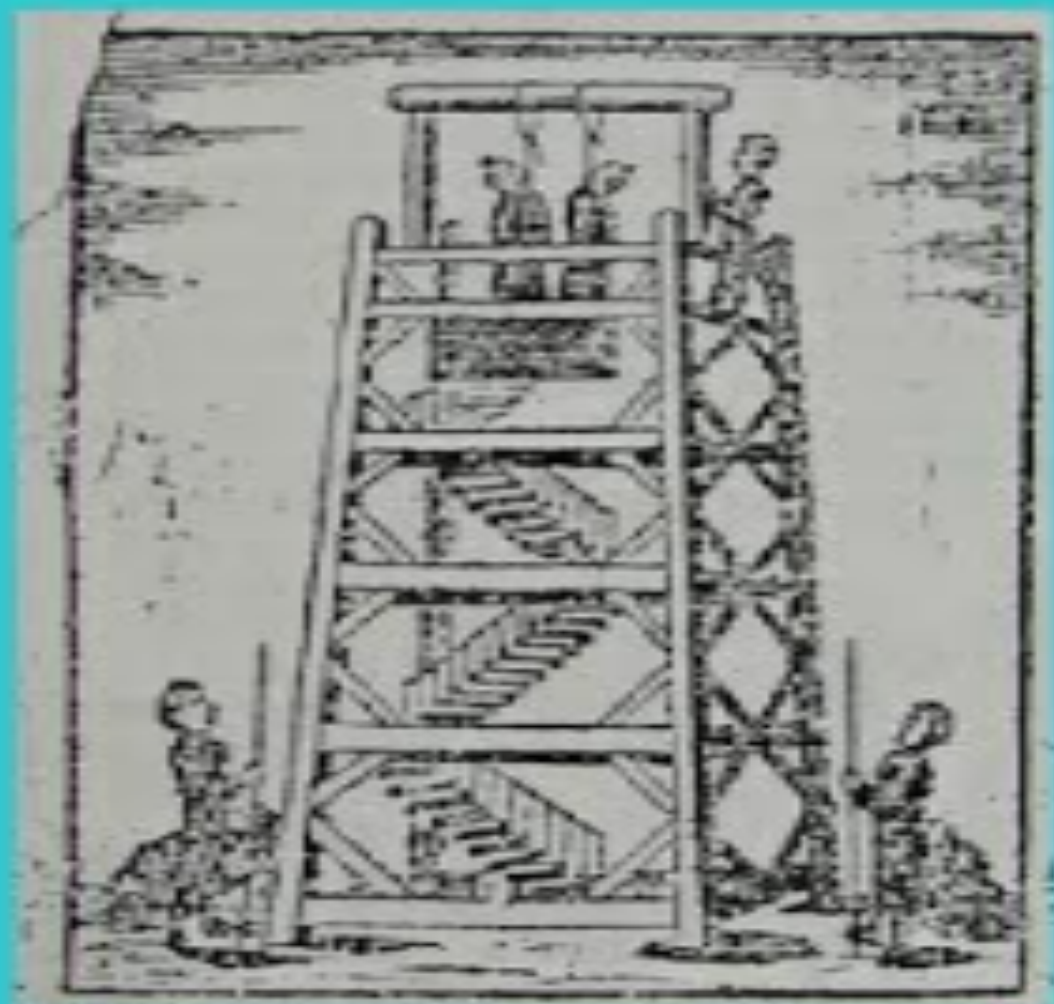


**DOWN  
AMONG  
THE  
DEAD MEN**

**THE  
EXECUTIONS  
AT FISHERTON**

The personal  
accounts of some  
of the prisoners  
hanged at Gallows Gate...

**BY RUBY VITORINO MOODY**



# Criminal Register      Salisbury Assizes

COUNTY OF <i>Wills.</i>			SENTERIES				331
NAME	What Trial	Verdict	Death	Transportation	Imprisonment	Asylum	Contracted Diseases or Incurables
<i>George Shergold</i>	<i>Special Assizes</i>	<i>Retardingly murdering</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transportation for life</i>
<i>Henry Shergold</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>d</i>
<i>James Lona</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>d</i>
<i>Isaac Cole</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>d</i>
<i>William Cross</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>d</i>
<i>Thomas Whalley</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>d</i>
<i>William Jacobs</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>				<i>N. B. Jolly</i>	
<i>John Jennings</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transportation for life</i>
<i>William Francis</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>d</i>
<i>Isaac Miller</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transportation for 7 years</i>
<i>Thomas Piggott</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Imprisonment for 1 year</i>
<i>John Ford</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Imprisonment for 12 months</i>
<i>Samuel Holcher</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Retardingly murdering</i>				<i>N. B. Jolly</i>	
<i>George Turner</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Bullying</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transportation for 7 years</i>
<i>Anna Stone</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transportation for 10 years</i>
<i>William Cook</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Retardingly murdering</i>					<i>7 Years</i>
<i>Thomas Light</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>					<i>7 Years</i>

# Site of the gallows until 1796

Executions Wilton 1800-2021

1380-1384	Henry Bucker	Fulstone	Murder
1380-1384	David Brooke	Fulstone	Murder
2480-1384	Charles Vincent	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	John Adams	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	Thomas King	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	Abraham Long	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	Joseph Davis	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	David Marshall	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
3080-1384	Joseph Strong	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	William Bradley	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	John Gidley	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	Charles Robinson	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	Isaac Dyer	Fulstone	Cattle Theft
2280-1384	Thomas Hildes	Fulstone	Armed and Rob
2480-1384	Stephen Hood	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
2780-1384	Thomas Hildes	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
3080-1384	William Marsh	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	William Marsh	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
2480-1384	William Cox	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
2580-1384	John Fair	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
3080-1384	David Ford	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	John Fordegan	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
3480-1384	John Hubbs	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
2080-1384	Richard Single	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	John Lee	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
2480-1384	Thomas Jones	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	Richard Jones	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
3280-1384	John Daker	Fulstone	Murder
1380-1384	George Bullock	Walsingham	Murder
-	George Capstick	Walsingham	Murder
2480-1384	James Bates	Fulstone	Armed
2880-1384	John Clarke	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	John White	Fulstone	Armed
1380-1384	Richard Norton	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
2180-1384	James Dyer	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	David Dyer	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
3480-1384	John Laver	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
2380-1384	James Kettle	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
-	James Bates	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
3680-1384	Robert Walker	Parson Drove	Murder
2380-1384	William Lee	Fulstone	Armed
1380-1384	John Lee	Fulstone	Murder
-	Edward Buckland	Fulstone	Murder
2480-1384	Richard Cook	Fulstone	Armed
2880-1384	John Goodwin	Devizes	Highway Robbery
-	Edward Amor	Devizes	Highway Robbery
1480-1384	Richard Thomas	Fulstone	Murder
2780-1384	Henry Girth	Fulstone	Armed
1480-1384	Robert White	Fulstone	Highway Robbery
1480-1384	James Angel	Fulstone	Murder
2480-1384	Katherine Moore	Fulstone	Murder
2080-1384	Robert Brown	Fulstone	Murder
1480-1384	Charles Galt	Fulstone	Murder
2280-1384	Henry Wilson	Fulstone	Armed
2480-1384	John King	Fulstone	Armed
-	Thomas Marshall	Fulstone	Armed
-	George Brown	Fulstone	Armed
3180-1384	James Brown	Fulstone	Armed
3080-1384	Charles Kettle	Fulstone	Armed
2480-1384	George Pratt	Fulstone	Armed
-	William White	Fulstone	Armed
1480-1384	Henry Wye	Fulstone	Murder
3080-1384	George Malskyls	Devizes	Armed and Rob
1480-1384	James Taylor	Fulstone	Murder
2780-1384	John Smith	Fulstone	Murder
2480-1384	Richard Smith	Devizes	Murder
2780-1384	William Wright	Fulstone	Murder

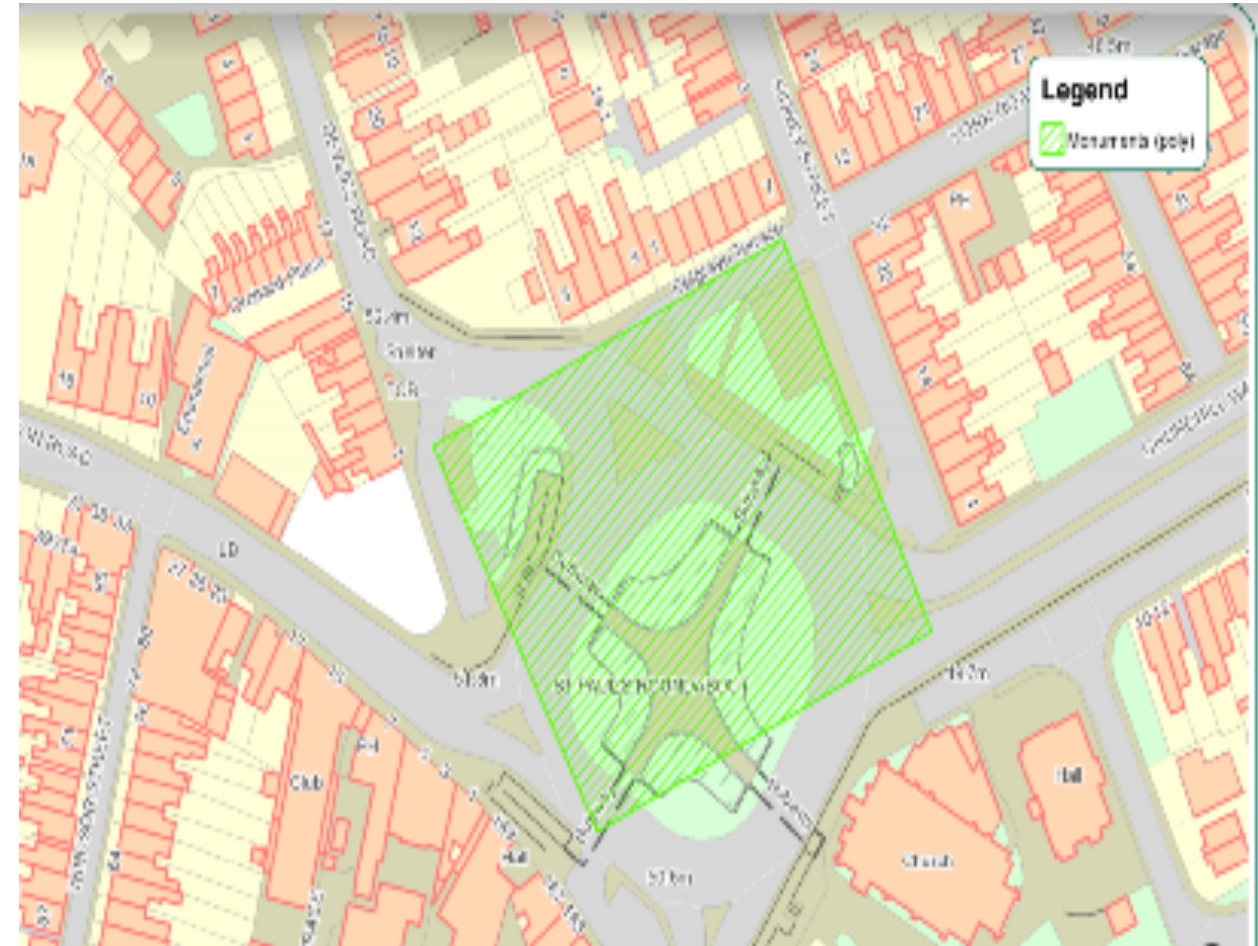
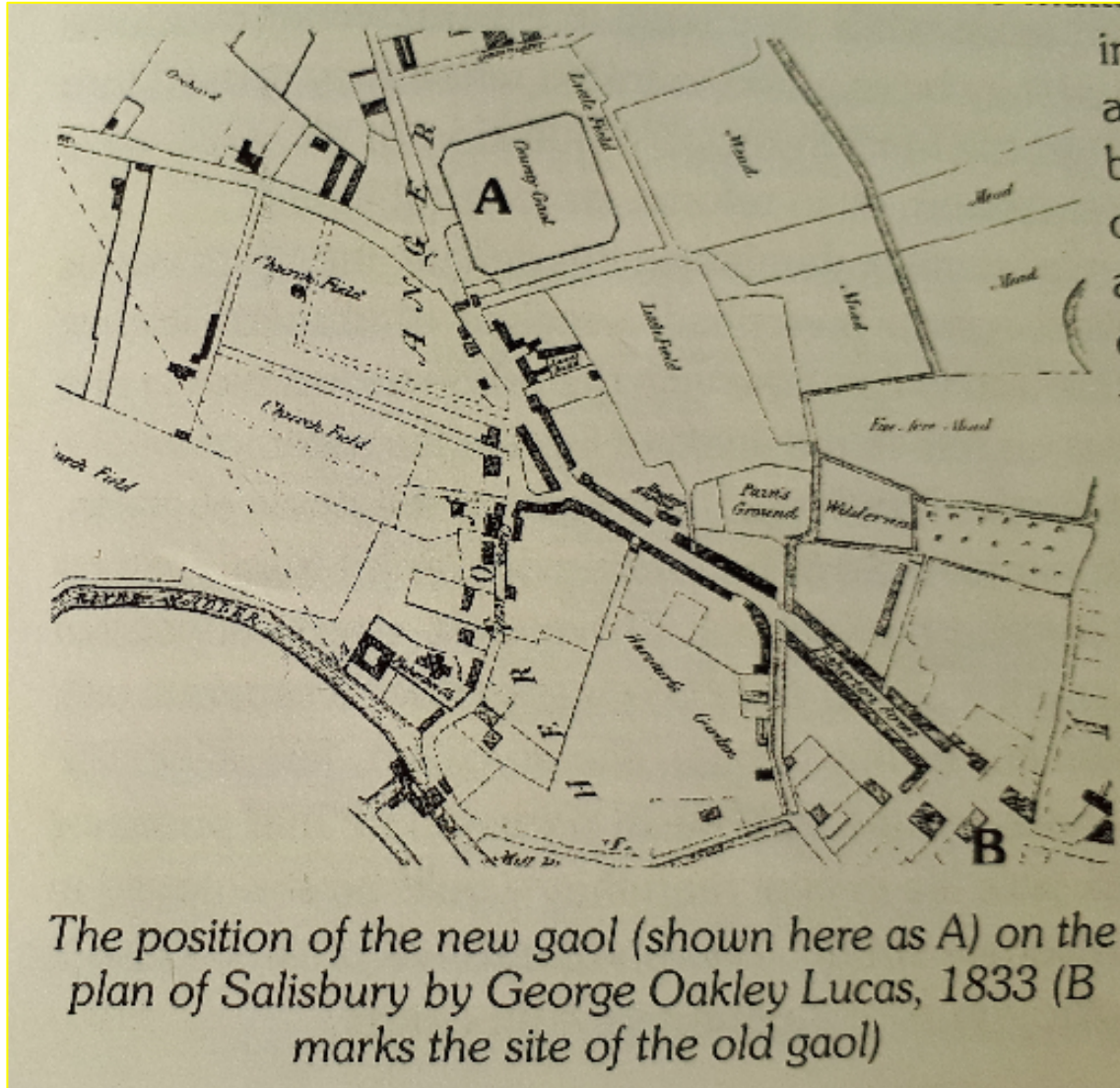


Junction of Wilton Road and Devizes Road

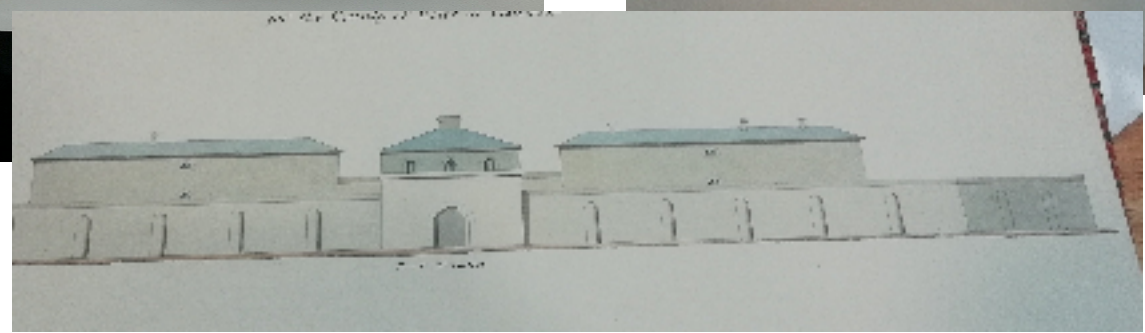
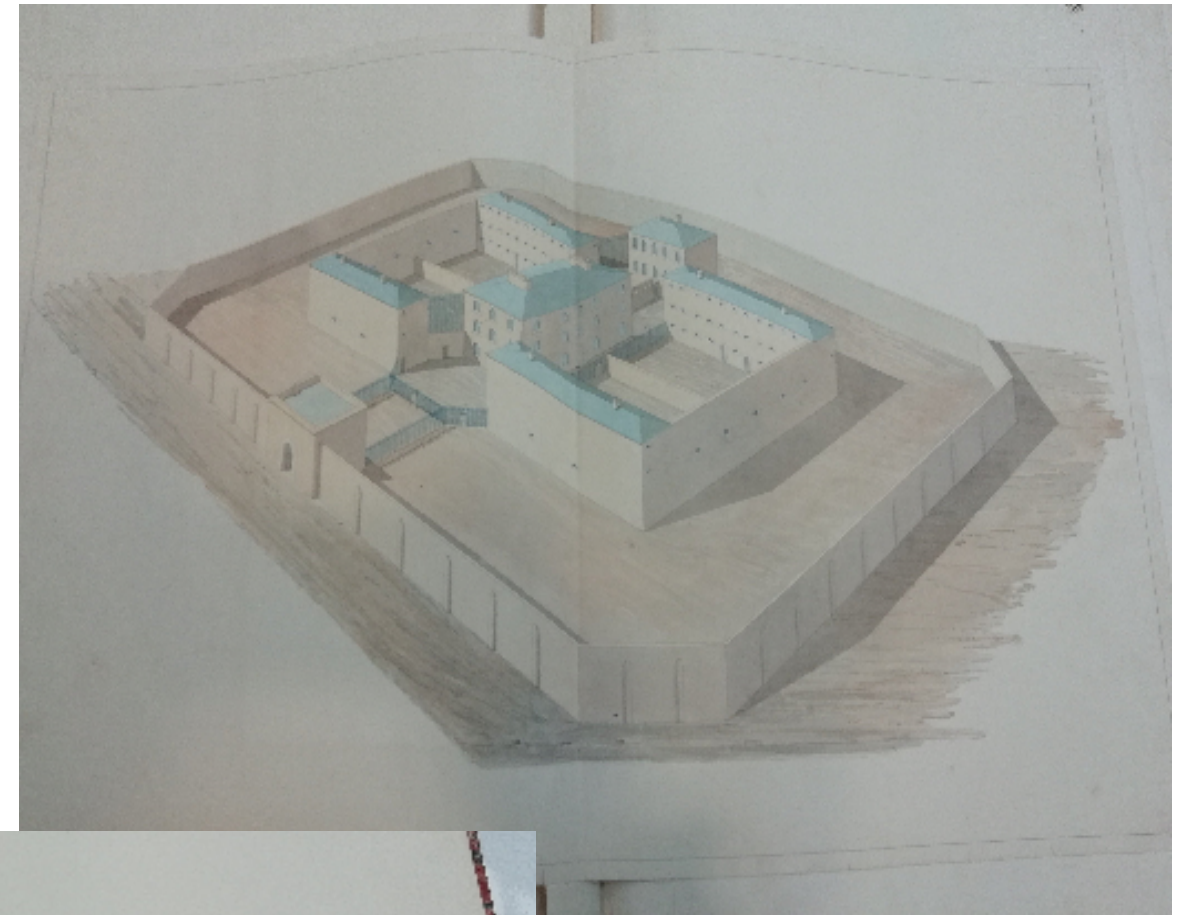
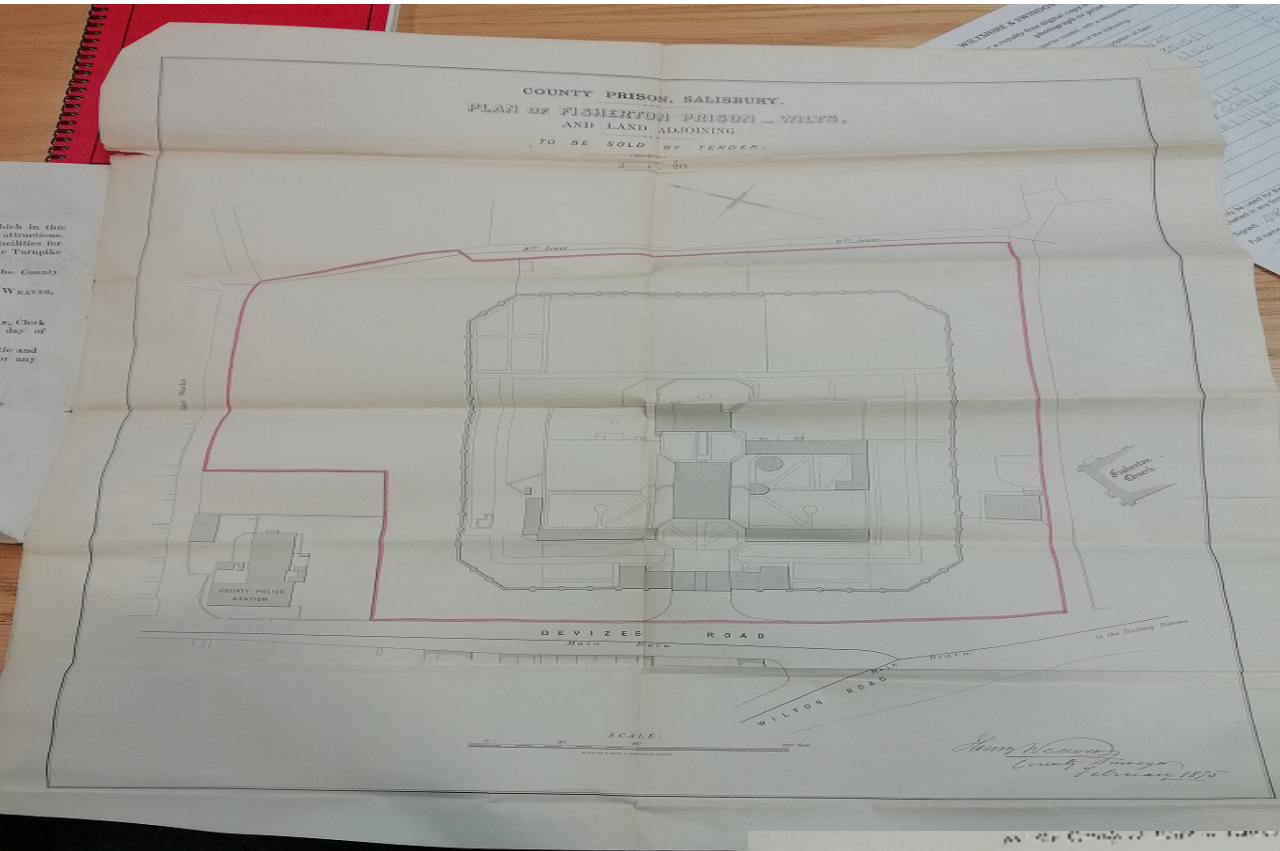
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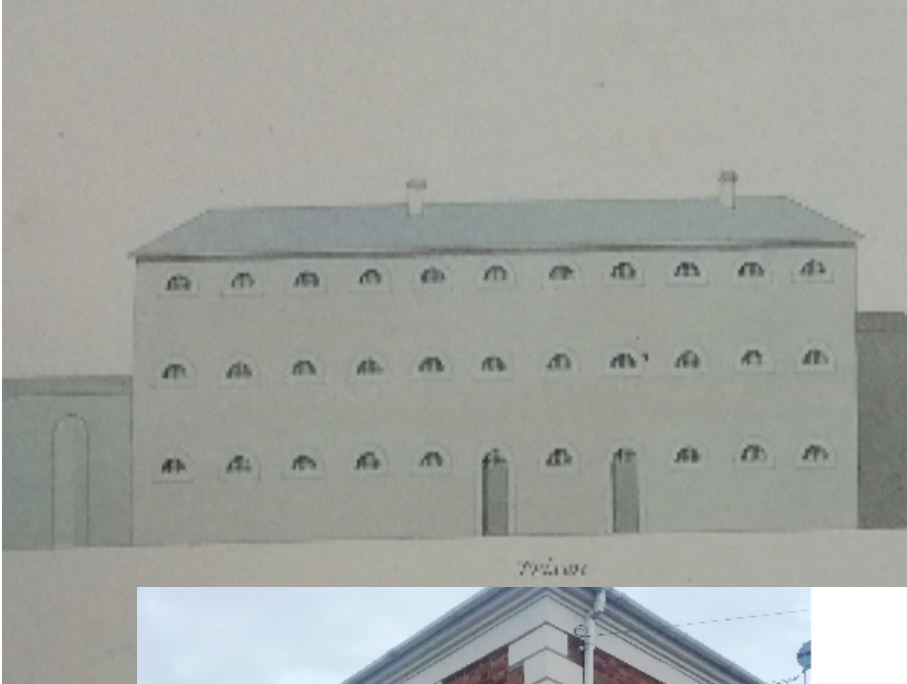
# Position of Fisherton Gaol



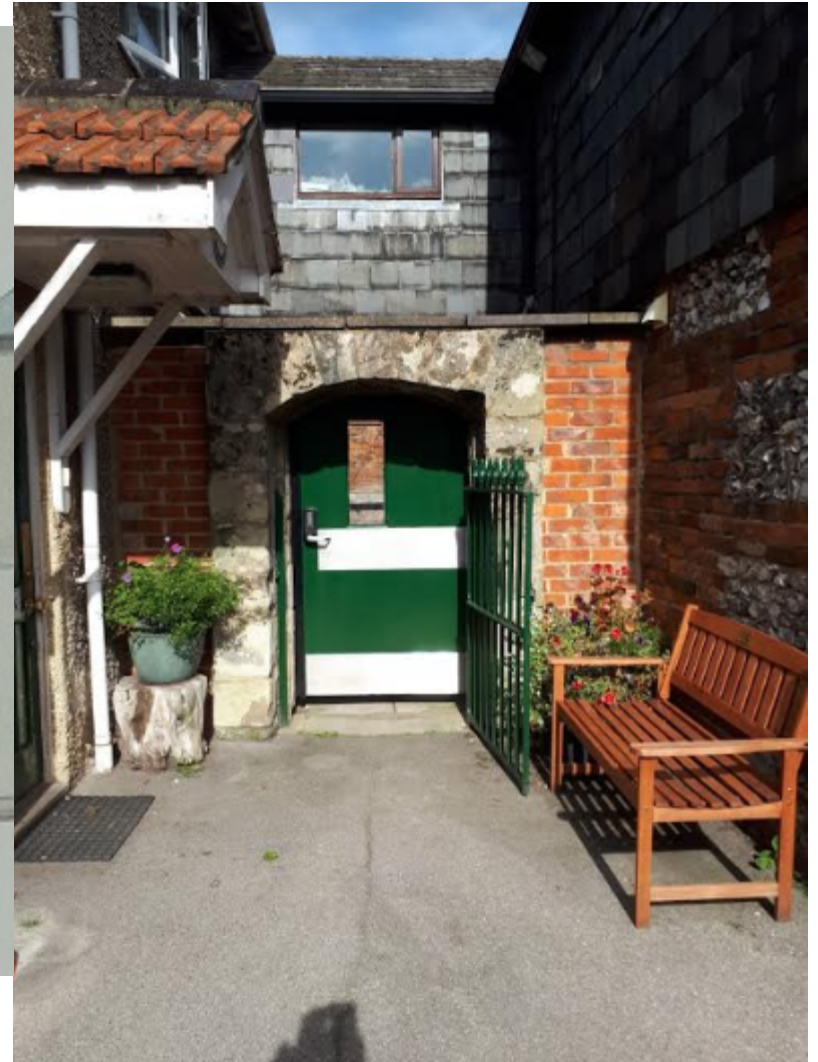
# Fisherton Gaol



# Gaol windows and Governor's House

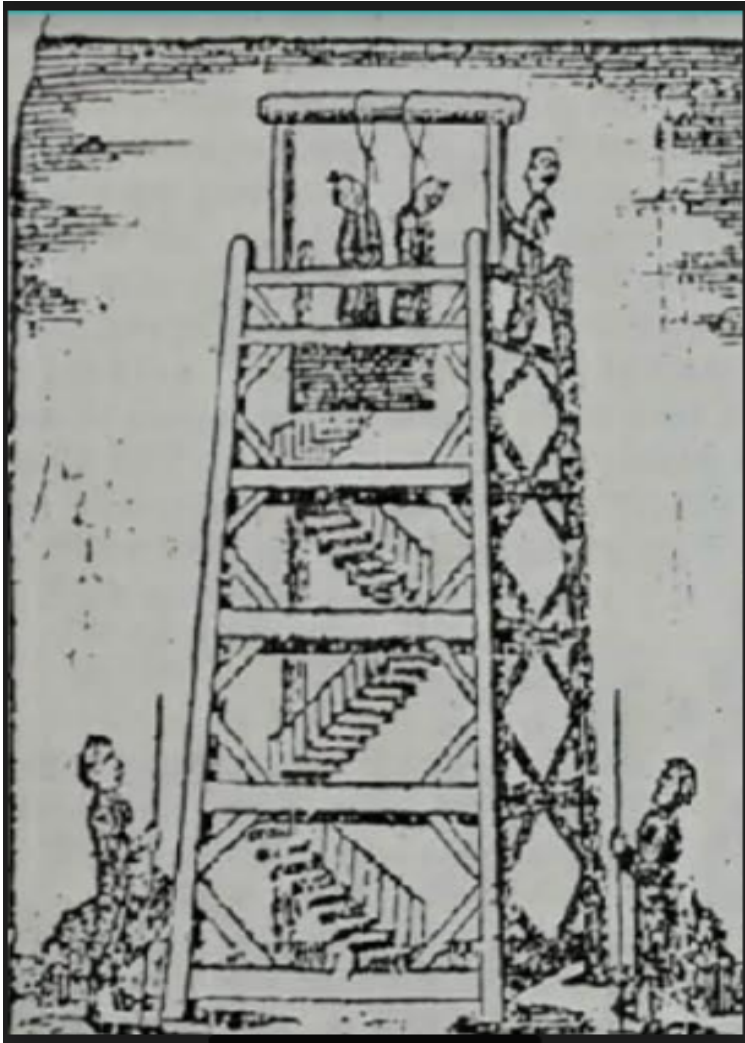


# EXECUTIONS ABOVE THE GATE





# EXECUTIONS IN FRONT OF THE GAOL



# The Death Sentence Pronounced



# 1831 Sarah Kempster walks to Marlborough

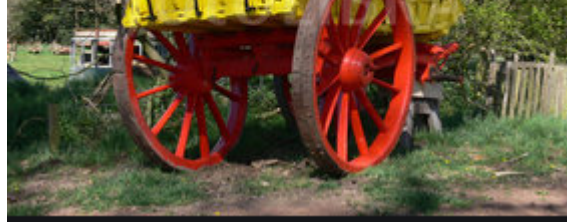


# HAY MAKING AT MARLBOROUGH

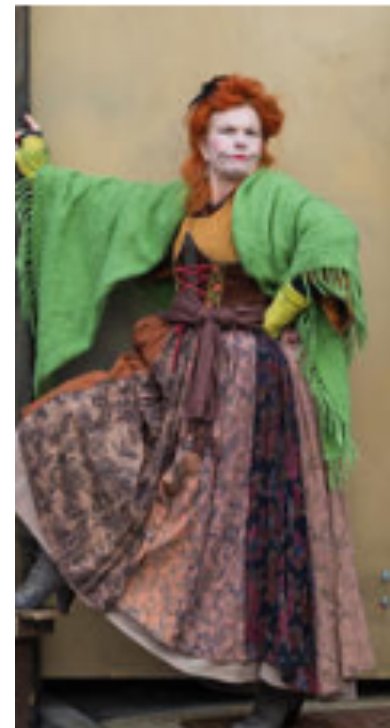


# The Kempsters stop at Preshute





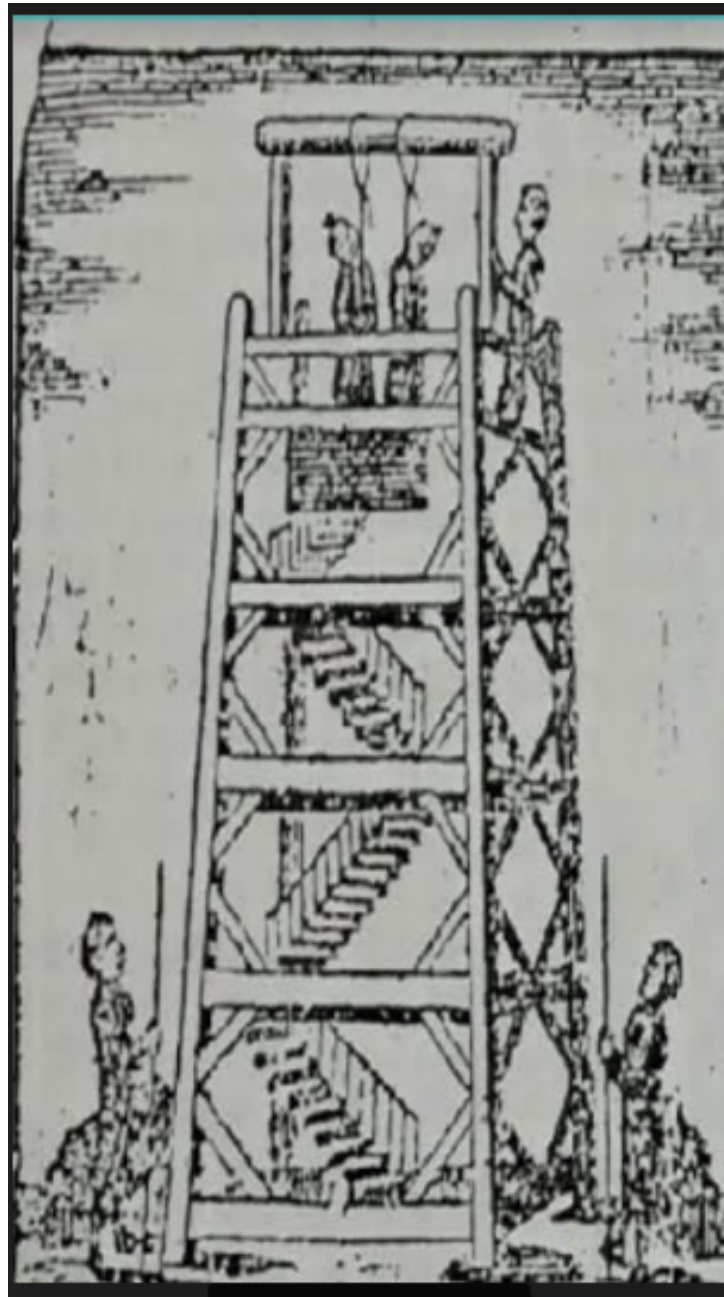
John Smart, Daniel Middleton, John Moore, George Pearce, and Elizabeth Hams



# Criminal Register

COUNTY OF <i>Wills</i>			SENTENCES				
Name	Wm. Tm'd	Crime	Death	Transported	Imprisonment	Arrested	Corrected Sentence or Discharge
<i>Isaac Smith</i>	<i>1832</i>	<i>obscurely mentioning, and other</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transported for life</i>
<i>Richard Manning</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Housebreaking</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>h</i>
<i>Charles Tropp</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>h</i>
<i>William Jackson</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>h</i>
<i>Joseph Miles</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Housebreaking</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Imprisoned for 12 months</i>
<i>Richard Hurman</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>h</i>
<i>John Dunbar</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Imprisoned for 12 months</i>
<i>Thomas Fishlock</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Housebreaking</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transported for life</i>
<i>James Roberts</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transported for 7 years</i>
<i>Isaac Long</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transported for life</i>
<i>Thomas Hayward</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>h</i>
<i>Henry Baker</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>h</i>
<i>John Ross</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Death at 12 years</i>
<i>Daniel Middleton</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Death</i>
<i>George Pearce</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Death</i>
<i>Elizabeth Hams</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>Death</i>				<i>Transported for life</i>
<i>John Smart</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>				<i>Not guilty</i>	

**John Moore, Daniel Middleton and George Pearce Executed in front of Fisherton Gaol 20<sup>th</sup> March 1832**









No. 1450.				
<i>The fore going enclid. cl<sup>d</sup></i>	Daniel Middleton	Chippendale	March 26	18 72 W. Shortt.
No. 1451.				



No. 581.				
Hand'd	George Pearce	From the Gaol	March 20	21 H. G. Starch
No. 582.				
Hand'd	John Moore	From the Gaol	March 20	27 H. G. Starch
No. 583.				

# Elizabeth Hams on the Frances Charlotte

Name:	Hams, Elizabeth
Record Type:	Convicts
Departure date:	15 Sep 1832
Departure port:	Downs
Ship:	Frances Charlotte (1)
Voyage number:	100
Remarks:	Died at sea
Index number:	29735
Record ID:	NAME_INDEXES:1398586

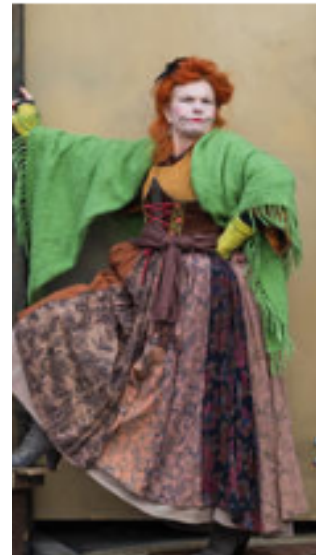


NAME,	Hams Elizabeth	No.	1157
Trade			
Height		without shoes	
Age			
Complexion			
Head			
Hair			
Whiskers			
Visage			
Forehead			
Eyebrows			
Eyes			
Nose			
Mouth			
Chin			
Remarks	Died of Cholera		

196  
 Hams Elizabeth  
 Frances Charlotte 10 Jan 1833  
 17th Sep 3 March 1832 - Life -

Transported for Rape Assault & Fast report behaved very well while in prison Committed to Bath. House

Died of Cholera at Woolwich.



# The Kempsters in South Marston

1841 census

Name:	Sarah Fisher
Gender:	Female
Baptism Date:	9 Jul 1798
Baptism Place:	South Marston, Wiltshire, England
Father:	George Fisher
Mother:	Betty Fisher
FHL Film Number:	1279414

Name:	Edward Kempster
Marriage Date:	2 Jun 1823
Parish:	South Marston
Marital status:	Bachelor (Single (Male))
Residence:	South Marston
Spouse:	Sarah Fisher
Spouse Marital Status:	Spinster (Single (Female))
Spouse Residence:	of This Parish

Edward Kempster	35	Corlispiner	Y
Sarah do	40		Y
Eliza do	15		Y

1861 census

Albert Titcomb	Son	14		South Marston
John Titcomb	Son	2		do do
Elizabeth Maryell	Widow	35	Widow	Leitchton Super
Sarah Kempster	Widow	62	Ag Lab	South Marston
William Kempster	Son	36	Ag Lab	do do
Alfred Parkes	Head	22	Gentleman	do do
Frederick Parkes	Boys	11	Gentleman's Daughter	London



No. 294.	Thomas Ricketts	Stanton	1861.	Jan'y 22.	84	F. M. Rowden	1861
No. 295.	Sarah Kempster	South Marston	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	63		Arthur Robinson	Curate.
No. 296.							

Burial 1861

# Charles Giles



**Chalk Pit Farm, Romsey Road,  
Whiteparish**



# Lands farmed by Giles Family in Whiteparish

Rushall

- 1798: [John Benett of Pyt House](#)
- 1799: Edward Hinxman, of Little Durnford
- 1800: George Yalden Fort, of [Alderbury](#)<sup>[40]</sup>

**19th century** 

- 11 February 1801: Thomas Bush, of [Bradford](#)<sup>[41]</sup>
- 3 February 1802: Sir Andrew Bayntun-Rolt, 2nd Baronet, of [Spye Park](#)<sup>[42]</sup>
- 3 February 1803: [Thomas Henry Hele](#)

## Land owned by Fort George Yalden Esq.

MapKey	Name/Description of Land	Cultivation state	Occupier(s)	Acres	Roods	Perches
66	Transport Ground	Gardens	Sundry Occupiers	4	0	21
81	Part Of Home Field	Gardens	Sundry Occupiers	1	3	27
82	Home Field	Arable	Giles Richard	3	0	13
83	Cowleaze	Arable	Giles Richard	6	3	7
84	Ashmoor Pond	Water	Giles Richard	0	0	37
85	Waste Adjoining	Pasture	Giles Richard	0	0	10
86	Row In Cowleaze	Wood	Giles Richard	0	0	35
87	Pond Close	Arable	Giles Richard	0	0	0
88	Long Piece	Arable	Giles Richard	12	2	8
89	Row In Long Piece	Wood	Giles Richard	1	0	18
90	The Great Chalk Pit	Wood	Giles Richard	2	0	4
91	Chalk Pit Piece	Arable	Giles Richard	6	1	6
92	Carpenters	Arable	Giles Richard	5	3	7
93	The Little Field	Arable	Giles Richard	2	3	19
94	House, Buildings Yards And Garden	---	Giles Richard	0	0	30
95	Rickyard#	---	Giles Richard	0	2	6
96	Nut Close	Pasture	Giles Richard	1	2	39
98	Little Willis	Arable	Giles Richard	4	0	4
99	Row In Little Willis	Wood	Giles Richard	0	1	27
433	Picked Down	Arable	Giles Richard	5	1	12



# Chalk, shoes, and Harriet Stone





# Baby Giles is Born





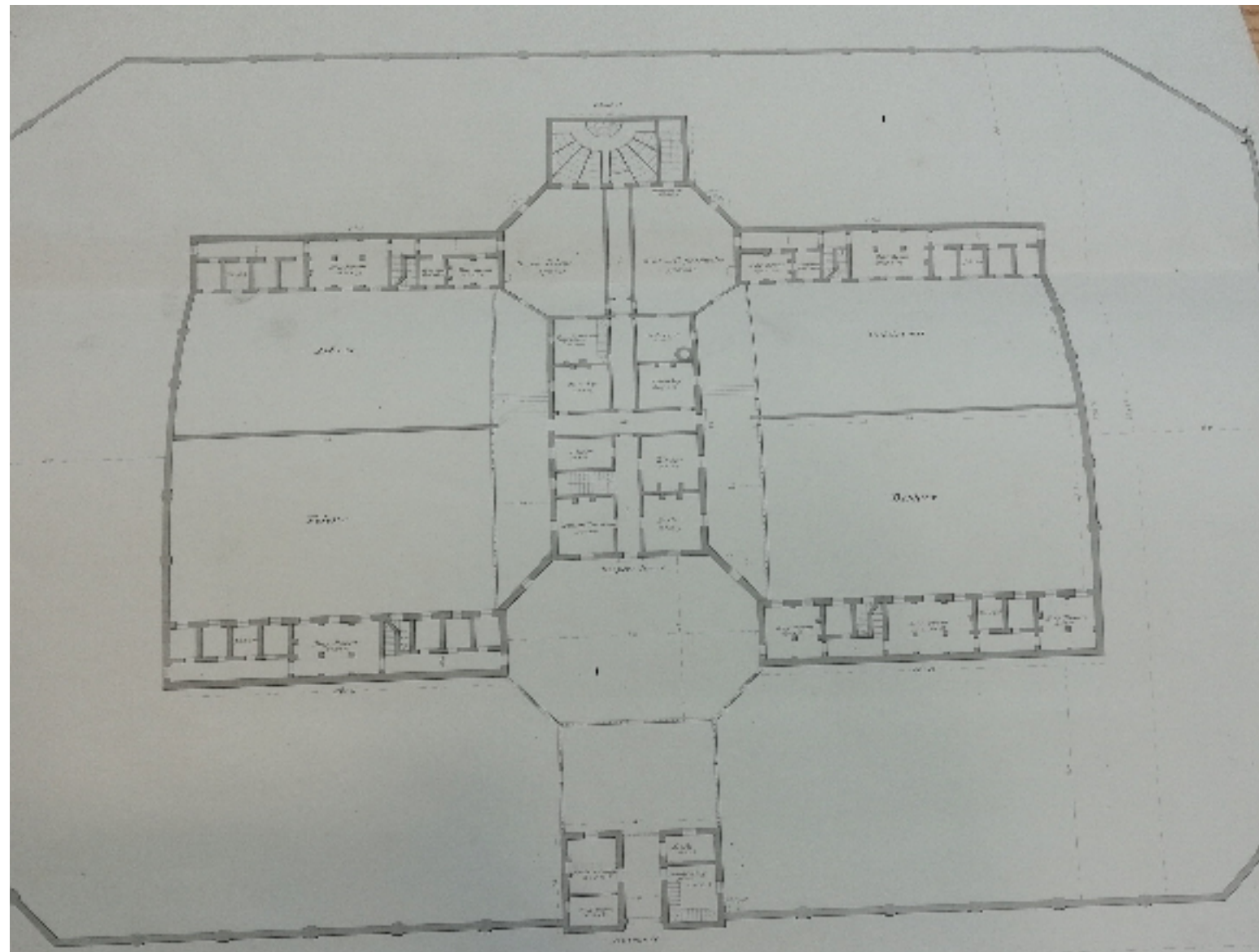
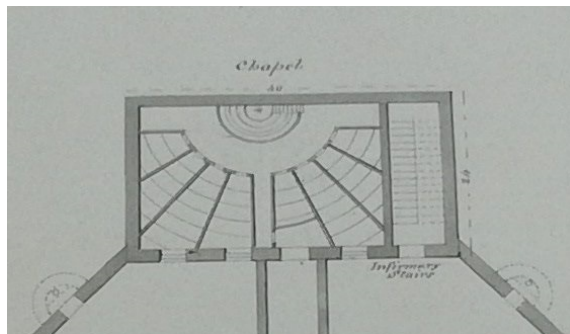
“Drinking pure **sulphuric acid** would **kill you** rapidly and horribly since it both absorbs water and reacts chemically to extract water from other substances. It would cause severe burns to your mouth throat and stomach. The video shows it's effect on sugar - pure **sulphuric acid** would **do** that to your throat”.

“He always seemed particularly fond of children”

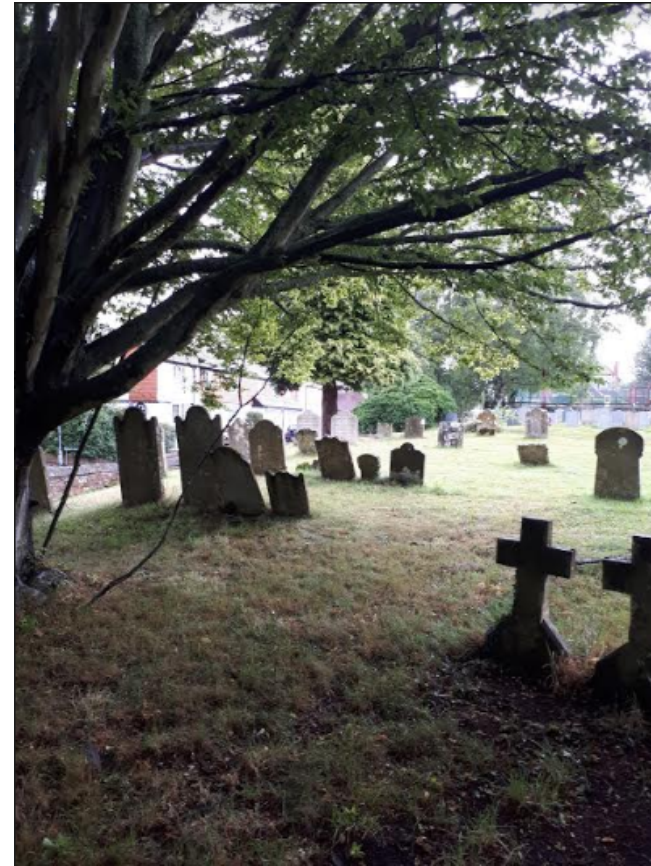
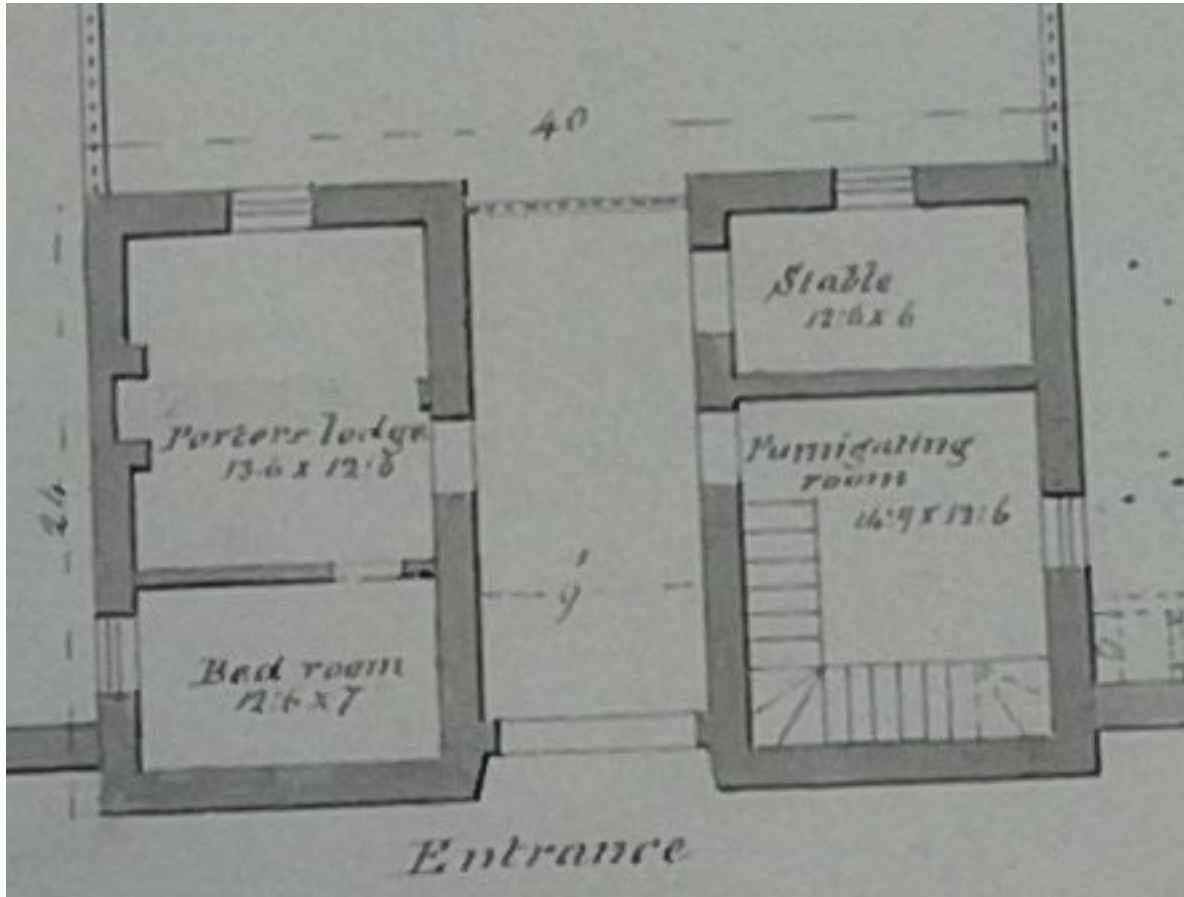


**Burying the tiny corpse near the Giles Chalk Pit**

# The Prison Chapel



# Charles Giles d. 14<sup>th</sup> March 1831



Buried in Whiteparish



Charles's nephew

Robert White	do	House stealing	Death	
Charles Giles	do	Murder	Death	Created 14 March 1831
Samuel White	do	Escaped from Prison	14 Years	

# ROBERT BROWN

Name: Edward Brown  
Birth 1822, Wotton Under Edge,  
Gloucestershire, England

1st son born



Marriage to  
Hannah



Jan'y 13<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth, Daughter of William and  
Anne Sparrow, was baptized.  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Robert, Son of Charles and Mary  
Sparrow of Oaksey was baptized.  
March 26<sup>th</sup> John, Son of Robt and Mary  
Sparrow of Oaksey was baptized.

Robert baptised in Oaksey Church

# Robert and Hannah arrive in Littleton Drew





# Home Sweet Home



The Nephew



Mr Lee

The Attorney



The constable



The sheriff's Officer

'Clark'

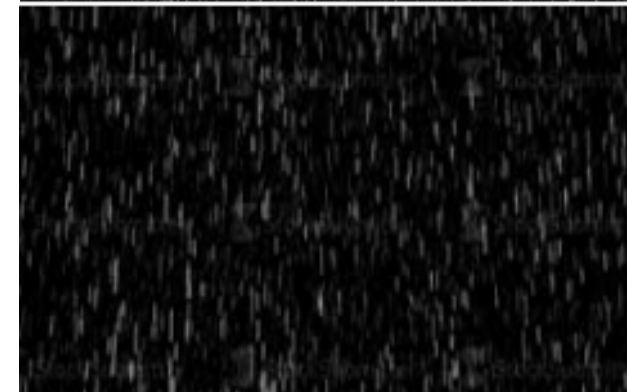
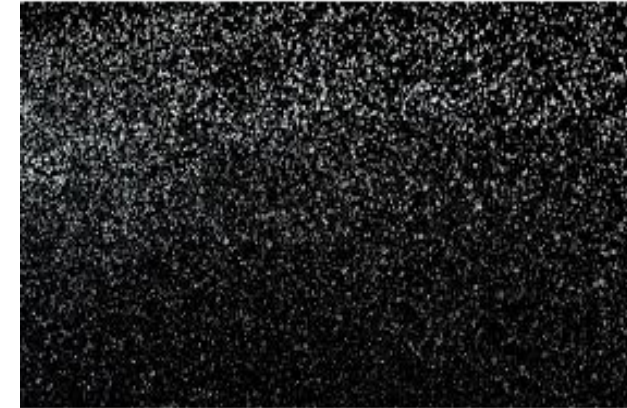


Sherwood  
The  
Officer's  
Assistant



Thompson



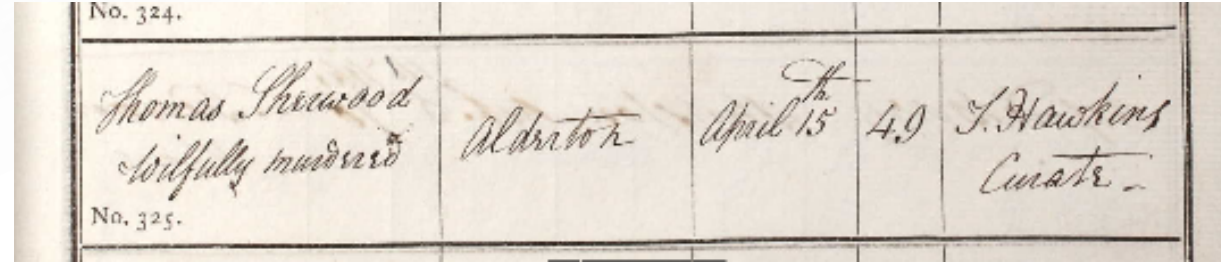




'Shears' Sherwood

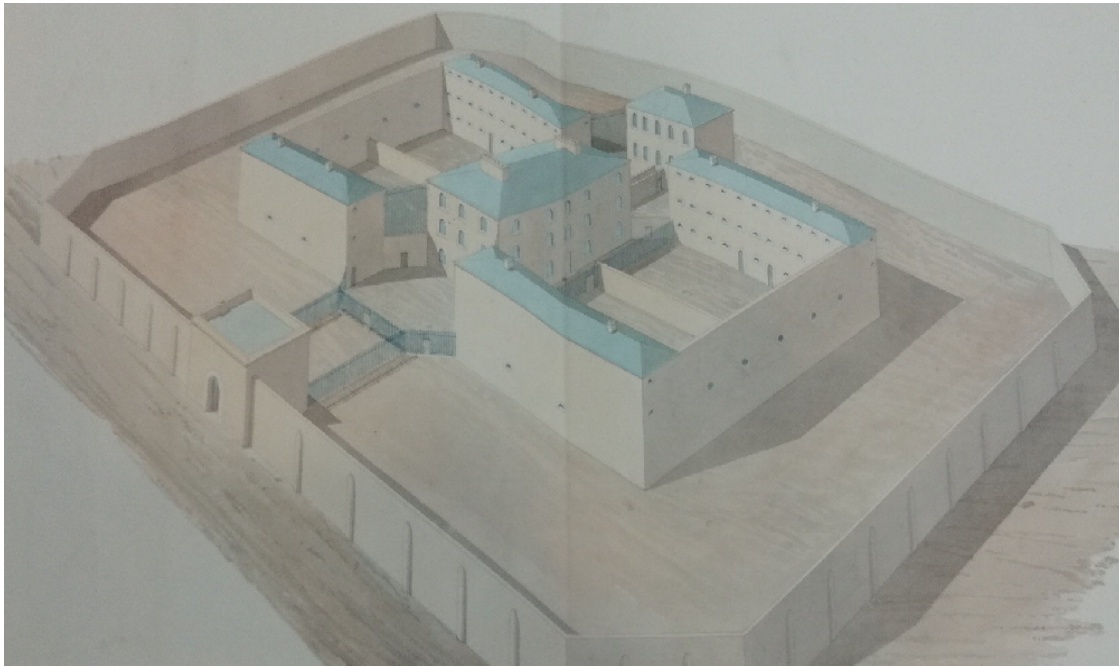


Burial site – Sherston Magna



# Robert Brown Executed July 1828

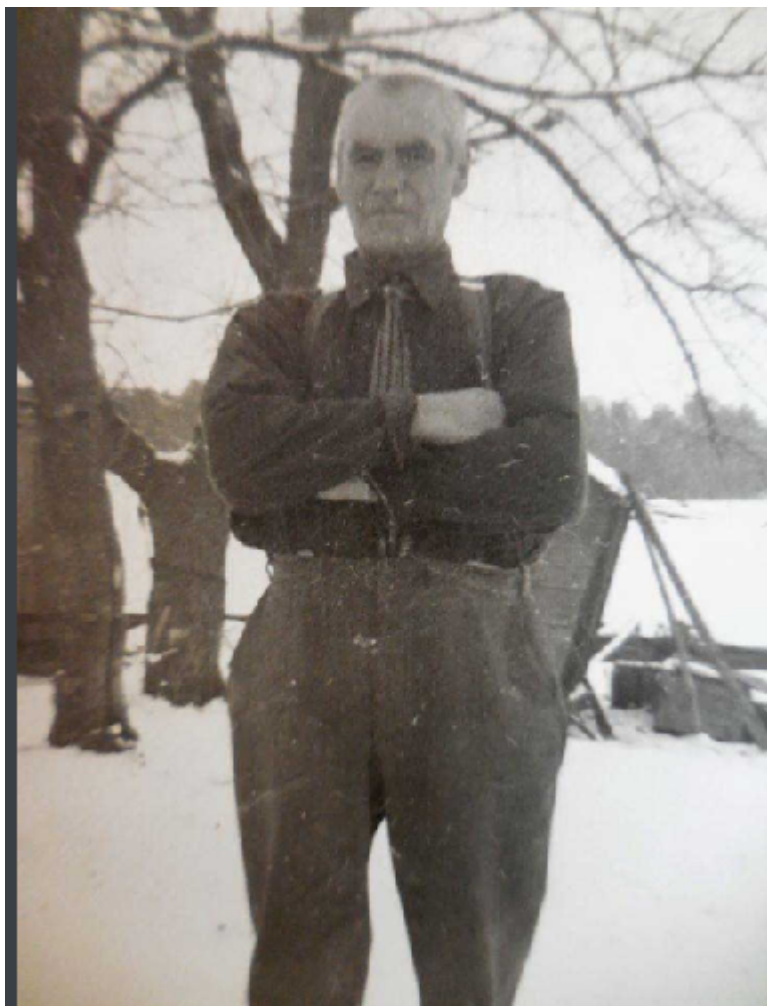
Nicholas Baker	Murder	Death
Robert Brown	Do	Death



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Banns of Marriage between	Robert Kingston of this Parish
	& Ann Brown, Widow, of this Parish
	were published on the three Sundays underwritten:
On Sunday, the	5 <sup>th</sup> of June
On Sunday, the	13 <sup>th</sup> of June
On Sunday, the	20 <sup>th</sup> of June
	A. S. Burr, Curate

## Robert Brown's Grand Children in America



# HENRY WILKINS





**A blue frock coat**



**A fur hat**

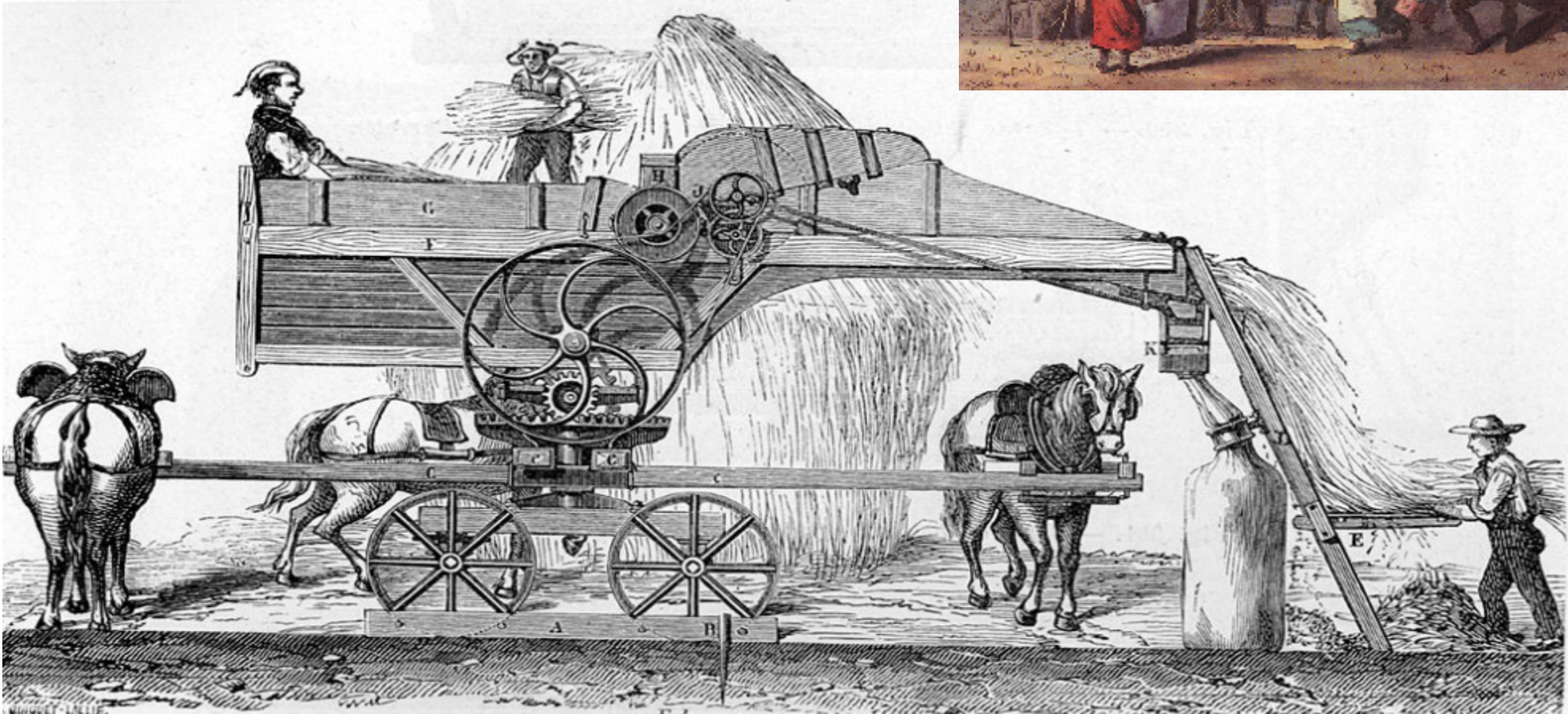


**The Hatchet Inn, Chute**





# Threshing Machine



# Bare Necessities cost £58.15s a year



He might possibly make  
£37.16....if he's lucky

# RIOTS IN NOVEMBER 1830 IN WESSEX

... cause to be discovered or apprehended, the authors, abettors, or perpetrators of any of the outrages above-mentioned, so that they, or any of them, may be duly convicted thereof, shall be entitled to the sum of

**FIFTY POUNDS**

for each and every person who shall be so convicted; and shall also receive our most gracious pardon for the said offence, in case the person making such discovery as aforesaid, shall be liable to be prosecuted for the same.

And whereas, certain wicked Incendiaries have, secretly by Fire, in many parts of the said counties, destroyed the Corn, Hay, Buildings, and other property of our subjects; We do hereby promise and declare, that any person or persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered or apprehended, the Authors of the said Fires, so that they or any of them may be duly convicted thereof, shall be entitled to the sum of

**FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS**

For each and every person who shall be so convicted, and shall also receive our most Gracious PARDON (except the actual perpetrator of any of the said Fires), in case the person making such discovery shall be liable to be prosecuted for the same. [S140]

And the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury are hereby required to make payment accordingly of the said Rewards.—Given at our Court at St. James's, this 23d day of November, 1830, in the first year of our reign.

**GOD SAVE THE KING!**

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1830.



THE HOME OF THE RICK-BURNER.

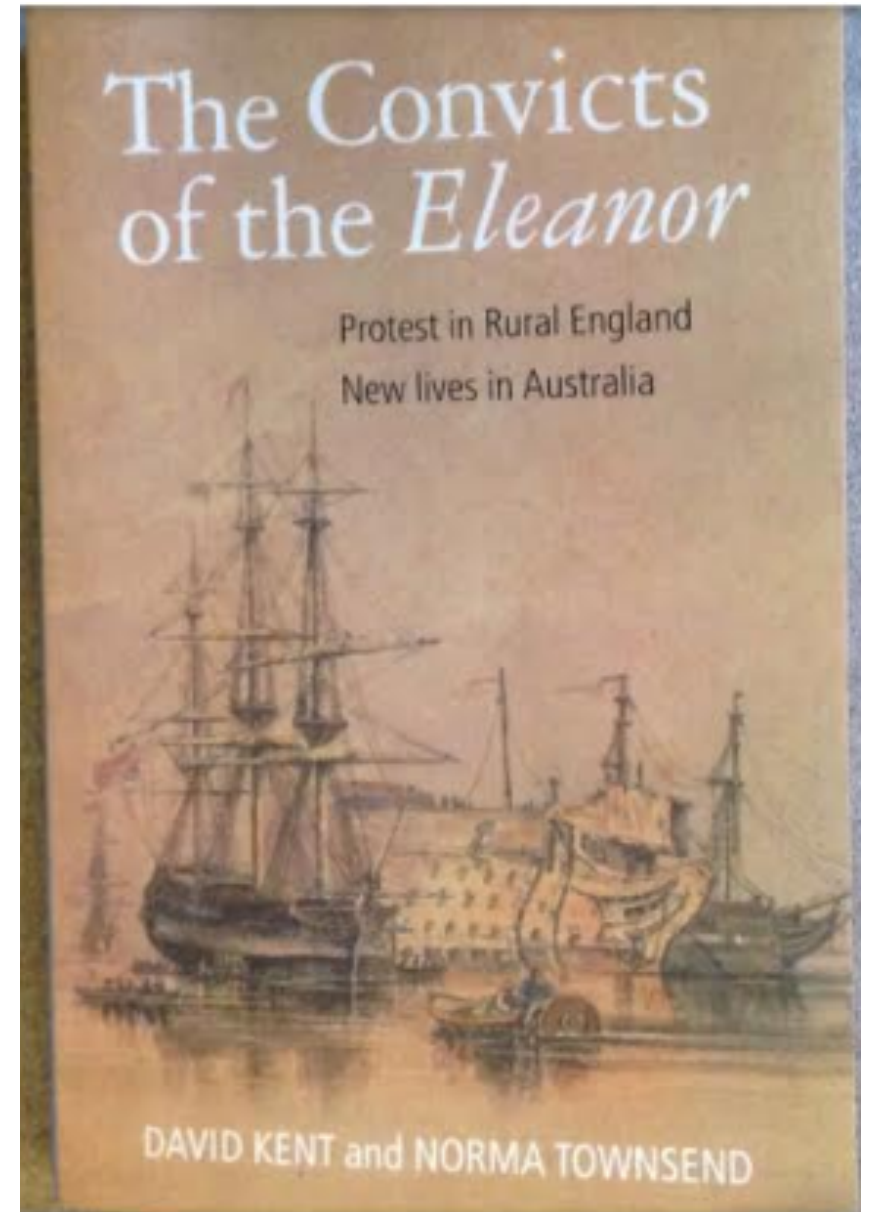
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## Threatening "Swing" letters

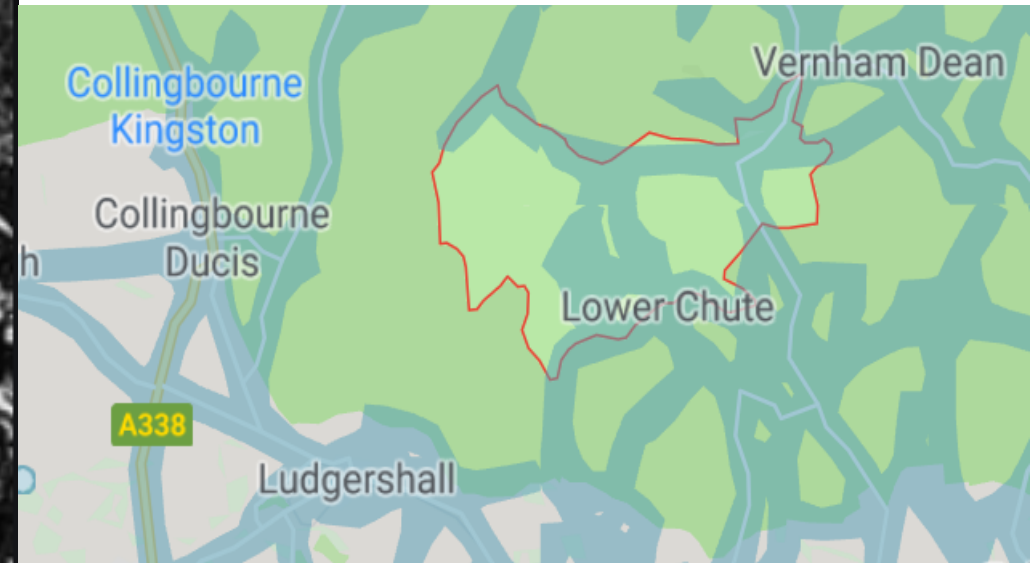
- *Sir, Your name is down amongst the Black hearts in the Black Book and this is to advise you and the like of you, who are Parson Justasses, to make your wills. Ye have been the Blackguard Enemies of the People on all occasions, Ye have not yet done as ye ought,.... Swing*
- *Sir, This is to acquaint you that if your thrashing machines are not destroyed by you directly we shall commence our labours. Signed on behalf of the whole ... Swing*

# Special Commission

CRUISE OF <i>Hells</i>			SENTENCES				345
Name	What Tried	Class	Term	Exemption	Repayment	Assets	Capital Account of Expend
James Hale	General discharge	Relatively delinquent in sailing order	7 Years				
Charles Buckley	"	"	7 Years				
Arthur Miller	"	"	7 Years				
William Taylor	"	"	7 Years				
Thomas Best	"	"	7 Years				
John Ellis	"	"	7 Years				
John Swenson's son	"	"	7 Years				
Thomas Hill	"	"	7 Years				
Robert Bellon	"	"	7 Years				
John Lyons	"	"	7 Years				
David Rogers	"	"	7 Years				
William Miller	"	"	7 Years				
Thomas Ford	"	"	7 Years				
William Parkson	"	"	7 Years				
James Siddleard	"	"				Not paid	
Stephen Forder	"	"				"	
James Withover	"	"				"	



# WILKINS THE ARSONIST



# SOUTH PARK FARM

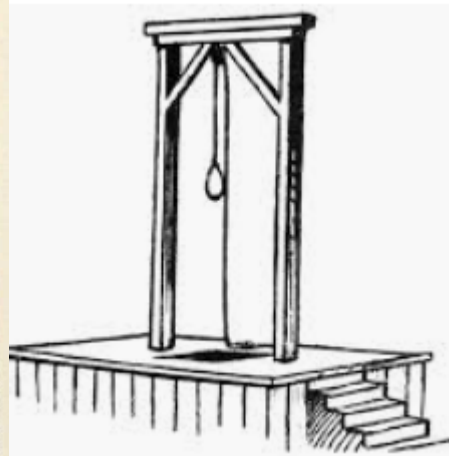


# Henry Wilkins Executed March 1831

Joseph Strugnell	do	House breaking	Death	Imprisonment for 12 months
George Tyler	do	Larceny &c in a Building House	Death	Transportation for life
Joseph Andrews	do	Receiving stolen goods		Not Guilty
Thomas Andrews	do	do		do
Isaac Nash	do	do		do
William Jacob	do	do		do
Henry Wilkins	do	do	Death	Executed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1831



Mary Bower	Chute	1831 Jan <sup>y</sup> 28	8/4 W3	H Elston Curate
No. 196.				
Henry Wilkins	Chute	1831 March 26	2/4 W3	H Elston Curate
No. 197.				
Wm. ...	do	1831	10	H Elston



An aerial photograph of a lush, green landscape. A river flows through the center, reflecting the surrounding greenery. The land is divided into fields by stone walls, and there are numerous trees of various sizes scattered throughout. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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