covering, or in the first week of July following.

Mares not stinted last year to be covered at half price.

Comments:

- Stinted: was not in foal last year.

1801 : Carpenter wanted
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 11 Nov 1801, Page 3

WANTED,

A JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER who may have constant employ by applying to John Glandfield, carpenter, Winfarthing, Norfolk.

Comments:

- Most references give the surname as Glanfield.
- He is listed resident in Winfarthing on Electoral Registers from 1835 to 1853 and both the 1841 and 1851 Census Returns list him as carpenter.
- John died in 1855 (registered: 1855 Q2 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 192) and was buried on 27 Jun 1855 at Winfarthing, Thomas William Thompson, Curate, officiating.

1802 : Thanksgiving Day

The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 9 Jun 1802, Page 3

On the General Thanksgiving-day, the inhabitants of the parish of Winfarthing, assembled and walked in procession to the church, preceded by a band of music, with colours flying and firing of guns. A very impressive discourse on the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Westby, to a crowded congregation, and an appropriate anthem sung to a very powerful hand. After service Robert Algar, Gent, of Winfarthing-Lodge, gave the sum of 10l. to be distributed among the poor inhabitants.

Comments:

- Robert Algar: b. ~1763, bap. 14.07.1763, d. ~1816.

1804 : Christmas donations

The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 18 Jan 1804, Page 3

The poor of the parish of Winfarthing return thanks to the Rev. the Dean of Chichester, Rector of that parish, and to their other liberal benefactors, for their annual donations at Christmas last.

Comments:

- The Dean of Chichester referred to was Rev. Combe Miller. He was Rector of Winfarthing and Snetterton from 1774, Treasurer of Chichester Cathedral from 1785, and Dean of Chichester Cathedral from 1790. (Wikipedia)
- Combe Miller (1745 – 18 February 1814) was the third son of Sir John Miller, 4th Baronet Miller of Froyle and Susan Combe. (Wikipedia)
- He died in Walsham, Suffolk aged 68 years.

1806 : Drowning

The Ipswich Journal, Saturday 10 May 1806, Page 2

On Thursday evening, the 17th ult. as Mr. Thos. Garrod, of Fersfield, Norfolk, aged 68, was returning on foot from Winfarthing, about 8 at night, he fell into a pond and was drowned.

Comments:

- Note there are several different spelling, of Garrod, a common one being Garrood.
- He was a churchwarden in Fersfield and was buried on 23 Apr 1806 aged 69. (Parish Record)

1808 : Absconded from service
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 1 Jun 1808, Page 3

ABSCONDED from the Service of Jeremiah Doggett, of Winfarthing, Norfolk, on Tuesday the 17th day of May, 1808, THO. JAMES, alias ROGERS, servant in husbandry, between 18 and 19 years of age, about 5 feet 4 inches high, stout made, ruddy complexion, full face, dark hair, full eyes, (remarkable) being a mixed brown ; had on when he went away a fustian ⁽¹⁾ jacket, a long white slop, and fustian breeches.

Whoever will give information to his master, so that he may be apprehended, shall be rewarded for their trouble.

Comments:

- Fustian is a variety of heavy cloth woven from cotton, chiefly prepared for menswear.
- Jeremiah Doggett: b. ~1761, d. ~1813, bur. 16 Jun 1813 age 52 years. His burial record shows he was a Churchwarden, a married man, living at Little Park, Winfarthing.
- Thomas James was probably born in ~1790, baptised 7 Feb 1790, parents given as David and Sarah.

1809 : Precipitated into the river
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 15 Feb 1809, Page 3

Yesterday se'nnight as a loaded waggon, belonging to Mr. Algar, of Winfarthing Lodge, was passing over Tibenham Bridge, which was built of timber, and much out of repair, the whole gave way, and, together with the waggon, were precipitated into the river.

Comments:

- Robert Algar: b. ~1763, bap. 14.07.1763, d. ~1816.

1810 : Chapman/Johnson marriage
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 3 Jan 1810, Page 3

Wednesday Mr. G. Chapman, of Diss Heywood, married to Miss Johnson, of Winfarthing.

Comments:

- Marriage licence dated 26 Dec 1809. Groom a linen weaver. Both were over 21 years of age.
- George Chapman, single man of Diss, married by licence Dinah Johnson, single woman of Winfarthing, in Winfarthing on 27 Dec 1810. Witnesses were Ann Chapman and John Briten. The celebrant was Curate Simon Westby. (From Parish records)

1810 : Wragg/Sparke marriage
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 19 Dec 1810, Page 3

On Thursday se'nnight Mr. Wragg, jun. farmer, of Winfarthing, was married to Miss Elizabeth Sparke, of Banham.

Comments:

- Ellis Wragg, single man of Winfarthing, married by licence Elizabeth Sparke, single woman of Banham, in Banham on 6 Dec 1810. Witnesses were Thomas Wells and Henry Sparke. The celebrant was the Rector, Thomas Kerrich. (From Parish records)

1811 : Sale of Estate at Winfarthing
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 29 May 1811, Page 3

To be SOLD by AUCTION,
By WM. BURT,
At the King's Head Inn, a' Diss, on Friday, June 21,
Precisely at Four o'clock in the Afternoon,
(Unless sooner disposed of by private Contract)

A Capital ESTATE, at Fersfield, Winfarthing, and Shelfanger, in Norfolk, consisting of 94 Acres of Arable and Pasture Land of the first quality and a Tenement, Barn, and other Buildings, which will be divided into the following Lots, viz:-

Lot 1. A Cottage and Garden, at Fersfield, occupied by John Williams, and 7 Acres of land, occupied by Thomas Clamp.

Lot 2. Four Acres of Arable Land, in Fersfield, occupied by Thomas Clamp.

Lot 3. Three Inclosures of Arable Land, in Winfarthing, containing 7 A. 2R. 1P. occupied by Mrs. Bobby.

Lot 4. Three Inclosures of Arable Land, in Winfarthing, containing 14A. 1R. 27P occupied by Mrs. Bobby.

Lot 5. A Barn, Cart-shed, and Stack yard, and 4 Inclosures of Arable Land and 2 of Pasture, in Winfarthing, containing 25A. 1R. 24P. occupied by Mrs. Bobby.

Lot 6. Two Enclosures of Pasture Land, and one of Arable, In Winfarthing, containing 13A. 3R. 28P. occupied by Mrs. Bobby and Charles Freeman.

Lot 7. Two Inclosures of Arable Land, in Shelfanger, containing 10A. 0R 8P. occupied by Wm. Cobb.

Lot 8. Two Inclosures of Arable Land, in Winfarthing, called Kemps, containing 11A. 0R. 8P. occupied by Mrs. Bobby.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be had of Simpson and Rackham, solicitors, Norwich; or at the place of sale, any day after the 5th of June.

1812 : Howard/Doggett marriage
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 14 Oct 1812, Page 3

MARRIED.

Yesterday se'nnight Mr. Robert Howard, of Bramfield, Suffolk, to Sophia, eldest daughter of Mr. Daniel Doggett, an opulent farmer of Winfarthing, in this county.

Comments:

- Sophia Doggett was baptised on 3 May 1789, daughter of Daniel and Arabella.
- Robert Howard, single man of Bramfield, Suffolk, married by licence Sophia Doggett, single woman of Winfarthing, in Winfarthing on 6 Oct 1812. Witnesses were William Doggett and Rachel Howard. The celebrant was the Curate Simon Westby. (From Parish records)

1813 : Sale of land
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 28 Jul 1813, Page 3

To be SOLD by AUCTION,
By DANIEL C'ALVER,

At the Red Lion, in Banham, on Tuesday the 3rd day of August, 1813, at Three o'clock in the afternoon,

Lot 1. SIX Inclosures of exceeding rich Arable LAND at Winfarthing, in Norfolk, containing together 40 Acres, more or less, in the occupation of Robert Baker, as tenant from year to year. Annual quit-rent 5s. 4d.

Lot 2. A convenient Dwelling-house, lately repaired at a considerable expense, with barn, weaving shop, yards, garden, orchard well planted, hemp Land, and three inclosures of very rich arable and pasture Land adjoining, containing together 10 Acres, more or less, in Winfarthing aforesaid, now in the occupation of Richard Chapman, as tenant from year to year. - Land-tax 4l. 10s. - Quit-rent 10s. 6d.

The above lots are copyhold of the Manor of Winfarthing. - Apply to Webb and Carthew, solicitors, Harleston.

1814 : Prodigious Oak Tree
The Morning Chronicle, Tuesday, 1 Feb 1814, Page 4

PRODIGIOUS OAK TREE. - Among the natural curiosities of the county of Norfolk, none is more singular or has perhaps been less noticed than the enormous tree in the parish of Winfarthing, A correspondent, who saw it last summer, has given us the following particulars respecting it: -

Its external circumference, taken where the tree is the smallest, is 35 feet 6 inches, and 40 feet where it is the largest. The internal circumference, as near as can be ascertained, is 31 feet; its diameter, which, owing to the irregularity of its surface, varies considerably, is from 10 to 13 feet. The average thickness of the trunk is about two feet, and the space of ground occupied by its projecting roots, includes a circle of more than 60 feet in extent. No calculation can be formed, with any certainty, respecting the age of this immense tree; it is supposed to be nearly a thousand years old, and from its present appearance there is some reason to suppose it has almost attained that period. It is quite hollow, and is capable of containing at least thirty persons, thirty-two weaning calves have been seen to come out of it. Every part of it is entirely dead, excepting a large arm over the entrance, which has a number of branches upon it, all thickly covered with leaves; another arm, containing two waggon loads of wood, was blown off in 1811; the loss of this has occasioned the tree to decline very much on the opposite side, and has caused several large clefts within side. Beneath the arm which is remaining, and beneath the place where the other was, the tree, is covered with bark, and ivy upon it, but in every other part it is quite bare.

Comments:

- The Winfarthing Oak, was once described as the second largest oak in Britain and the oldest living thing in East Anglia.
- <https://www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk/record-details?MNF57245>

1814 : Death of Combe Miller

The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 23 Feb 1814, Page 2

DIED.

On Friday the 18th inst. at Walsham, in this county, after a short illness, in the 69th year of his age, the very Rev. Combe Miller, M. A. Dean of Chichester, and Rector of Winfarthing and Snetterton, in the county of Norfolk; both which livings are in the patronage of the Earl of Albermarle.

Comments:

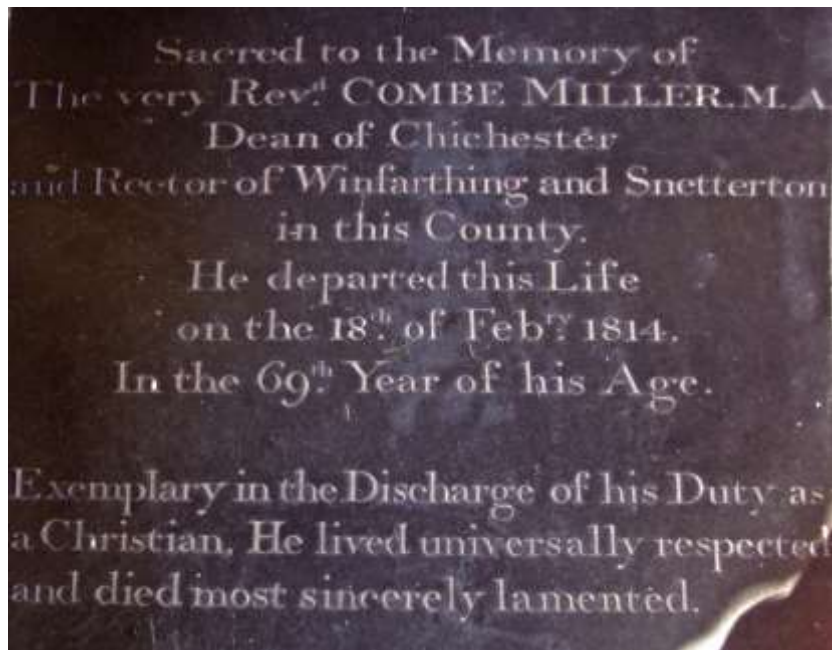
- Rev. Combe Miller was baptised on 9 Jun 1745 in Chichester, Sussex, parents John and Susanna.
- He married Ann Green, single woman of Northwold, by licence (dated 26 Apr 1775) with consent of her father, on 27 Apr 1775 in Northwold. The witnesses were Henry William Wilson and Charles Mace. The celebrant was the Rector James Bentham.

- He was buried in Eccles, Norfolk on 26 Feb 1814 age 68 years.
- Probate was granted on 26 Mar 1814.
- His wife and was buried in Eccles on 4 Feb 1826, age 79 years.

1814 : Burial of Combe Miller
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 9 Mar 1814, Page 3

The remains of the late much-lamented Rev. Combe Miller, Dean of Chichester and Rector of Winfarthing, were interred in the family vault in the church of Eccles, near Attleburgh, amidst the tears of his sorrowing domestics and relative connexions.

Comments:



1814 : Rectory of Winfarthing
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 8 Jun 1814, Page 3

The Rev. Chas. Carver, A. B. is instituted to the Rectory of Winfarthing, and to the Rectory of Snetterton, both in this county, on the presentation of Wm. Carver, Esq. of Long Stratton.

Comments:

- Appointed 31 May 1814 upon the death of the Rev. Combe Miller

1814 : Lost horse
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 20 Jul 1814, Page 3

STRAYED from the Premises of Mr. James Smith, at Winfarthing, A DAPPLE GREY HOBBY, hanging tail and mane, strongly marked on the hip and shoulder with the letters T. C. on the near side ; has been seen in the neighbourhood of Hopton, in Suffolk. Whosoever will detain the said Hobby, and give intelligence of it to Mr. James Smith, of Winfarthing, shall be rewarded for their trouble, and all reasonable expenses paid.

Comments:

- Hobby: a small or middle-sized horse; an ambling or pacing horse; a pony.

1816 : Farm stack fire
The Ipswich Journal, Saturday, 20 Apr 1816, -Page 4

On Thursday se'nnight a boy employed to keep birds from a field of newly-sown summer corn, in the parish of Winfarthing, in Norfolk, having kindled a fire on account of the coldness of the weather, by some means it communicated with part of a stack of stubble, belonging to Mr. Henry James, of that parish, which it consumed, together with an adjoining stack, containing several tons of hay.

1817 : Child injured
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 13 Aug 1817, -Page 3

On Saturday se'nnight a poor child, belonging to G. Long, labourer, of Winfarthing, was thrown down by a waggon, and had one of her legs fractured.

1818 : Sale of property of William Thurlow
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 9 Sep 1818, -Page 1

At Winfarthing, near Diss, Norfolk.
HOUSES, IMPLEMENTS, HAY, STOVER,
Household Furniture, &c.

To be SOLD by AUCTION,
By THOMAS CALVER,

THIS DAY (Wednesday), Sept. 9th, and following Day,

ALL the valuable Live and Dead Farming Stock, Part of the Household Furniture. &c. on the Premises of the late Mr. WILLIAM THURLOW, dec. of Winfarthing aforesaid ; comprising 4 very useful cart mares and geldings, strong narrow-wheel road waggon, 2 ditto carts, one of them with fore-carriages, load tumbril, turnip cart, ploughs, harrows, rolls, scarifier, corn

drill, timber jack, ditto chain, cart and plough harness, bins, ladders, forks, rakes, ropes, &c. - Also 2 Stacks of excellent Clover Stover, one of them of the last year, and the other of the present year's growth ; 1 ditto of superior Upland Hay. The in-door Effects consist of 4-post sacken-bottom bedsteads, with morine and other furnitures, 4 good featherbeds, mattresses, blankets, coverlits, and counterpanes, chests of drawers, bureau, mahogany and other tables and chairs, pier and dressing glasses, 8-day clock in a wainscot case, barometer, linen, china, glass, and earthenware, 2 coppers and irons, brewing and other tuns, beer cooler, ditto casks, 3 partitioned leaded milk trays, milk keelers, cream tubs, 2 butter stands, 2 barrel churns, cheese press, salting tray, large beam, scales and weights, steel malt mill, and other Effects, that will be expressed in Catalogues, to be had in due time at the Place of Sale, and of the Auctioneer, Diss.

The out-door Effects will be Sold the 1st day, and each day's Sale will commence at Eleven o'clock precisely.

Comments:

- Morine - A sturdy fabric of wool, cotton, or wool and cotton, often with an embossed finish, used especially for upholstery.
- Milk keeler - A wooden vessel in which milk is set.

1818 : Sale of property of Thomas Wragg
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 16 Dec 1818, Page 3

AT WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

VALUABLE LIVE FARMING STOCK, Hay, Household Furniture, &c.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By THOMAS CAIVFR,

On Monday, December 21, 1818, on the Premises of the late Mr. THOMAS WRAGG of Winfarthing aforesaid;

COMPRISING a capital Chesnut Cart Gelding, ditto mare, each rising 6 years old, and a useful cart mare, aged; 9 very prime milch cows, 2 of which have calves, 4 near calving, and the others well timed; 2 cow beds, a fat hog; harvest waggon, road cart, load tumbril, luggage cart and harness, foot plough, set of harrows, 2 rolls, cart and plough harness, chaff box, 3 ladders, bins, forks, rakes, ropes, and other useful implements. - Also, about 13 tons of excellent old and new Upland Hay, in 3 lots. - The In-door Effects consist of some useful household furniture, 2 capital partitioned milk-leads, milk keelers, ditto pails, barrel churn, brewing and other tubs, beer casks, copper and irons, large beam, scales and weights, and various other useful effects, that are expressed in Catalogues, to be had of Mr. Clifton, blacksmith, New Buckenham; Place of Sale; and of the Auctioneer, Diss. The Sale to commence at Half-past Ten.

Comments:

- Memorial inscription: THOS. WRAGG / of this Parish / who died Novr. 18th / 1818 / aged 72 years. (This is a double headstone.; on reverse is: SUSANNA wife of / THOS. WRAGG / who died July 27th / 1830 / aged 75 years.)

1819 : Carver/Beevor marriage
The Ipswich Journal, Saturday, 1 May 1819, Page 2

Tuesday last was married, the Rev. W. J. Carver, M. A. of Trinity-college, Cambridge, and Rector of Winfarthing and Snetterton, Norfolk, to Jane, eldest daughter of James Beevor, Esq. of St. Andrew's, Norwich.

Comments:

- Licence granted 21 Apr 1819.
- William James Carver, single man of Stratton St. Mary, Norfolk, married Jane Beevor in Norwich St. Andrews by licence on 27 Apr 1819. Witnesses were Mary Beevor, Mary Scott, Elizabeth Leathers Thompson, Marianne Holley, Mary Anne Bevor, William Carver, E.R. Beevor and James Carver. The celebrant was Miles Beevor, D.D.

1820 : Death of Edward Phillips
The Ipswich Journal, Saturday, 22 Jan 1820, Page 4

DIED. - Lately, aged 88, Mr. Edward Phillips, one of the last of an ancient family, who many years occupied the Park and Lodge, at Winfarthing, Norfolk.

Comments:

- Edward buried on 30 Dec 1819 in Winfarthing age 88 years.

1820 : Military deserters
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 17 May 1820, Page 2

SUFFOLK

WESTERN REGIMENT OF MILITIA

LIST of MEN who have not joined the said Regiment: Bury, since the same has been embodied:

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Geo. Churchyard, Winfarthing, ditto [Labourer]

Jonathan Catchpole, Thrandeston, ditto

.....
Whoever apprehends either of the above Deserters and lodge them in any of his Majesty's Gaols will be entitled to Twenty Shillings Reward, to be paid by the Treasurer of the County, on giving notice to the Commanding Officer, Bury.

PH. JAS. CASH
Clerk of the General Meetings

Comments:

- There were several Churchyard men hailing from Wortham including a George who may have been involved in the Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815).

1821 : Winfarthing tithes

The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 10 Jan 1821, Page 3

The Rev. J. Carver, Rector of Winfarthing, has recently added 7½ per cent. to the Tithes of his Parish. We insert this as sent upon respectable authority; but we cannot conceive it possible that an advance should have been made at the present time without some particular reason.

1822 : Agricultural labourers' disquiet

Isle of Ely Herald and Huntingdonshire Gazette, Friday, 1 Mar 1822, Page 4

On Monday the 18th ult. a party of the poor inhabitants of Winfarthing, Norfolk, assembled and went in search of thrashing machines ; they found only one at work, which they took and dragged by hand to Shelfanger, the poor inhabitants of which parish dragged it to Diss, where they left it; the farmers in the village promising they would use no more, they dispersed without doing any violence or mischief.

1822 : Destroyed threshing machine

The Times, Monday, 11 Mar 1822, Page 3

DISTURBANCES IN NORFOLK.

(From the Norwich Mercury.)

Thursday se'nnight in the forenoon, a strong party of insurgents, amounting to several hundreds, collected from all the neighbouring parishes, attacked and destroyed a threshing machine attached to the freehold, on the premises of Mr. Richard Doggett, of Winfarthing. Notwithstanding the resistance of a large party of friends, constables, and others, they proceeded to demolish the obnoxious engine. A desperate attack commenced with bludgeons and all kind of weapons. One gentleman was felled from his horse, and several

more, who were well mounted, were compelled to retreat in all directions, amidst a heavy discharge of stone and other missiles. The barn was forced, in order to come at the interior of the machine, which, together with a dressing machine, were destroyed. On the following morning large parties assembled at Diss, being market-day, and the leader of the insurgents of Thursday, by name William Baker, of Bressingham, labourer, was apprehended, and immediately brought before Sir Wm. Robert Kemp, Bart., and George Lee, Esq., and was by them committed to the county gaol. Next day large parties of the insurgents paraded about different parts of the neighbourhood, keeping watch in the night to prevent any of their party from being apprehended ; and on Monday morning they again assembled at Winfarthing, and broke and destroyed a threshing machine, the property of Mr. Samuel George, of that parish. On Tuesday the arrival of the troop of Suffolk Hartismere cavalry, under the command of Colonel Ray, we hope has so far succeeded as to prevent their again assembling for further mischief in this neighbourhood.

In consequence of this increasing spirit of tumult, the Magistrates, at the adjourned Quarter Sessions of the county, on the first day of their meeting, debated on the means for quelling these tumultuous meetings. At this debate it was unanimously determined to publish a remonstrance to the people, which we are given to understand was proposed by Lord Suffield. In its language it is temperate, but firm, and shows the determination on the part of the Magistracy to preserve the peace of the county, but at the same time their desire to use persuasion rather than force. It has been published in the form of a large bill and circulated through the county by means of the constables of the several parishes.

[Here follows the document, which was in The Times of Saturday.]

On Thursday the following prisoners, committed for these breaches of the peace, were put upon their trials:-

Robert Chatton, Simon Crick, Henry Caley, James Caley, James Goddard, and John Andrews. were indicted for riotously assembling at Shimpling. All the defendants pleaded guilty, with the exception of Robert Chatton.

James Sparham, a farmer at Burston, deposed, that on the 13th of February he sent his servant for a machine. That he went out, and as he returned home met a body of men to the number of 50. He inquired of them for what purpose they were met, and they said, to prevent the threshing machines - to destroy them. He remonstrated with them, representing to them that they would find the law too strong, and that it would be in vain for them to resist the authority of the laws. They were all or chiefly Shimpling men. They all said they were determined to break the machines, let the consequence be what it would. He left them, and rode to the parish of Burston, where he met the machine. Before the machine reached the parish of Shimpling, he rode again forward, and expostulated with the men. They still appeared determined to break the machine. Chatton appeared violent and louder than the rest. After he found they would not disperse, he directed the men to come on with the machine. As soon as it was past the boundary of the two parishes, and came into the parish of Shimpling, the rioters seized the horses. Chatton and Crick first. They took

off the fore horse. Witness then got off his riding mare, and took hold of the wheel-horse in the shafts of the machine, to lead it forward. Chatton immediately laid hold of the horse, and said, "No, no, my lads, take the horse out." The horse was consequently taken out by force, and they immediately began to break the machine. They broke it with a variety of tools, hatchets, pickaxes, hooks, and large cudgel or clubs. They totally destroyed the machine: so much so, that in his opinion it was impossible to repair it. It must be completely new. Witness wrote down in his memorandum book the names of those to be considered as ringleaders. He left them in a very few minutes, and rode to Mr. Lee's, of Dickleburgh. He left them breaking the machine, He was present about ten minutes. Chatton appeared to have been particularly active.

The CHAIRMAN said. "and appears from the evidence to have been a ringleader."

Witness: - Decidedly so, in my estimation.

CHAIRMAN. - They offered no personal violence?

Witness - - Not any.

The defendant Chatton asked what reason witness had to think he was active.

Witness. - Because, from my own observations, you spoke more, made more noise, and were more forward than any others.

Lord SUFFIELD. - I think you said defendant Chatton was more forward, and that he said he was determined to break the machine.

Witness. - Yea, certainly.

CHAIRMAN. - Are you quite sure it was Chatton who caught hold of the horse.

Witness. - Quite sure, because he put his hand very near mine on the bridle, and pushed the horse back when I wanted to lead him forward.

Wm. Dixon, farmer, at Burston, walked to Shimpling with Mr. Sparham on the 13th of February; when he got out of the boundary of Burston, he saw a number of men assembled together, amounting to 30 or 40. As soon as the machine got into the parish of Shimpling, the people took the horses from the machine and began to knock and chop it to pieces. Witness did not remain there till they dispersed. Witness was with Mr. Sparham when the machine arrived at the boundary of Shimpling, but did not hear anything till they took the horses out, when they said they would take the horse out and break the machine to pieces. Saw Chatton take hold of the shaft horse. Witness could not say who first took hold of the horse. Did not distinctly hear who took hold of the horse first. They had hatchets, pick-axes, large clubs, and so on.

Defendant denied breaking the machine, but admitted that he was present.

Several witnesses spoke to the good character of the prisoner. - Guilty but recommended to mercy, on account of his age.

The prosecutor, Mr. Sparham, recommended H. Caley, J. Andrews, J. Caley, and S. Crick to mercy on account of their good character.

Thomas Taylor, Wm. Baker, James Goodings, and Robert Smith were severally tried and found guilty of the same offence committed in the parish of Wymondham. These prisoners,

together with the preceding ones, were then placed at the bar, and the Chairman proceeded to pronounce sentence in words of the following import: -

Prisoners – You are all convicted, some of you by your own confession, and others by the verdict of the jury, of having committed several riots in different places, but all for the same purpose - that of breaking threshing machines. Offences of this heinous description have become very frequent, and it is the duty of a court of justice to guard and to give protection to the King's subjects from such aggravated tumults. A number of persons meet together and threaten mischief to the peaceably disposed. These persons are generally urged on, either by the violence of their own passion, or are excited by the violent temper or discourse of others. But, unfortunately for you, there appears in the present case great deliberation. These acts have not been committed on a sudden ebullition of the moment, but they appear to be governed by a regular organization of the whole; and although you are not all involved in the same act, you are yet convicted of having engaged in different acts, having for their end the same criminal purpose - that of breaking machines. A further evidence of the extension of the plan is, that there yet remain a number of persons who are awaiting their trials for a like offence. No doubt existed in the Chairman's mind, that they had all suffered from the distress which prevailed among the landed interest - a distress which had not only reached persons in their walk of life, but every one connected with the cultivation of the soil. But tumult and violence would not have the effect of lessening the distress they might experience: far from it. Tumult and violence would cause persons to withdraw that capital which they employed, and which they saw was thus exposed to these acts of violence from employment, and the necessary effect of withdrawing the capital thus employed would be to increase those difficulties, and thus they would deprive themselves of the means of obtaining employment. It was important to the interest of community that peace and quiet should be established in society; it was absolutely necessary to the employment of capital, to induce persons to risk their property in the employment of the labourer. No one would embark his property in any undertaking, if exposed to violence and tumult. It was not only for the peace of society, but for their own individual welfare, that such proceedings should be stopped. All cultivation will be at a stand; your own labour will be lost, and the employment of capital considerably lessened, if these riotous proceedings are not checked. Your principal fury appears to have been directed towards the machinery, to which your distress seems to be attributed. Whether this machinery is beneficial or not, it is not the duty of the Court to decide; but if it is injurious, the law of the land permits its use. If, therefore, any person chooses to use it, supposing it to be beneficial to him, you have not the power, as the law does not prohibit us use, to destroy it because you consider it injurious. By driving persons out of the cultivation of the soil, you derive no benefit to yourselves, but produce much more distress. The Court therefore feeling that it is a great duty incumbent upon them to administer the laws firmly, for the preservation of the peace of the county; and, without looking to the right or to the left, to inquire into the various acts of violence which have been committed, as well to the original causes of these

disturbances, it was their wish as well as their duty to persuade all who were participators in such acts of violence from such a line of conduct, at the same time such a wish was coupled with a firm determination to arrest those by the force and authority of the law with whom persuasion was of no avail. The extent of this mischievous intention would operate considerably upon the judgement of the Court in passing sentence. If only a single act of violence had been committed, although accompanied with aggravated circumstances however criminal, the Court would have felt disposed to have considered it a mere set of hasty and intemperate zeal. But when they found that these acts of violence were carried on under a regular organized system of riot, it rendered such a lenient intention void, and forbad them to look with that indulgent eye upon the offenders which would in the other instances have been the case. There was, however, one circumstance which was considerably in their favour; it was that no fresh disturbances had arisen since the sitting of the Court, and the Court trusted that those who were at liberty were awakened to a proper sense of their duty, and that the fate of the prisoners would operate as a warning, and prevent any further breach, of the peace.

The sentence of the Court. looking to the extent of the crime, is one of lenity and mercy, and it was to be hoped that this mild administration of justice would induce them to quit such a course of life for one of sober, quiet, and honest industry for the rest of their lives. The sentence of the Court was, that Robert Chatton pay a fine of 5l. to the King, be imprisoned for 12 months, and at the end of that period to find security to keep the peace for two years, himself in 100l. and two sureties of 50l. each. - James Goddard, one year's imprisonment, and to enter into a recognizance of 100l. to keep the peace for two years. S. Crick, six months' imprisonment, and to enter into recognizance to keep the peace for twelve months. H Caley and J. Andrews to be imprisoned in Aylsham Bridewell for three months. James Caley, one month's imprisonment in the Castle. W. Baker and J. Goodings, six months imprisonment, and to enter into recognizances to keep the peace for twelve calendar months, in 50l. each. Thomas Taylor to be imprisoned three months in Swaffham Bridewell ; and Robert Smith one week in the Castle.

Comments:

1822 : Apprentice wanted
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 17 Apr 1822, Page 3

TO PLUMBERS AND GLAZIERS.

WANTED, a SITUATION for an APPRENTICE, in a Market Town in either of the counties of Norfolk or Suffolk, to the above Trades, for a healthy well-educated Lad, in a family of regular and domestic habits, professing the Religion of the Church by Law established ; where the Apprentice will be regularly called upon to attend Divine Worship every Sunday.

N.B. A liberal Premium will be given.

For further particulars apply by letter, post-paid, (none other will be attended to) or personally, to Mr. John Gaymer, Cyder Manufacturer, Banham, near East Harling; or to Mr. Browne, at the Rectory House, Winfarthing, near Diss, Norfolk.

Comments:

1822 : Execution
The Derby Mercury, Wednesday, 24 Apr 1822, Page 1

EXECUTION. - On Saturday, Noah Peake and George Fortis, both late of Bressingham, were executed at the Castle, in Norwich, pursuant to their sentence for being concerned with William Baker, (who was admitted an evidence for the Crown) in setting fire to several stacks belonging to Mr. John Kent, of Diss, in the night of the 25th of February last. These are the only incendiaries who have been brought to justice in this county; and would possibly have still remained undiscovered if they had not been engaged in a riot and breaking the thrashing machine of Mr. R. Doggett, at Winfarthing, on the 28th of February, which led to their apprehension, and ultimately to subjecting these two unhappy men to the heaviest sentence of the law. They both leave families to bewail their ignominious end.

Comments:

1822 : Tea and Coffee
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 15 May 1822, Page 1

LONDON TEA & COFFEE WAREHOUSE,
82, Shoreditch.

EDWARD DOGGETT wishes to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has taken the above Warehouse of his Brother, and hopes by a strict attention in the selection of his Teas, and offering them on the lowest Terms for Ready Money, to ensure that support which he has already experienced from the Country.

Orders forwarded to Mr. G. Doggett, Winfarthing Lodge, near Diss, will meet with an immediate attention.

Comments:

1822 : Sale of Thomas Cook's effects
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 18 Sep 1822, Page 1

WINFARTHING, NEAR DISS.

By T. CALVER.

On Friday and Saturday the 27th and 28th of September, 1822, on the Premises of Mr. THOMAS COOK, who quits his Farm at Michaelmas;

COMPRISING 10 very useful Cart Mares and Geldings, of good ages: brood Mare and Foal, 9 excellent milch Cows, handsome two-year-old Bull, ditto Heifer, forward in calf; 8 year-old Heifers and Steers, 48 head of Swine; 4 road waggons, 3 six-inch wheel tumbrils, turnip cart, 2 patent ploughs, 3 sets of harrows, two-horse quarter roll, one-horse ditto, and barley ditto, turnip and straw bins, cart and plough harness, forks, rakes, ropes, &c. chaff engine (Burrell's), neat Essex cart and harness.

In-door Effects - 3 featherbeds and bedding, tent bedstead and furniture, 2 servants' bedsteads, wainscot dining, tea, and other tables and chairs, capital deal servants' table, ditto eight-day repeating clock, in a wainscot case; pier and dressing glasses, fire-irons, china, glass, and earthenware.

Dairy and Wash-house - 5 excellent milk leads, leaded salting tray, gutter and milk keelers, barrel churn, mash and other tubs, beer casks, &c. that will be expressed in Catalogues to be had in due time at the Nag's Head Inn, Harling; King's Head Diss; Place of sale; and of the Auctioneer.

N.B. The Stock, Implements, and Dairy Utensils, will be sold the First Day; and each Day's Sale will begin punctually at Eleven o'clock.

Comments:

1822 : Plea of guilty
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 18 Dec 1822, Page 3

W. Albon and R. Large, who pleaded guilty of breaking a threshing machine at Winfarthing, on the 29th September, were bound in their own recognizances of 20l. to come up for judgment when called upon.

Comments:

1823 : Winfarthing farm to let
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 30 Apr 1823, Page 2

To be LET from Michaelmas next,
A FARM at HESSET, within Five Miles from Bury ; consisting of a good Farm-house, with proper Outhouses, and 128A. 2R. 24P. of Arable Land and Pasture Ground, now and for many years last past in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Robinson.

Mr. Scarpe, of Hessel, will shew the above Farm.

Also a Farm at Diss and Winfarthing, in Norfolk ; consisting of a good Farm-house, Two Cottages, and 140A. 3R. 28P. of Arable Land and Pasture Ground, late in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Chapman, deceased, and now in the occupation of his Widow.

The above Farm may be viewed on application to Mr. Clark Chapman, on the Premises.
Enquire of Messrs. Le Grice and Son, solicitors, Bury

Comments:

- Thomas Chapman, baptised 8 May 1765 in Diss. Parents Thomas and Mary Anne. (Parish record)
- He married Keziah Rose by licence on 2 Jul 1812 at Diss. The witnesses were Charles Ayton and John Brasnett. The celebrant was S. Westby, Minister. (Parish record)
- Thomas, buried 28 Mar 1823 in Diss Norfolk. (Parish record)

1823 : Attack on Child

Cambridge Chronicle and University Journal, Friday, 6 Jun 1823, Page 2

On Monday se'nnight, at the Fighting Cocks inn, at Winfarthing, Norfolk, a large cock, of the true fighting breed, attacked a beautiful child, about a year and a half old, belonging to the family of the landlord, and wounded him in several places in the head and face, and if timely assistance had not been at hand, there is little doubt that he would have repeated his attacks till he had deprived him of his sight, if not of his life. - The cock was killed immediately.

Comments:

- "On Monday 2nd June 1823, 'a large cock of the fighting breed' attacked a child, of about one and a half years old, a member of the landlord's family. The little boy suffered wounds to his head and face and had not timely assistance been at hand, he would have doubtlessly lost his sight." Extract from the Norfolk Public Houses website:

<https://www.norfolkpubs.co.uk/norfolkw/winfarthing/winffc.htm>.



Fighting Cocks, Winfarthing

1824 : Cutting down fruit trees

The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 21 Jan 1824, Page 3

SESSIONS NEWS,

The Sessions for this County commenced on Wednesday last, before Mr. Serjeant Frere (Chairman) and a full Bench of Magistrates.

The Learned Chairman, in his address

..... John Filby, for maliciously cutting down some fruit trees, the property of T. Jessop, of Winfarthing, 6 months' hard labour.

Comments:

1825 : Death of Susan Pretty

The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 2 Feb 1825, Page 3

DIED.

..... On Monday se'nnight

Same day, at Tibenham, in the 30th year of her age, Susan, wife of Mr. Robert Pretty, and daughter of Mr. Ragg, farmer, Winfarthing.

Comments:

- Susan Wragg (note name spelling) of Winfarthing married Robert Pretty of Tibenham, in Winfarthing on 3 Feb 1824 following banns. Witnesses were Ann Stubbings and Robert Glanfield. The celebrant was Edward Rigby Beevow, Curate. (Parish record)

- Susan, wife of Robert, was buried on 29 Mar 1825 in Winfarthing, age 29 years. Celebrant Edward Rigby Beevor, Curate. (Parish record)
- Memorial inscription in Winfarthing: "Sacred / to the memory of / SUSANNA / the wife of / ROBERT PRETTY / who departed this life / January 24th 1825 / Aged 29 years".

1825 : Snake up sleeve
The Morning Post, Friday, 26 Aug 1825, Page 4

Last week a young man, named Ellis Davy of Winfarthing. being at work in the harvest field, on resuming his jacket on leaving his work, found an impediment in getting one of his arms through, and examining the cause, discovered a snake four feet long, which had lodged in the sleeve, and came gliding out. to the astonishment of himself and his partners,

Comments:

1825 : Sharman/Musk marriage
The Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday, 26 Oct 1825, Page 3

Norwich, Oct. 26.

MARRIED.

On the 6th inst. at Winfarthing, Mr. John Sharman, carpenter, to Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. Musk, farmer, of the same place.

Comments:

- John Sharman, single man of Winfarthing, married Mary Ann Musk, single woman of the same parish, in Winfarthing by banns on 6 Oct 1825. Witnesses were Mary Mirton and Robert Glanfield and Charles Browne, the celebrant was Edward Rigby Beevor, Curate. (Parish record)



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