

Wickhamford Events Appearing in the Newspapers 1800 – 1899

This article reproduces, *verbatim* in most cases, reports from the newspapers in the 19th century of a wide range of occurrences in Wickhamford and of events in the lives of its inhabitants. Where text is in square brackets it indicates part of a long item has been summarised. The items are all gleaned from the British Newspaper Archive. They are arranged in date order, but otherwise are generally unconnected, but nevertheless an interesting snapshot of rural life in that century.

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SALE of STOCK the 12th Instant.

CAPITAL EWES and other SHEEP STOCK; also some useful CART HORSES, in-calf HEIFERS, STIRKS, and rearing CALVES; OXEN, rising three years old; sundry WAGGONS, CARTS, GEERING, and other useful IMPLEMENTS in HUSBANDRY, on the premises on Mr. Holland's Upper Farm, at Wickhamford, near Evesham, Worcestershire, who is unexpectedly leaving a great portion of his lands: the sheep flock consist of a hundred breeding ewes, and as many lambs, the whole of which have been invariably bred from the well-known flock of Mr. Prentice, of Salford, for 18 years past. The cull ewes have been disposed of some weeks past; and nothing but necessity would induce Mr. H. to dispose of his flock or cattle and implements, which will now be SOLD on Thursday next, the 12th day of October, to commence at Ten o'clock in the morning. – The sheep and heifers are well worth the attention of the public.

Catalogues to be had at Evesham in due time.

1. The *Oxford Journal* of Saturday 7 October 1809

**VALE OF EVESHAM
WORCESTERSHIRE
Valuable leasehold ESTATES and TITHES**

To be SOLD by AUCTION, by W. HANDS MASCALL, at the Crown Inn in Evesham, in the county of Worcester, on Wednesday the 30th day of June, 1924, at four o'clock in the afternoon, under such conditions as shall be then and there produced, and in the following lots, or such other lot or lots as shall be agreed upon at the time of sale.

LOT IV. All and all manner of Tithes and Corn, Sheaf Grain, Wool, and Lamb, coming, growing, and renewing in the Fields and Grounds of Wickhamford, in the county of Worcester, to the late Monastery of Evesham aforesaid, dissolved, late belonging or appertaining.

The whole is held by lease under the Dean and Chapter of the Christ Church, Oxford.

2. The *Birmingham Gazette* of Monday 28 June 1824

[Lot I was in Badsey, Lot II in North and Middle Littleton, Lot III in Aldington.]

**Return of the Number and Description of Defaulters, of (Men not joined) the
Worcestershire Regiment of Militia, for Training, 13th June, 1831.**

The long list of names includes Aaron Evans, of Wickhamford,, aged 25, 5' 9" tall, sallow complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, and oval visage. He was a waterman who had enrolled on 24th May 1827.

3. *Berrow's Worcester Journal* of Thursday 16 June 1831

NEW HOUSE, SMITH'S SHOP, &c.

At Wickhamford, near Evesham

TO BE LET

To an industrious and respectable Tenant and may be entered
upon immediately.

A GOOD NEW HOUSE, with Kitchen, Parlour, Bed Rooms, Wash-House, Pantry, Stable and Yard, with large Garden, and other conveniences; and a new Smith's Shop, adjoining the Turnpike Road, at Wickhamford, about half way between Evesham and Broadway. The Premises are well calculated for a respectable Public House or Shop, and an industrious good Smith, or Carpenter, might have the Business of the Wickhamford Estate. For further Particulars, and to view, application may be made to Mr. Joseph Taylor, Manor House, Wickhamford.

4. *The Worcester Journal* of Thursday 7 February 1833

Excellent TIMBER for Sale

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

BY MR. JOSIAH TREDWELL,

At the Sandys's Arms, Wickhamford, near Evesham, in the
County of Worcester, on Tuesday, the 4th day of February,
1834, (in Lots convenient to Purchasers;)

ABOUT TWO HUNDRED ELM

and

ONE HUNDRED PRIME ASH TREES;

Principally of a superior descriptions for Dimensions.

THE above TIMBER is fallen, and lying adjacent to a good Turnpike Road, and within about one mile of the River Avon, which renders it worthy of public competition, from its adaptation for Land or Water carriage. To view the same, apply to Mr. Joseph Taylor, at the Manor House, Wickhamford, of whom catalogues may be had ten days previously to the Sale; of the Auctioneer, High-street, Evesham; and at the Chief Inns in the neighbourhood.

Wickhamford, 7th Jan. 1834.

5. *The Worcestershire Journal* – Thursday 9 January 1834

INQUESTS BY MR. HUGHES

An inquest will also be held by Mr. Hughes tomorrow at the Swan Inn, Evesham, on the body of Thomas Sharpe, 36, labourer, who met his death under the following circumstances:- The horses attached to a wagon belonging to Mr. John Gibbs, of Wickhamford, on entering Evesham yesterday morning, startled and became restive. When deceased, who was the carter, in attempting to restrain them, was knocked down and crushed so severely that he died a few minutes afterwards.

6. *Berrow's Worcester Journal* of Thursday 13 May 1841

BEFORE T. G. CURTLER, ESQ.

SHILLON, William, 34, labourer, WINNETT, John, 21, labourer, and COOK, William, 16, labourer, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a barrel with eighteen gallons of perry and eighteen gallons of cider, the property of Mr. Samuel Taylor, their master, at Wickhamford on the 15th of November. Cook, having received a good character, and being recommended to mercy, was sentence to *one week's imprisonment*, and the others to *one month* each.

7. *The Worcester Journal* of Wednesday 7 January 1846

VALE OF EVESHAM AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING (THIS DAY)

The ploughing took place in a field belonging to Mr Samuel Taylor, of Wickhamford about two miles from Evesham, on the Broadway Road. The rain which fell last night was precisely what was wanting for success in these trials, the ground being previously in a very dry and dusty condition. Operations commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and finished at about eleven, each ploughman being required to turn up a quarter of an acre of land within two hours, and the best operators, of course, won the prize. The competition was spirited, the men entering heartily into the spirit of the thing, and each man and boy using his best endeavours to carry off the palm.

8. *The Worcester Journal* of Thursday 24 September 1846

[The ploughing competition prize-winners were not listed in the article, although winners of many other categories were named. *The Morning Post* of the following day

also reported the event, in which thirteen teams took part.]

JUVENILE OFFENDERS - Several young men, named Crisp, Wheatley, Floyd, and four brothers of the name of Knight, all from Badsey, were also fined 3s. each for playing a ball upon a Sunday, on lands belonging to Mr. Samuel Taylor, of Wickhamford.

9. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 10 May 1848

SUSPECTED ROBBERY BY SERVANTS – On Saturday morning week, Mr. Samuel Taylor, a farmer, residing at Wickhamford, was awoke by two of his men servants, who informed him that the house had been broken into. On Mr. Taylor coming down he found that a desk, which he had left safe the night before, had been broken open, and silver to the amount of 3*l.* and upwards, with other valuables, taken therefrom. Suspicion however rests upon the two servants, Thomas Heeks and Thomas Howes, who gave the alarm, and they are in custody.

10. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 19 December 1849

[Heeks and Howes were discharged from custody, the magistrates not deeming the evidence of a nature to warrant their committal.

The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 26 December 1849]

UNNATURAL MOTHER. – On Tuesday last, a respectably-attired young woman called at the house of Mr George Parker, of Wickhamford, near Evesham, and claimed acquaintance with his wife. She had with her a baby about eight months old. Having slept that night at the Parker's house, she remained till the next night, and consulted them as to lodgings, when they recommended her to Wickhamford public-house. She said she would go, but leave the infant till her return. She left, and has not been seen since. The child has been taken to the workhouse.

11. The *Gloucester Journal* of Saturday 26 October 1850

EVESHAM

FELONY. – On Friday last, John Begley, Jas. Begley, Henry Ellison, and John Gray, were apprehended by Segeant Pardoe, Sergeant Potter, and P.C. Ball, on a charge of stealing hay from a rick, the property of Mr. Samuel Taylor, of Wickhamford. They were remanded until Tuesday afternoon, when examination was resumed, and the prisoners were fully committed to take trial at the next adjourned sessions. Bail was subsequently taken in two sureties of 20*l.* each.

12. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 15 January 1851

EVESHAM. – EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF ARSON.

TAYLOR, Thomas, 36, a decently-attired person, described in the calendar as a butcher and farmer, was arraigned on three indictments charging him with setting fire to stacks of wheat and straw at Badsey and Wickhamford, on 3rd and 4th December last.

[The prosecution was not able to offer any evidence tending directly to fix the guilt of the accused, other facts of a circumstantial character would lead to a conviction. The first fire was at Mr. Applebee's farm (at the Silk Mills) at about seven in the evening of 3rd December. Half an hour later a second blaze was found on the premises of Mr. Wilson. These were extinguished when a third blaze occurred at Mr. Taylor's at Wickhamford (the prisoner's uncle). The accused had publicly stated his determination to burn the village from one end to the other. Numerous witnesses gave evidence at to the whereabouts of Taylor at the time of the fires, his drunken condition and his various threats. The jury returned a verdict of "Not guilty" after a case which lasted nearly seven hours. The judge warned Taylor about his future life and the necessity of reforming his drunken habits. The full report covered two and a half columns in the newspaper.]

13. The Supplement to the *Worcestershire Chronicle and Provincial Railway Gazette* of 12 March 1851

EVESHAM

SERIOUS FIRE. – It appears that the fire in the rickyard of Mr. Samuel Taylor, of Wickhamford, which consumed five wheat ricks containing between 400 and 500 bags of wheat, and one straw rick, of about fifteen tons was entirely the result of accident, being caused by a boy named Alfred Bearcroft, who was employed by Mr. Taylor to shoot rooks; he fired at a rook, and the wind blew the wadding into a straw rick and set it on fire.

14. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 2 May 1851

EVESHAM

THEFT. – A few days ago the wool was stolen from three dead sheep at Wickhamford, the property of Mr. Samuel Taylor.

15. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 3 May 1854

LAMB STEALING. – Thomas Taylor, of Murcot, was committed to gaol on a charge of stealing a lamb, the property of Mr. Samuel Taylor, of Wickhamford. On Friday last it was seen with its dam at 10 o'clock in the morning, and was missed at four o'clock in the afternoon. Suspicion fell on the prisoner, who tracked across a wheat piece. Sergeant Pardoe and P.C. Ball searched the house, and found a part of lamb boiled, and other parts in the garret.

16. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 11 April 1855

EVESHAM

STEALING A PIECE OF TIMBER. – Thomas Daffy was sentenced to six week's hard labour for stealing a piece of oak timber, the property of Amelia Pethard, on the 3rd instant, at Wickhamford. The prisoner was detected in the act by P.C. Ball.

STEALING DUCKS. – Three duck were stolen a few days ago, from a brook, the property of Mr. S. Taylor.

17. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 12 December 1857

[Daffy pleaded guilty and was sentence to six weeks hard labour, as reported in the *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 9 December 1857.]

WORCESTERSHIRE EPIPHANY QUARTER SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY

BENGEWORTH. – BROOKS, James, a young man was charged with stealing the wheels of a hand-truck, the property of Henry Tarplee.

[Caleb Cole, wheelwright, of Wickhamford, received the wheels at the beginning of May to be repaired and painted. Brookes was found guilty and sentenced to six

month's imprisonment.]

18. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 12 January 1859

EVESHAM

DEATH BY BURNING AT WICKHAMFORD – Hannah Hall, aged 83, and nearly double, living with her husband near the bottom of the village, accidentally met with her death by fire on Thursday afternoon last. She had, it appears, been making dumplings for her good-man's supper (a day labourer and thrifty, having succeeded in keeping himself and his wife from being chargeable to the parish, although her senior), and in putting them in the pot her dress took fire, and when she was found by a woman who, passing the cottage, saw smoke issuing from the crevices of the door, the whole of her apparel, save her stays and stockings, were consumed, and hole burnt in some parts of her body. She live an hour afterwards, and then died. An inquest was held, and a verdict of "Accidental death by fire" given.

19. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 16 November 1863

EVESHAM

TEA MEETING AT WICKHAMFORD. – On Thursday last the Wesleyans held their annual tea meeting at Mr. Smith's, Wickhamford Mill; about 120 persons were present. After tea, the company retired to the adjoining field, when the chair was taken by Mr. Dodwell, and the meeting was addressed by the Revds. H. Laughter and Sharp, and Messrs. Masters, Stokes and Shrop. At half-past eight o'clock the meeting broke up. The proceeds will be appropriated to the Circuit funds.

20. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 27 July 1864

WICKHAMFORD, NEAR EVESHAM.

MESSRS. TREDWELL & SON.

Have received instructions

TO SELL BY AUCTION

On Thursday, the 10th day of May, 1866, upon the Field Farm, at Wickhamford, by order of Trustees under a Trust Deed for the benefit of creditors,
The whole of the valuable LIVE STOCK, well selected IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c., comprising 4 superior Dairy COWS, 6 useful HEIFERS, 5 rearing CALVES, 62 EWES with LAMBS, 2 RAMS, 3 PIGS, &c., 21 Cart and nag HORSES and COLTS, 5 WAGGONS, 5 CARTS, Thrashing, Winnowing, Hay-making, and Weighing Machines, Drag, Harrows, Ploughs, Scuffle, and other implements; neat DOG CART and HARNESS, and the whole of the Grass Keeping and Fodder upon the said Farm,

in suitable Lots.
Catalogues in due time, to be obtained of the Auctioneers.

21. *Berrow's Worcester Journal* of Saturday 5 May 1866

A STAG HUNT IN WORCESTERSHIRE

[The Surrey Staghounds were brought to the area by the Duke of Aumale of Woodnorton and an illustrious company met and ate luncheon at the Northwick Arms, Evesham.]

The excitement grew apace until the arrival of the stag-box containing the stag, and then it knew no bounds. A few minutes having elapsed, the box was driven out of the yard towards the bridge, and then along the Wickhamford Road, where the crush was tremendous, fresh followers joining at every step. The stag was uncarted at Wickhamford, and in about five minutes afterwards the pack came up. The "unantlered monarch" careered over the country at a good pace, and was soon temporarily lost to sight. The scent was quickly taken up, and then away they went in full cry. The "field" was most numerous and brilliant. The horsemen must have numbered upwards of 500, and many ladies graced the chase.

[The report continues, describing the chase to Willersey village, Broadway, Blockley and Aston Magna, lasting two and a half hours. When the finish came 'the stag had the best of it, and was not found until sometime afterwards.' The Royal party returned to Woodnorton. Several accidents occurred one gentleman from London badly fractured one of his knees.]

22. *The Birmingham Daily Post* of Saturday 12 December 1868

**EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WICKHAMFORD ESTATE.**

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
BT MESSRS. BENTLEY & HILL,
On Saturday, the 10th day of July next, at 3 for 4 o'clock, at the Star Hotel, in the city of Worcester.

THE MANOR or LORDSHIP or REPUTED MANOR or LORDSHIP of
WICKHAMFORD, in the county of Worcester, together with
THAT VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
"THE WICKHAMFORD ESTATE,"
CONTAINING
TWELVE HUNDRED ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND
of excellent quality and in a good state of cultivation, with suitable HOUSES and

BUILDINGS.

A portion of the ESTATE is, from its close proximity to EVESHAM, very suitable for ORCHARDING or GARDEN LAND, and so cultivated would produce LARGELY-INCREASED RENTAL. A large extent of the adjoining Lands is now in Garden.

For further information apply to Mr. MARTIN CURTLER, Solicitor, Sansome-place, Worcester; Messrs. BENTLEY and HILL, Auctioneers; or Messrs. WEBB and BUCK, Land Surveyors, all of Worcester; Mr. F.P WEBB, Land Surveyor, Evesham; or Messrs. THOS. WHITE and SONS, Solicitors, of No. 11 Bedford-row, London.

23. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 26 May 1869

[The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Wednesday 21 July 1869 reported that the Estate was sold for 50,000*l*, including timber, to Mr. Francis Parker, as agent to J.P. Lord, Esq. Of Hallow Park.]

WANTED, a respectable Person to manage a small Cheese Dairy, and make herself generally useful. Good character required. – Apply to Mrs. F. Taylor, The Elms, Wickhamford, Evesham, Worcestershire.

24. The *Bristol Mercury* of Saturday 16 April 1870

EVESHAM

FIRE. – On Saturday afternoon last a destructive fire broke out at the village of Wickhamford, about three mile from Evesham, which resulted in the total destruction of three cottages, the property of Capt. Lord. The Birmingham district engine attended, under the supervision of Mr. Thos. New, but nothing could be done to save the houses, which were very old ones, with thatched roofs, and they were nearly burnt down before the engine arrived. The inhabitants of two of the cottages managed to save their property, but the house in which the fire originated was burnt down before its contents could be removed. The fire is attributed to the carelessness of some children who were left in charge of one of the cottages burnt, whilst their parents were at work in the field. The property was fully insured.

25. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 16 March 1872

VALE OF EVESHAM.

TO BE LET, with immediate Possession, PITCHER'S HILL FARM, about two Miles from the Market Town of Evesham, containing 115 Acres of Arable, and 67 Acres of

Pasture Land, of excellent quality, with good Farm House and Buildings, situate in the Village of Wickhamford. The Farm is in a good state of cultivation. Growing Crops, &c., to be taken to by Valuation. – Apply to Francis Parker, Esq., Solicitor, Worcester; or to F.P. Webb, Land Agent, Evesham.

26. *Berrow's Worcester Journal* of Saturday, 5 April 1879

PERSHORE

PETTY SESSIONS, TUESDAY

Before Gen. Marriott, and N.N. Dyer Esq.

THEFT. – Joseph Colley, Wickhamford, was charged with stealing an overcoat, value £1., the property of Herbert Jeynes, at Bredon, on the 14th instant. The coat was stolen from a cart standing at the back of the Royal Oak Inn. Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six week's hard labour.

27. *The Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 23 October 1880

**DEATH FROM AN OVERDOSE OF
CHLORODYNE**

Mr. Rea, coroner, held an inquest on Friday at Guildford concerning the death of Mr. William Wallington Pope, farmer, of Wickhamford, near Evesham, who was found dead in bed at the Reindeer Hotel of Tuesday morning.

[A description of the body as examined at the scene by Mr H.J. Brown, surgeon, follows in the report.]

Witness was shewn a tumbler glass on the dressing table, and an ounce bottle empty with the label upon it "Collis Browne's Chlorodyne."

[Details of the *post-mortem* examination follow in the report.]

The appearances were exactly those witness would expect to find if a person had taken an immoderate dose of chlorodyne, which was highly poisonous, and it was supposed to consist of chloroform aether, rectified spirits, treacle, extract of liquorice, muriate of morphia, oil of peppermint, syrup, and the most powerful form of prussic acid (2 per cent.) The usual dose of the chlorodyne was from 5 to 10 minims.

Mr. William Morris, druggist, Lowersmoor, said the deceased was his brother-in-law and lived with a brother at Wickhamford, near Evesham. He formerly carried on business as a farmer, but failed some nine months ago. Witness was aware that for about 18 months past the deceased had been in the habit of taking chlorodyne as a remedy for epileptic fits.

[Further witnesses were called]

This concluded the evidence, and the Coroner said it was evident that death had resulted from an overdose of chlorodyne, and the jury returned a verdict to this effect,

28. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 1 January 1881

EVESHAM

SACRILEGE. – Some time between Sunday, the 26th March, and Sunday, April 2nd, the parish chest in Wickhamford Church was broken open and £1. 6s. 6d. stolen. The robbery must have been committed by some person who had access to the church, as there is no sign of the building having been broken into. The police are making enquiries.

29. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 8 April 1882

EVESHAM

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS. – MONDAY.

Before the Rev. A.H.W. Ingram (chairman), Rev. M. Amphlett,
and Messrs. T.L. Shekell, I. Averill. And W.H. Ashwin.

DRUNKENNESS. - John Smith, Wickhamford, miller, was summoned by P.C. Samuel Holmes, for being drunk at Badsey, on the 6th inst. Mr G.L. Eades appeared for the defendant, and produced medical certificates that the defendant was ill and unable to attend, and pleaded guilty on the defendant's behalf. Fined 10s., and 12s. 6d. costs.

30. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 28 July 1883

EVESHAM

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS. – MONDAY

Before Rev. M. Amphlett, Messrs R.F. Tomes, T.S. Shekell, W.H. Ashwin,
and I. Averill.

CHARGES OF ASSAULT. – Walter Keyte, plasterer, of Broadway, and Adam Badger, hawker, of Banbury, were summoned for assaulting Frederick Pethard, of the Sandys Arms Inn, Wickhamford, on the 8th inst. Keyte was also charged with assaulting Mr. George Pethard, father of Frederick on the same date.

{Frederick Pethard had responded to a disturbance in the kitchen and a fight broke

out; later Keyte and George Pethard also clashed. The long report concludes with the conviction of Keyte and Badger. Keyte was fined £1. and £1 11s. 6d. for assaulting George Pethard and 10s. and 18s. costs for the assault on Frederick. Badger was fined 10s. and 17s. 6d. costs.]

31. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 27 December 1884

AN UNSUSTAINED CHARGE. – Walter Butler, Vine-street, and Decimus Agg, Wickhamford, both of whom are privates in the Grenadier Guards, were summoned by Thos. Callow, landlord of the Old Angel Inn, Bengeworth, for wilfully breaking a window, and also assaulting him on the 21st November.

[The men had accidentally broken a window, paid for the damage and forced their way out when Callow tried to prevent them leaving. The Bench decided the case should be dismissed.]

32. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 5 December 1885

The Volunteers.

The second competition between members of the D (Evesham) Company of Volunteers took place at the Wickhamford range on Saturday last. The weather, although dry, was bad from a “shootist’s point of view, the wind and light being very changeable, and at times the mirage was most troublesome. The scores were very low, the following being the best:

	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	Total.
Captain Haynes.....	27 ...	31 ...	26	84
Private F.W. Cook.....	22 ...	30	29	81
Lieutenant Prance.....	28 ...	25 ...	24	77
Private Good.....	26 ...	14 ...	25	75
Private Allard.....	29 ...	23 ...	19	71

33. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 28 May 1887

[It is thought that the range was probably at Whitfurrows.]

EVESHAM.

A BAD CASE OF THEFT. – the County Police Court, on Monday, before Messrs. I.

Averill and W.H. Ashwin, Frederick Wingfield, tramp, was sent to prison for six week's hard labour, for stealing a driving rein, the property of Mr. Pope, farmer, Wickhamford, on March 14th. It appeared a friend of the prisoner called for some cider, which Mr. Pope gave him, and prisoner took advantage of the opportunity to steal the rein.

34. The Worcester Journal of Saturday 23 March 1889

STEALING TURNIPS. – At the County Petty Sessions, before Alderman Averill, Messrs. T.F. Shekell, R.F. Tomes, and W.H. Ashwin, Job Winnett, labourer, Wickhamford, pleaded guilty to stealing 12 turnips, value 3d., belonging to his master, Mr. C. Bird, at Wickhamford, on 11th inst. Prosecutor asked that the man might be dealt with leniently. He was fined 5s., 12s. costs, and 3d. damage, Ald. Averill remarking that thefts of employers' produce were getting very common, and must be stopped.

35. The Worcester Journal of Saturday 31 August 1889

A FARMER AND HIS MILKMAN

Dishonesty Not Proven.

At Worcester Assize on Monday.

Joseph Taylor (24), (on bail), was indicted for stealing the sum of 1s. 3d. in money on December 13th and 1s. 4d. on December 15th, the property of his master, John Pope, a farmer, of Wickhamford.

Mr Buckmaster prosecuted, and Mr. R.H. Amphett defended.

Mrs Pope stated that the prisoner was formerly in the employ of her husband as a milkman. On December 13th she sent prisoner to the shop of Mr. Taylor, a grocer, at Bengeworth, for half a pound of tea, giving him 1s. 3d. to pay for it. Two days afterwards she sent him for some cheese, and also gave him 1s. 4d. to pay for it. She afterwards found that the prisoner had not paid for the food, but had booked them to a Mrs Marian, who resided at the prosecutor's house.

[A long case report follows with many witnesses and Mr. Amphlett contended that a man's liberty should not be taken away on the uncorroborated evidence and stupid evidence such that the prosecutor had given. The defendant was acquitted.]

36. The Worcestershire Chronicle of Saturday 21 February 1891

EVESHAM

County Petty Sessions – MONDAY
Before Messrs. F.C. Holland (Chairman), R.F. Tomes,
J. Ashwin, and A.H. Martin.

SCHOOL CASE. – James Willoughby, labourer, Wickhamford, for not sending his son James regularly to school, was fined 5s. inclusive.

37. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 25 March 1893

NEW INQUIRIES

BYRD. – If Walter Byrd, who was born at Muntz-street, Small Heath, Birmingham, son of Samuel Byrd, a native of Bretforton, Worcestershire, will communicate with George Pethard, Sandy's Arms, Wickhamford, near Evesham, Worcestershire, he will hear something to his advantage.

38. The *Manchester Times* of Friday 30 June 1893

**BANKRUPTCY EXAMINATIONS IN
WORCESTER.**

A WICKHAMFORD FARMER.

The examination of Frederick William Bullock, farmer. Of Wickhamford, was adjourned until Feb. 20 for preparation of accounts. The Official Receiver (Mr. Luke J. Sharpe) said he expected he would have to apply to the Court for an order for the examination of witnesses, because the affairs of the debtor were at present accompanied with a great deal of suspicion. The bankrupt in February last acquired some land upon which he built a house, and he planted the land with trees, thus enhancing the value of it very materially. Shortly afterwards he assigned it to his father, whereas a good many of the trees which were planted upon the land were not paid for up to the present time.

39. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 3 February 1894

[A longer report on the first meeting of creditors of William Frederick Bullock, of Longdon Hill Villa, Wickhamford, was given by *The Worcestershire Chronicle* on Saturday 13 January 1894.]

**EVESHAM
COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS – MONDAY.**

Before Messrs. I. Averill (chairman), R.F. Tomes,
and A.H. Martin

THE GATES WERE LEFT OPEN. – Benjamin Carter, farmer, Wickhamford, was charged with allowing four colts to stray on the highway on October 6. As it appeared that the gates on the defendant's farm had been left open by someone who crossed it in the night (there being a right of road over it) the case was dismissed.

40. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 3 November 1894

County Petty Session

EVESHAM. – Monday.

CHARGE OF STEALING A HOE. – Charles Gillett, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged by John Pope, farmer, at Wickhamford, with stealing a hoe, value 2s. at Wickhamford on May 23rd. Prosecutor stated that he managed a farm for his uncle, Mr. Joseph Pope, at Wickhamford. The hoe has belonged to him (prosecutor). Prisoner had worked for him, hoeing wheat. The hoe produced by P.C. Marks was his property, being marked J.P.

[At the end of the case Gillett was fine 10s., in default seven days.]

41. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 1 June 1895

County Courts

EVESHAM. – FRIDAY

ACTION FOR FAILURE OF POTATO SEED. – Joseph Pope, farmer, Kempsey, and Joseph Yeates, potato dealer, Hylton-road, Worcester, were plaintiffs in an action against E.J. Davis, potato salesman, Smithfield Market, Birmingham, to recover £50, damages alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff Pope (as sub-purchaser through and with plaintiff Yeates) by the failure of a crop and consequent loss of three tons 15 cwt. of seed potatoes purchased from defendant as Myatt's seed potatoes, which potatoes were planted by Pope on his farm at Wickhamford, the same, it was alleged, being bad and not true to name. Mr. Buckmaster (instructed by Mr. Godfrey New)

appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. McCardie, of Birmingham (instructed by Mr. O'Connor, of Birmingham) for the defendant. Mr' McCardie raised several legal points upon one of which – that of jurisdiction – plaintiffs were nonsuited, hid Honour allowing leave to institute a new action if plaintiffs thought fit.

42. The *Worcester Journal* of Saturday 17 October 1896

A GRIM COINCIDENCE

A girl named Edith Emily Martin, 18 years of age, died suddenly in peculiarly sad circumstances. She was hop-picking at Wickhamford, and, hearing that there was a wedding at the Parish Church there, hurried with others to see it. It is stated that on reaching the church the girl exclaimed, “Now we shan’t be long,” and immediately fell to the ground and expired.

43. The *Evening Telegraph* of Thursday 30 September 1897

[The wedding referred to was between Edwin Tout, of Plymouth and Emma Dora Winnett and took place on 28 September 1897.]

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AN OLD MAN’S DEATH. – Mr. W.H. Moore held an inquiry at the Police-court, on Tuesday afternoon, touching the death of Charles Hardiman. William Hardiman, a young man, said his family had no permanent abode since they left Moreton-in-Marsh, which was before he was born, but they had been stopping at Wickhamford lately. Deceased, who was his father, was 88 years of age, and had been in the habit of living in a tent. He had been lately working for Mr. Pope, at Wickhamford. Other evidence was to the effect that the deceased expired suddenly. Mr H.E. Haynes, surgeon, Evesham, said the death was due to heart disease. The coroner mentioned that he had a long letter from the Vicar of Badsey, the effect of which was that he had tried to get the man into the Workhouse. The jury returned a verdict of “Death from natural causes.”

44. The *Worcestershire Chronicle* of Saturday 26 August 1899