

BURBAGE
and the Mormons

Marlborough Division Sessions; Justices' Minute Book B4/290 series

Case of Mary Tucker v Charles Smith 11 November 1854

Mary Tucker, single woman living at Burbage, was delivered of a female bastard child on 26 September, by Charles Smith. When she was in the family way she was sent for by the Mormonites. Charles Smith was there. Smith said he had to do with me but he would have nothing to do with the child. **George Stone** asked him the question. **Stephen Goddard** was present and **Henry Spackman**. Evidence from Stephen Goddard: I am a Mormonite. I was present at a meeting of the Mormonites at Burbage when Mary Tucker and Charles Smith were there. Charles Smith was asked if he was the father of the child. He said that he had never walked with Mary Tucker but once and said that was on 2 February. I believe Charles Smith is sent out of the chapel.

Other evidence given by George Stone, Elder of the Mormonite Society at Burbage and from **David Bridgeman** and **Jesse Long**.

Bench unable to agree, the case fell to the ground.

Journal of John Watts Berrett

John had recently been converted to the Mormon Church. He was being taught how to be a preacher and missionary.

Fri 7 Nov 1856

We [JWB and Elder W. Yeates of Easterton] walked to Burbage 12 miles.

Spent the night with the saints.

Saturday 8th We spent the day at Burbage doing some writing.

Sunday 9th In the morning we held a council meeting with the Brethren at the Burbage meeting room. Spent the rest of the day at Burbage with the saints. I was called upon to address the saints. I spoke upon the first principles of the gospel.

Monday 10th We left Burbage and went to Wilsford 12 miles. Spent the night with the saints.

Marlborough Petty Sessions Divisional Justices Case Book for 1851

Nathan Griffen was preaching in Burbage and one of the villagers knocked him off his stool on the Village Green and a fight ensued.

Nathan Griffen born Steeple Ashton 1823 son of Samuel and Mary Griffen, brother of Jesse Griffen also a Mormon elder and preacher. Probably emigrated. Nathan married Jane Winslow and Jesse, Jane Read.

Burbage meeting house, according to Jean Cole quoting from John Chandler's Certificates for Meeting Houses book was at **Hilcott, North Newnton** in 1852.

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5 Feb 1858

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Witness: **Noah Goddard**: I live at Ram Alley and work for Lord Ailesbury - suspicious of two men standing in Ram Alley - Henry King and **Chas. Blackmore** lying down with a net stuffed into a hole. Found ferret and gave it to Mr Brooke- the ferret now produced.

Costs 25s.

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Jackman, Elizabeth Sophia v Thomas Goddard

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Order 1s 6d per week from the date of birth plus 14s 6d costs.

14 October 1854

Jackman, Elizabeth Sophia v Goddard, Thomas

Elizabeth Sophia Jackman: I am a single woman. My child is thirteen months old. There is due to me under Order of Bastardy of 12 November 1853 - seventeen weeks at 1s 6d per week.

Case settled.

31 March 1855

Elizabeth Sophia Jackman v Thomas Goddard

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Costs: To pay 19s 6d. Paid.

27 February 1858

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Elizabeth Sophia Jackman: I live at Burbage and am a single woman. I was delivered of a female bastard child on 24 February 1857 at Burbage. Thos Goddard is the father of the child. He gave me four shillings when the child was christened. He gave me a sovereign on 17 October last, to take 11s which he saved for the first child which I had by him and for which I have an order and I was to take the remaining 4s if I wanted for the child in question. On the following Monday morning (19th) he came to our house and asked if I had any money. I said I had 5s out of the sovereign and gave it to him. My mother was there and saw him...on the 18th October - shortly after this he came to our house with a quart of beer and asked Mother's consent for us to live there if we were married and offered to marry me on Christmas Day last. Mother was willing we should live there. About a month or five weeks ago I went to ask for some money for the first child - he said he would not give me any more as he was going to marry me and told me to keep 3s 6d out of the 7s 6d that he gave me to pay for the Banns - to

make use of the rest if I wanted to do. The Banns were put up and stopped by the defendant. I have had two children before by the defendant.

Millicent Jackman: I am the mother of the last witness. On the day after the complainant's child was christened, the defendant came to my house and asked complainant how much money she had left out of the sovereign he had given her which the complainant gave him. About a month before Christmas last past defendant came to my house with some beer. I talked to him about marrying complainant as I would not have these goings on any longer. He said "How long is it to Christmas?" I told him a month, he said he would be asked and married at Christmas and I promised him that he should come and live in my house. Defendant was at the christening and remained there the whole evening.

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LIST OF VOTERS 1880

1880	Gilbert, David	-	Wilcot	-	freehold land	-	Lower Butts & part of 20 acres
629	Gilbert, Jesse	-	Collingbourn Kingston	-	occupier of house and land	-	Kingston Tithing
2056	Gilbert, Thomas	-	Nelson terrace, Fisherton	-	freehold cottages	-	Devizes road
			Anger				
2057	Gilbert, William	-	14 Pembridge Gardens, Bays-	-	freehold house	-	Fisherton street, John Brittan, tena
			water				
512	Giles, Humphrey	-	Stockton	-	leasehold house, blacksmith's	-	Himself
					shop, garden and premises		
3749	Giles, George, jun.	-	Hanging Langford	-	occupier of land	-	Hanging Langford
3750	Giles, James	-	Steeple Langford	-	leasehold land	-	Himself, occupier
3751	Giles, Robert	-	Steeple Langford	-	freehold houses and land	-	Himself
3752	Giles, Thomas	-	Hanging Langford	-	freehold house and garden	-	Hanging Langford
1219	Gilligan, George	-	St. Mary's Butts, Reading	-	occupier of tan-yard and premises	-	Charnham Street
1220	Gilligan, George Goyer	-	Clevedon Cottage, Reading	-	occupier of tan-yard and premises	-	Charnham Street
179	Gilling, Gilling	-	Wilsford House	-	occupier of house & land	-	Wilsford
2253	Gillingham, John	-	65 Milford street	-	leasehold cottage	-	19 Guildler Lane
1392	Girdlestone, Francis Gurney	-	Landford	-	rectorial tithe and glebe	-	The Rectory
1406	Girdlestone, Francis Gurney	-	Landford	-	rectorial tithe & glebe	-	The Rectory
1170	Glass, Jonathan	-	Burbage	-	freehold cottage and garden	-	Eastlands, Burbage
1186	Glass, Thomas	-	Burbage	-	occupier of land	-	Eastcott
2826	Glencross, Thomas	-	Corsley	-	house and land, occupying tenant	-	Young's
298	Glyn, Richard George	-	Gaunt's House, Hinton	-	freehold land	-	David Hunt and another
			Martel, Wimborne				
1958	Goddard, Charles	-	Wootton Rivers	-	land as occupier	-	Wootton Rivers
1457	Goddard, Charles	-	West Wellow	-	freehold house and land	-	Himself, occupier
1458	Goddard, Henry	-	West Wellow	-	freehold house & land	-	The Red Rover Inn
1279	Goddard, David	-	West Grafton	-	house and land as occupier	-	West Grafton
1280	Goddard, David	-	Wilton	-	freehold house & land	-	Wilton
2756	Goddard, Frank	-	Wardour	-	occupier of house and land	-	Church street
1967	Goddard, Noah	-	Easton Royal	-	land as occupier	-	Wootton Rivers
1803	Goddard, Noah	-	Easton Royal	-	occupier of house and land	-	Easton street
2157	Goddard, Philip	-	Laverstock	-	occupier of mill & land	-	Laverstock
3324	Goddard, William	-	Hawkeridge, Westbury	-	freehold land	-	Hawkeridge
1881	Godding, William	-	Pewsey	-	freehold house	-	High street
2467	Godwin, John Hawkins	-	Winterbourn Earls	-	freehold land	-	Glebe Farm
1789	Godwin, Robert Charles	-	West Knoyle	-	occupier of house and land	-	Manor Farm
	Rumsey						
868	Goff, Joseph	-	Hale, Hants	-	freehold house and land	-	Woodfalls Farm
387	Goldie, William	-	Ashmore, Dorset	-	occupation of land	-	Tollard Green
3532	Golding, Henry	-	Pitton	-	house and land as occupier	-	Pitton
2013	Golding, Henry William, jun.	-	Dog Kennel Farm	-	occupier of land	-	Clarendon Park
1882	Goldney, Gabriel	-	Chippenham	-	freehold rent charge	-	On Farm & lands, near the Church, Richard Chandler Alexander, M.D., owner
1671	Goldsbrough, Robert	-	Mere	-	leasehold house and land	-	Himself, occupier
2445	Good, George John	-	Ford, near Salisbury	-	land as occupier	-	South Field & part of Ford Farm
2141	Good, George John	-	Ford	-	occupier of farm and lands	-	Ford Farm, Laverstock
2207	Good, John George	-	Ford	-	occupier of house and land	-	Milford
36	Goodall, Richard	-	Amesbury	-	occupier of house	-	King's Arms Inn
551	Goodall, William	-	Upper Chute	-	freehold cottage	-	Upper Chute
738	Goodfellow, William	-	Fovant	-	freehold house & orchard	-	Fovant Street
739	Goodfellow, William George	-	Fovant	-	freehold house and garden	-	Fovant street
2344	Goodfellow, William	-	Stockbridge, Hants	-	freehold house	-	Pain's Hill, Augustine Dyer, tenant
1883	Goodman, Edward	-	Oare House, near Pewsey	-	freehold house and land	-	West Wick Farm
1846	Goodman, John	-	Little Salisbury	-	occupier of house & land	-	Little Salisbury
299	Gordon, Charles William	-	Wincombe Park, Donhead	-	freehold land and buildings	-	Wincombe Farm
			St. Mary				
2964	Gotto, Henry Jenkins	-	No.24, Oxford street, London	-	leasehold house and garden	-	Robert Everett
1199	Gough, James	-	Sevington, Wilts	-	freehold land	-	Batt's Farm
1790	Gough, Thomas	-	West Knoyle	-	copyhold cottages	-	West Knoyle, William Gray and others, occupiers
249	Gould, Edwin	-	Donhead Saint Andrew	-	occupation of house and land	-	Westend Lane
334	Gould, Edwin	-	Donhead Saint Andrew	-	occupation of land	-	Clay Lane and West End
3701	Gould, Josiah	-	Westend, Christchurch	-	freehold house and land	-	North street, George Harris
3724	Goulden, George	-	Wishford	-	occupation of a freehold	-	Wishford
2496	Goulding, George	-	Romsey, Hants	-	freehold house and garden	-	Downton, Redlynch
2017	Goulding, George	-	Clarendon	-	joint occupier of land	-	Clarendon Park, Dog Kennel Farm
408	Gower, Granville William	-	Titsey Place, Limpsfield, nr.	-	moiety of fee farm rent	-	W. H. Long, Esq., out of Chitterne Manor, nr. Heytesbury
	Gresham Leveson		Godstone, Surrey				
618	Grace, Henry Blunsden	-	Collingbourn Kingston	-	occupier of land	-	Cawdrey's Farm
3156	Grant, James	-	Warminster	-	house and land as occupying tenant	-	Silver street, 2, and Sambourne
3742	Grant, Joseph Thomas	-	Stapleford	-	occupier of house & shop	-	Church st., Stapleford
2523	Grant, Thomas	-	Maddington	-	freehold house and garden	-	Henry Long, occupier
2796	Grant, Thomas	-	Frome	-	leasehold houses and gardens	-	Chapmanslade
300	Graves, Albert Reginald	-	Charlton House, Donhead	-	freehold land & buildings	-	Charlton Farm
			St. Mary				
197	Gray, Frederick	-	Pippinford Park, Uckfield,	-	freehold house & land	-	Samways Farm
			Sussex				
2637	Gray, George	-	Fonthill Bishop	-	occupier of house and land	-	The King's Arms
2254	Gray, Isaac George	-	Butcher row, Salisbury	-	two freehold houses	-	Bedwin street

VOTEY'S 1878

2939	Garrett, George	King street, Warminster	freehold cottage and garden	Himself
1499	Garrett, John	Common Horningsham	occupier of house and land	Pottle street
1666	Gatehouse, Jeremiah	Mere Woodlands	freehold house	Himself, occupier
2595	Gattrell, Richard Samuel	Fonthill Bishop	occupier of house and land	The New Inn
1038	Gattrell, Richard Samuel	Chicklade	occupier of house and land	Chicklade Lodge
3507	Gay, Alfred	Whiteparish	house and land as occupier	Brickworth Farm
3524	Gay, Alfred Clement	Whiteparish	occupier of house and land	Alderstone Farm
1425	Gay, Revd. Alfred Henry	Plaitford	tithe rent charge	Plaitford
2171	Gay, George	Milford	occupier of house and land	Bishopsdown Farm
2123	Gay, George	Ford	occupier of mill & land	Ford
3685	Gay, George Frank	Steeple Langford	occupier of land	Steeple Langford
111	Gay, Thomas Benjamin Hayter	Idmiston	house & land	Himself, occupier
3460	Gay, Thomas	East Grimstead	occupier of house and land	Manor Farm
655	Gay, William Henry	South Tidworth	occupier of land	Upper Farm
1056	Genge, Philip	East Knoyle	occupier house & land	Coleman's Farm
2409	George, Edmund	Market House, Salisbury	freehold houses	West Harnham
1471	George, Richard	Brixton Deverill	occupier of house & land	Brixton Deverill
392	George, Thomas	Chitterne St. Mary	freehold houses and land	George Polden and others
1300	Gerard, George	Great Bedwyn	occupier of house & land	Great Bedwyn
2668	Gerrett, George	West Tisbury	freehold house and land	Blind lane cottage, himself
1621	Gerrish, Edward	Maiden Bradley	house & land as occupier	Maiden Bradley
2173	Gerrish, George	Milford	occupier of house and land	Milford
1222	Gibbons, Henry	Charnham Street, Hungerford	occupier of house & premises	Charnham Street
1209	Gibbons, Henry	Charnham street	freehold houses, land, & premises	Charnham street
967	Gibbons, William	King's Head Inn, Redlynch	occupier of house and land	Redlynch
2031	Gibbs, Bridger	Gigant street, Salisbury	freehold house	Fisherton
393	Gibbs, Edward	Chitterne All Saints	occupier of land	Long's Farm
3129	Gibbs, William	Warminster	house as occupying tenant	Market place
2213	Giddings, Edwin	Poole, Dorset	four freehold houses	Penny Farthing street
1410	Giddings, John	Nomansland	freehold house and garden	Nomansland
2572	Giddings, John	Tilshead	freehold house & garden	Tilshead
3286	Giddings, Richard	Heywood, Westbury	freehold house	North Leaze, John Northleaze and others, occupiers
3287	Giddings, William	Steeple Ashton, Wilts	copyhold houses and land	Bratton road
2296	Giddings, William Jones	Wilton road, Fisherton	freehold houses	Saint Ann's street
2385	Gidley, Lewis	St. Nicholas' Hospital, The Close	occupier of land	Hospital Meadow
481	Gifford, James Brown	Knook	occupier of land	East Farm
482	Gifford, Samuel	Blackford	occupier of land	East Farm
483	Gifford, Samuel	Blackford	joint occupier of land	East Farm
1918	Gilbert, David	Wilcot	occupier of land	Pewsey
3130	Gilbert, Edward	Warminster	house as occupying tenant	Boreham road (Stoneleigh)
3131	Gilbert, Rev. Thomas	Warminster	house as occupying tenant	East street
615	Gilbert, Jesse	Collingbourn Kingston	occupier of house and land	Kingston Tithing
2032	Gilbert, Thomas	Nelson terrace, Fisherton	freehold cottages	Devizes road
2033	Gilbert, William	Anger 14 Pembridge Gardens, Bayswater	freehold house	Fisherton street, John Brittan, tenant
3686	Giles, George, jun.	Hanging Langford	occupier of land	Hanging Langford
3687	Giles, James	Steeple Langford	leasehold land	Himself, occupier
3688	Giles, Robert	Steeple Langford	freehold houses and land	Himself
3689	Giles, Thomas	Hanging Langford	freehold house and garden	Hanging Langford
498	Giles, Humphrey	Stockton	leasehold house, blacksmith's shop, garden and premises	Himself
1375	Gill, Albert	Bramshaw	occupier of house & land	Berchenwood
1223	Gilligan, George	St. Mary's Butts, Reading	occupier of tan-yard and premises	Charnham Street
1224	Gilligan, George Goyer	Clevedon Cottage, Reading	occupier of tan-yard and premises	Charnham Street
163	Gilling, Gilling	Willsford House	occupier of house & land	Wilsford
1385	Girdlestone, Francis Gurney	Landford	rectorial tithe and glebe	The Rectory
1170	Glass, Jonathan	Burbage	freehold cottage and garden	Eastlands, Burbage
3132	Glass, Moses, jun.	Warminster	house as occupying tenant	Market place (Bath Arms)
2940	Glass, Moses	Market place, Warminster	occupier of house and garden	Anchor Inn
1187	Glass, Thomas	Burbage	occupier of land	Eastcott
2791	Glencross, Thomas	Corsley	house and land, occupying tenant	Young's
290	Glyn, Richard George	Gaunt's House, Hinton Martell, Wimborne	freehold land	David Hunt and another
3429	Goddard, Albert	Brook	occupier of land	Taper's Lye, Brook
1449	Goddard, Charles	West Wellow	freehold house and land	Himself, occupier
1941	Goddard, Charles	Wootton Rivers	land as occupier	Wootton Rivers
1282	Goddard, David	West Grafton	house and land as occupier	West Grafton
1283	Goddard, David	Wilton	freehold house & land	Wilton
2720	Goddard, Frank	Wardour	occupier of house and land	Church street
3678	Goddard, George	Stapleford	occupier of house and land	Southington, Stapleford
1949	Goddard, Noah	Easton Royal	land as occupier	Wootton Rivers
1777	Goddard, Noah	Easton Royal	occupier of house and land	Wootton street
2124	Goddard, Philip	Laverstock	occupier of mill & land	Laverstock
3288	Goddard, William	Hawkeridge, Westbury	freehold land	Hawkeridge

6	Gabriel, H. Charles	24, Park street, Bath	freehold lands & rectorial tithes	Westbury, Wilts
55	Gaisford, Joseph	Pound street, Warminster	freehold cottages and land	Whittock's lane, Bugley
36	Gaisford, James	Warminster	freehold houses	Boreham road and East street, H. P. Buckley
7	Gaisford, John	West street, Warminster	leasehold houses	Back street
98	Gale, William Henry	Burbage	freehold house and land	Eastcourt, Philip Gale, tenant
5	Gale, Richard Christopher	St. Peter street, Winchester	freehold house and land	Chute, Cross Keys Inn, John Smith, tenant
3	Gale, John Henry	Milton	freehold house and land	Vicarage House and glebe
0	Gale, Henry William	Lorraine Cottage, Southsea	freehold house and land	Cross Keys Inn, John Smith, tenant
2	Galpin, Thomas Patten	Little Langford	occupier of house and land	Little Langford Farm
4	Galpin, John	Horningsham	occupier of land	Woodhouse Farm
16	Gane, Alexander	Amesbury	freehold house	Himself, occupier
7	Gane, James	Amesbury	freehold house and garden	Salisbury street
4	Gardiner, George	Whiteparish	freehold house and land	Himself
8	Garrett, John	Horningsham	house and land as occupier	Pottle street
8	Garrett, George	King street, Warminster Common	freehold cottage and garden	Himself
41	Gatehouse, Jeremiah	Mere Woodlands	freehold house	Himself, occupier
31	Gattrell, Richard Samuel	Chicklade	occupier of house and land	Chicklade Lodge
38	Gatterell, Samuel	Fonthill Bishop	copyhold land	Himself, occupier
0	Gay, Thomas	Whiteparish	occupier of land	Alderstone Farm
5	Gay, Alfred	Whiteparish	house and land as occupier	Brickworth Farm
56	Gay, Charles	Whiteparish	occupier of land	Moor Farm
55	Gay, Thomas	East Grimstead	occupier of house and land	Manor Farm
86	Gay, George	Ford	occupier of house and land	Ford Farm
69	Genge, George	Shaftesbury	freehold house & land	Leigh Lane
70	Genge, Philip	East Knoyle	occupier house & land	Coleman's Farm
26	George, Thomas	Chitterne St. Mary	freehold houses and land	George Polden and others
75	George, Richard	Hill Deverill	occupier of land	Hill Deverill Farm
56	George, Richard	Hill Deverill	land as tenant	Sandfield
36	Gerard, George	Great Bedwyn	occupier of house and land	Great Bedwyn
11	Gerrett, George	West Tisbury	freehold house and land	Blind lane cottage, himself
72	Gerrish, John	Milford	occupier of house and garden	Near the Cemetery
46	Gibbons, Henry	Charnham street	freehold houses, land, & premises	Charnham street
50	Gibbs, Bridger	Gigant street, Salisbury	freehold house	Fisherton
17	Gibbs, John Hill	Topsham, Devon	freehold house and land	Boyers, Miss Fishlake, tenant
27	Gibbs, Edward	Chitterne All Saints	occupier of land	Long's Farm
15	Giddings, William Jones	Wilton road, Fisherton	freehold houses	Saint Ann's street
72	Giddings, John	No Man's Land in Downton	freehold house and garden	No Man's Land
12	Giddings, William	Steeple Ashton, Wilts	copyhold houses and land	Bratton road
22	Giddings, Charles	Tilshead	freehold house	Himself, occupier
18	Giddings, Edwin	Poole, Dorset	four freehold houses	Penny Farthing street
28	Gidley, Lewis	St. Nicholas' Hospital, the Close	occupier of land	The Hospital Meadow
92	Giles, George, jun.	Hanging Langford	occupier of land	Hanging Langford
93	Giles, James	Steeple Langford	leasehold land	Himself, occupier
94	Giles, Robert	Steeple Langford	freehold houses and land	Himself
95	Giles, Thomas	Hanging Langford	freehold house and garden	Hanging Langford
39	Giles, Humphrey	Stockton	leasehold house, blacksmith's shop, garden and premises	Himself
25	Gillingham, James Freak	Redlynch	freehold houses & gardens	Redlynch
92	Gillmore, John Pockock	Newbury, Berks	freehold and leasehold lands and houses	Rudge
19	Gilbert, Rev. Thomas	Westbury	freehold Pew Rents	Upper Meeting House, Warminster road
51	Gilbert, Thomas	Nelson terrace, Fisherton Anger	freehold cottages	Devizes road
48	Girdlestone, Rev. Henry	Landford	freehold house and land	Rectory and Glebe
48	Glass, Moses	Upton Scudamore	occupier of house and land	Stockton Almshouse Estate
09	Glass, Jonathan	Burbage	freehold cottage and garden	Eastlands, Burbage
24	Glass, Thomas	Burbage	occupier of land	Eastcott
92	Glyn, Richard George	Gaunt's House, Hinton Martel, Wimborne	freehold land	Charles Knight
19	Goddard, William	West Wellow	freehold house and land	Chopman's Farm
20	Goddard, Charles	West Wellow	freehold house and land	Himself, occupier
21	Goddard, Nicholas	West Wellow	two freehold houses and gardens	William Street and himself, occupiers
03	Goddard, Philip	Laverstock	occupier of house	Laverstock
93	Goddard, George	Nr. 4, Vincent's Walk, Southampton	freehold house and garden	Combe
47	Goddard, Noah	Ram Alley, Burbage	land as occupier	Wootton Rivers
83	Goddard, George	Wardour	occupier of house and land	Church street
71	Goddard, William Gilbert	Broad Chalke	house and land as occupier	East Chase Farm
19	Goddard, David	West Grafton	house and land as occupier	West Grafton
20	Goddard, David	Wilton	freehold house & land	Wilton
37	Godding, William Henry	Brimslade, near Pewsey	freehold house and garden	Near Ball, Mrs. Catherine Stevens tenant
38	Godding, William	Pewsey	freehold house	High street
19	Godding, Henry William	Brimslade	occupier of land	Brimslade Farm
96	Godwin, Robert Charles	West Knoyle	occupier of house and land	Manor Farm

1869

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SOUTH WILTS 1869

Goddard

George

No 4 Vincent Walk, Southampton
Freehold, house & garden

Coombe

Thomas

Donhead St Mary
Freehold house & garden

Water Lane

William

West Wellow
Freehold house & land

Chopman's farm

Charles

West Wellow
Freehold house & land

Himself occupier

Nicholas

West Wellow
Two freehold houses & land William Street & himself as occupier

X **Noah**

Ram Alley, Burbage
Land as occupier

Wootton Rivers

X **David**

West Grafton
House & land as occupier

West Grafton

X **David**

Wilton
Freehold house & land

Wilton

George

Wardour
Occupier of house & land

1 Church Street

William Gilbert

Broad Chalke
House & land as occupier

East Chase Farm

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1878

Goddard

Albert	Brook Occupier of land	Taper's Lye, Brook
Charles	West Wellow Freehold house & land	Himself as occupier
X Charles	Wootton Rivers land as occupier	West Grafton
X David	West Grafton house & land as occupier	West Grafton
X David	Wilton freehold house & land	Wilton
Frank	Wardour occupier of house & land	Church Street
George	Stapleford Occupier of house & land	Southington, Stapleford
X Noah	Easton Royal Land as occupier	Wootton Rivers
X Noah	Easton Royal Occupier of house & land	Easton Street
Philip	Laverstock Occupier of mill & land	Laverstock
William	Hawkeridge, Westbury freehold land	Hawkeridge

VOTERS LIST
1880

The same as 1878 except that Albert & Henry Goddard have disappeared.

The Burbage Well Murder

I have been promising to write up the details of this crime for some time but have still not completed the full research. So in the meantime I shall lay out the facts as I have them with little embellishment. The full story will have to wait a little longer. Followers of today's justice system may be surprised how quickly things were dealt with in those days.

- 23/04/1908 While having their lunch in a field on Southgrove Farm, two farm labourers found a body floating in a disused well.
- 02/05/1908 At an inquest held at the White Hart, Burbage, the village doctor, Dr. Farquhar, said it was the body of a child aged 12. It had been in the well about 9 months. No children had been reported missing in the locality but gypsies often camped in the drove near the well. The coroner passed an open verdict.
- June 1908 The parish magazine simply recorded "DEATHS - May God have mercy on the soul of an unknown boy aged about 12."
- 01/03/1911 Mary Ann Nash was arrested at Aughton in Collingbourne Kingston and accused of murdering her son Stanley George Nash, born 16th September 1901. In 1907 she had been lodging her son with her aunt at Aughton while she worked in London however, due to her not keeping up the payments, her uncle, Ephriam Stagg, wanted the child removed. Miss Nash said she had arranged to take her son to a Mrs. Hillier of Crabtree Cottages in Savernake Forest and set off on foot on the morning of 2nd June 1907 to deliver the child who was wearing his best 'sailor suit'. She returned to Aughton that night and her son was never seen again. At the later trial Mrs. Hillier admitted knowing Miss Nash but denied ever receiving or seeing her son.
- 10/03/1911 A diver was sent down the well at Southgrove to see if he could find any extra evidence. He found some clothing.
- 14/03/1911 The body of the boy was exhumed from Burbage churchyard and sent to London for a post mortem
- 27/03/1911 The Magistrates trial began in Marlborough. One problem was the evidence given by Dr. Farquhar in 1908. Then he had stated that the body was of a 12 year old but if it was that of Stan Nash he would have been only 6 and there are considerable differences in the bodies of children of those ages. Dr. Farquhar now said that he claimed the body to be between 7 and 13. Under intense questioning the Doctor 'found' his case book of 1908 which he initially claimed to have mislaid and this substantiated his version of events. This prevented the defence lawyer from proving that the body was not of Stan Nash as the ages did not match. Miss Nash continued to protest her innocence but was committed for trial and held in Devizes prison.
- 15/04/1911 Dr. Farquhar is arrested for perjury. At Marlborough Magistrate's court it is shown that on day 1 of the trial he gave evidence by reference to notes he had made sometime after the coroners inquest in 1908. The court insisted he return the next day with the original notes that he claimed he had left at home. He duly returned with a note book, heavily mutilated, but which contained enough of an advertisement to show it had been printed in 1910. The doctor, probably to protect his reputation, had lied under oath. He was bailed and committed for trial
- 02/05/1911 Dr. Farquhar resigns from the Pewsey Board of Guardians because of "advancing age and increasing infirmities".
- 30/05/1911 The trial was held of Dr. Farquhar at the Wiltshire Assizes in Salisbury. Charged with "falsely, wickedly, absolutely and corruptly did commit wilful and corrupt perjury". He pleaded guilty to the first two charges and not guilty to the last two. The prosecution, who was Miss Nash's defence lawyer, accepted these pleas. After hearing the evidence the judge decided that the perjury had not effected the previous court case against Mary Ann Nash. Dr. Farquhar's career was now in ruins and so the judge bound him over in the fee of £50.
- 31/05/1911 The trial begins of Mary Ann Nash at the Wiltshire Assizes in Salisbury. After hearing the evidence, including that of Dr. Farquhar, the jury took 20 minutes to reach the verdict of guilty. The judge, Mr. Justice Coleridge, "assumed the black cap" and sentenced her to be hanged.
- 31/05/1911 Dr. Farquhar returned to Burbage where he was greeted with banners, buntings and welcoming speeches from the Churchwardens
- 05/06/1911 Mary Ann Nash's lawyer writes to the local papers to say that rumours that she killed another child are untrue and that the girl in question lives at Marlborough Union Workhouse. He also stated that an appeal against her sentence is to be lodged.

18/06/1911 The appeal is heard. It was based on the fact that the prosecution had failed to prove that the child's body was that of Stanley Nash. The appeal was dismissed.

27/06/1911 Dr. Farquhar sells up and leaves Burbage.

07/07/1911 Following the receipt of a 14,000 signature petition, including those of some of the jury, the Home Secretary reprieved Mary Ann Nash and commuted her sentence to life in prison.

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