

Pewsham Lock House Burglary

Outcome of case : I suspect John Pier 16 turned King's Evidence & was let off but Hester doesn't appear at the Assizes either. Report suggests that Herbert & Sly were sentenced to death.

The Assizes reports are at National Archives in Kew so I will need to persevere what happened to these men.

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30.9.1816 Outgoings - Law Charges to Atterton & Gabriel what the committee ordered to be given for the loss of J. Brown the Lock Keeper at Pewsham Forest Lock which was broken open & robbed £ 50.0.0

John Brown had been the L/K at Grove until at least May 1816 earning just under £1 a week. I do not know when he moved to Pewsham. By 1816 he was earning about £1 50 a week - a good wage at that time.

There is no evidence of the Canal Co giving him any compensation for his ordeal & his wife may have been crippled for life. The Co last paid him in March 1817 £ 40 7.6 for the year (2424/30)

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of Bath) and William Taylor Money, esq. of Herefordshire; but so large a majority have now declared on the side of Mr. Twiss, as to leave no longer a chance for his opponent, who has quit- ted the town. The election will take place to- morrow.

The lock-house belonging to the Wilts and Berks Canal, situate in Pewsham Forest, near Chippenham, occupied by Mr. Brown, was broken open on Tuesday night, and robbed of wear- ing-apparel, &c. of considerable value. To ob- tain a greater booty, the thieves repeatedly threat- ened to murder Mr. and Mrs. Brown; the latter of whom, in attempting to escape, jumped out of a back-window, and, in doing so, broke one of her legs: she was found under a hedge at a dis- tance from the house, whither she had, with the greatest difficulty, crept for shelter.—On Friday two of our officers succeeded in apprehending, in this city, John Slie (a notorious gipsy), William Herbert, John Collison Pier, and Hester Baker, on strong suspicion of being the offenders in this instance, and conveyed them to Calne for exami- nation: where Pier turned King's evidence, and Slie, Herbert and Hester Baker were fully com- mitted by W. P. Bendry, esq. to Salisbury gaol for trial. Pier was remanded to Marlborough gaol until his evidence shall have been given.—

Bath paper.

A silly trick was played off last week, by some blockhead, on the keepers of the Bedford and Kings Arms Inns at Tavistock, which proved the source of considerable expence to the parties deceived. A letter signed by J. Mea- dows, Exeter, being forwarded to each inn- keeper, ordering four horses to be sent to More- ton Hampstead to meet a certain Noble Lord and his family, on their road from Exeter to Ta- vistock, where they intended to sleep, with di- rections to provide beds and other necessaries; the orders were obeyed to the letter: but after the horses had waited several hours, and the innkeepers had remained up nearly all the night,

main Company's service.

DIED.

Aged 19, Sarah, third daughter of the Rev. Mr. Stockwell, of Stratford St. Anthony, near this city.

Aged 29, Miss Amelia Baillie, of Southampton.

Of a decline, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. E. F. Druit, second son of W. Druit, esq. Mayor of Winchester.

A few days since Mrs. Heavis, wife of Mr. James Ross and Crown Inn, Romsey.

On Friday last, Mr. John Undy, tanner, of Romsey.

Aged 91, Mary, relict of L. Jacobs, esq. and mother of Mr. J. Jacobs, glass manufacturer of Bristol.

BRISTOL PRICES CURRENT.

Butter, Cork....	00s a 00	
Dublin.....	00 a 00	
Waterford....	00 a 00	
Carlrow.....	00 a 00	No alteration.
Belfast.....	00 a 00	
Welsh.....	7 1/2 a 7 1/2	
Bacon, Singed....	50s a 52	Steady at our last week's
Middles.....	48 a 52	quotation.
Lard, Bladdered....	50 a 52	
Farkin.....	42 a 44	No demand.
Beef, pr. mess, l. s. l. s.		
new, per tierce 4 10 a 4 15		
Pork, new, per tierce.....	2 18 a 3 0	Prices nominal.
Tongues, per firkin.....	30s	
Wheat, English, s. d. s. d.		
per Win.....	3 a 9 0	
Irish.....	7 0 a 8 0	
Barley, English 3	6 a 2 10	
Oats, Common 2	0 a 2 2	
Potatoes.....	2 6 a 2 10	
Flour, English fine, s. s.		
per sack.....	60 a 62	
Seconds.....	56 a 58	
Irish seconds.....	54 a 58	
Outmeal.....	13s 0d a 13s 6d	
Tallow, Russia YC 56	a 57s	
Archangel.....	53 a 54	
Petersburg Soap 53	a 54	No alteration.
London melted.....	58 a 60	
Oils, Cod.....	29 1/2 a 30 1/2	
Seal.....	31 a 32	
Pichard.....	100 a 100	No alteration.
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Simpson's Salisbury Gazette Thursday 4.7.1816

- ① WILLIAM HERBERT (29)
 - ② JOHN SLIE (27)
 - ③ HESTER BAKER (35) Described as Harriot in Assize records
 - ④ JOHN COLLISON PIER (16) " as John Coleman Pier
- 123 - committed to Salisbury Gaol on 16.7.1816 for Assizes
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Mr. John Bannister deposed that he was a banker of Warminster, and one of the firm of Phipps, Biggs, and Bannister; that he was called on, at his own private house in Warminster, in the afternoon of the 8th of May, by the prisoner, who said he was Mr. Hunt, of Frome, and had some bills to discount; witness having told him he was after banking hours, he observed that he was aware of that, and said he had been to the other bank in Warminster, where they had not behaved civilly to him; witness then

The learned Judge, sensibly affected, then pronounced sentence of death upon the prisoner, who commenced with observing that his innocence had not been proved to him, the prisoner, had no apprehension, to clear himself. His Lordship expressed his surprise with the verdict of the jury.