

# 1894 – 1895 Newspapers

Norfolk News 17 February 1894

**PEITY SESSIONS.** Tuesday, before Major H. T. Holmes (chairman), Sir Charles Harvey, Bart., the Rev. J. W. Corbould Warren, and J. S. E. La Fontaine, Esqs.—John Hilling of Bunwell, labourer, was charged by Police-constable Shepherd with using obscene language at Bunwell on the 23rd January, and was fined 1s., and costs 7s. 6d.—William Sheldrake of Bunwell, engine driver, was charged with a similar offence, and fined 1s., and costs 7s. 6d.—William Fish of Hopton, licensed victualler, was charged by Walter Curtis, plate layer, with assaulting him on Sunday, the 4th February. From the evidence of complainant it appeared that he was a lodger at defendant's house, the White Horse Inn, Hapton. Defendant and his wife had some words about the dinner, and about six o'clock more words took place as to money matters between the husband and wife. Afterwards an altercation took place between complainant and defendant, the latter ordering complainant to leave his house. This he refused to do, and defendant then removed him with violence, which constituted the charge. He returned for his hat, and defendant knocked him down and dragged him out again. Complainant admitted that defendant had complained to his wife about complainant's conduct to her. Complainant called Bassett, who spoke as to seeing the assault, but he professed to have heard nothing as to what was said. Defendant called a witness named Briggs, who said he went into the house when defendant and complainant were struggling on the floor. Complainant said he should not go without the woman and two children. That exasperated the defendant, and he put complainant out again. The case was dismissed.—Walter Curtis was then charged by Fish with assaulting him. It appeared that Curtis returned to the house about 10 o'clock at night. Fish refused to admit him.

but while Fish was in the cellar he heard Curtis coming downstairs with a box belonging to his wife. He stopped Curtis on the stairs, and Curtis struck him a violent blow in the neck. They struggled, and Fish forced Curtis and the box back to the bedroom. Fish held Curtis down till Police-constable Roy came in. On emptying the box it was found that clothes and a joint of meat, a bottle of stout, and other things were in it. Fish refused to allow Curtis to take anything away then, but said he could come for his own clothes with the police officer next day by daylight. Defendant was convicted and fined 10s., and costs 11s. 6d.—John Howling, chimney sweep, of New Buckenham, was charged by Police-constable Roy with leaving his horse and cart on the highway at Tasburgh for an unreasonable space of time, to wit, one hour and thirty minutes, so as to cause an obstruction. Defendant pleaded guilty, and as this was his first offence he was cautioned, and the case dismissed on payment of costs 2s. 6d. by defendant.—Ernest Arthur Pearson of Bunwell, carpenter, was charged by William Smith, vaccination officer, with not having caused his child Ethel May Pearson to be vaccinated. Mr. Cleverley of the Anti-Vaccination League appeared on behalf of defendant. An order was made for the child to be vaccinated within 14 days, and to pay costs 10s. 6d.—William Lemmens of Fornett St. Peter, railway labourer, was charged by William Smith, inspector of nuisances, with disobeying a magistrates order to abate a nuisance by overcrowding. On the 16th January the defendant was charged with a similar offence and was convicted. The nuisance had not since been abated, and the house was now overcrowded to the extent of five persons. Defendant was convicted, and fined 1s. and costs 11s.

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## DEATHS.

**ALLIBAN**—June 12, at Hapton, Thomas Alliban, aged 73.

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## HAPTON.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL.**—On Sunday afternoon last, July 29th, a service of song was given in this place of worship to a large and appreciative audience. Miss Spicer presided at the organ, accompanied by Mr. William Mickleburgh and Mr. William Ludkin on the violin. The musical portions of the service were thus well and effectively rendered. The illustrative readings were given by the Rev. James C. Knapton, the resident minister.

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**SANDY—SQUIRES**—On the 3rd inst., at the parish church, Hapton, Norfolk, by the Rev. Orbell, Vicar of Hapton, Solomon Sandy, of Chicago, U.S.A., to Eliza Squires, the youngest daughter of the late Robert Squires, of Hapton.

## HARVEST FESTIVALS.

**LONG STRATTON.**—The Congregationalists had a very successful tea and public meeting on Thursday, September 27th. There was a beautiful arrangement of plants and flowers, fruit and vegetables, in the windows, and on the walls and the platform. Mr. S. N. Delf said undoubtedly the stackyards were more than usually full this year, although what was in them was worth so little. However, it must be remembered that the country afforded more lessons about true life than any other part of the land. He expected that the Parish Councils would improve the villages. The Rev. Matthew F. Ryle, Wesleyan minister, in a brotherly spirit urged that thanksgiving was proved by thanksgiving. The coming twelve months would prove the extent of their thankfulness. Mr. F. Tuxford, who once again proved his interest in Stratton by bringing with him a number of friends from Norwich, pleaded for progress in the Christian life. The Rev. J. Fulton of Trowse declared that grumblers had few mercies and many miseries. The Rev. J. C. Knapton of Hapton most eloquently spoke of the wonderful power of the Gospel of Christ. Hearty thanks were expressed by the Rev. H. J. Bayley and Mr. H. Starr to the ladies, the speakers, and the chairman. Mr. Bayley announced that it was proposed to start a ladies' meeting for the preparation of work for a bazaar, in order that the chapel might have a boarded floor, more comfortable seats, and a central entrance.

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**FLORDON.**—A meeting of this Council was held on Friday evening at the Rectory, the Rev. Isaac Easton presiding. The Council proceeded to make out a list of men residing in the parish qualified and liable to serve as constables. The Chairman announced that the Parish Surveyor would attend to the repairs of the bridge over the footpath leading to Hapton. It was unanimously agreed that in future a report of the proceedings should be sent to the local papers.

## AN INHUMAN FATHER

### CONVICTED AT LONG STRATTON.

At Long Stratton Petty Sessions on Tuesday, before Major Holmes and the Rev. W. Corbould Warren,

Thomas Sheldrake (53) of **Hapton**, labourer, was charged by Inspector Starke of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children with assaulting his child, Emma Sheldrake, aged 15, in a manner likely to cause her unnecessary suffering, at Hapton, on the 11th inst.

Emma Sheldrake, a short diminutive girl, said she was 15 years old, and had been living in a situation at Norwich about two years. She had to leave owing to illness six weeks ago. She returned to her father's house after staying with her aunt at Fornsett. She had been ill since, and on the 11th inst. could not eat any tea. Her father asked her if she wanted any tea, and she said "No." He then began to swear at her, and she walked out of the room to get away from him. He followed, and made her come back. He then commenced to knock her about, and struck her on the head, and swung her about by her arms. He hurt her and she screamed loudly. He then tried to kick her in the body, but was prevented by a girl named Howell, aged 17, with whom her father lived. She got between and pulled him off her, and his foot slipped and struck a door, and marked it. Howell called out, "Oh, Tom, you'll kill the girl," and he said, "I don't care if I do." After about five minutes he commenced again, and knocked her about as before, because she knocked a chair down. She got angry because of his conduct. She felt ill next day, and had to remain in bed, where the Rev. T. Orbell (vicar) found her.

Elizabeth Dale, Henry Abbs, the Rev. T. Orbell (vicar of **Hapton**), and Inspector Starke also gave evidence. Inspector Starke,

N.S.P.C.O., stated he visited the house of the accused on the 13th inst., and spoke to him about the occurrence. Defendant said he had done nothing to the girl; but that she had "put on her parts," and he gave her a "bang or two." Witness found the girl at Fornsett, and she made a statement, in consequence of which he examined her head and right arm. He found a bruise on the head, which was very tender; also a discolouration on the arm. He returned to defendant's house with the girl, and informed him of her statement; but he still denied having done anything to her. This the girl contradicted, and repeated her statement. She had been suffering from hysteria with attacks of unconsciousness.

Defendant, who wished to be sworn, said he asked the girl to have her tea and she would not, but walked out of doors. He fetched her back again, when she threw things about the house. He did not touch her until after this, when he got in a passion, and did not know what he did do. The girl knocked her head against the wall purposely.

Defendant was fined £1, and £1 9s. 6d. costs; or, in default, one month with hard labour. Not being able to pay, defendant was removed in custody.

## LONG STRATTON.

### PETTY SESSIONS — TUESDAY.

[Before the Rev. J. W. Corbould Warren (chairman), and J. S. E. LaFontaine, Esq.]

John Throver, of Swardeston, labourer, and William Spratt, of Tacolnoston, farmer, were charged by Samuel Sleight, landlord of the White Horse Inn, **Hapton**, with being disorderly and refusing to quit his licensed premises when requested. Each defendant was fined 10s. and 11s. 9d. costs.

**Lockwood**—July 22, at **Hapton**, Thomas Lockwood the beloved husband of Maria Lockwood, aged 67.

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**HAPTON, NORFOLK.**

**R**OBERT BORRETT is instructed by the Executors of Mr. THOS. LOCKWOOD, deceased, to Sell by Auction, on Thursday, 22nd August, at 12.30. the useful HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Dairy and Brewing Utensils, and the Capital Out-door Effects, comprising Sacks, 6 Iron Pigs' Troughs, Wheel Chaff-Engine, Potatoes, Beet, etc., Boarded Neat-house, Stack of Meadow Hay, Young Red Polled Cow, Calf, Sow, 7 Pigs, 40 Fowls, &c. &c.

Auctioneer's Office: Pulham Market.

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**PARISH COUNCILS AND MEETINGS.**

**F**LONDON.—At the meeting last week, the clerk laid before the council the accounts to the present date, £2 19 2½, and they were ordered to be paid. The stile on the path leading to **Hapton**, being in a dangerous condition, was ordered to be put into thorough repair.

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**L**OCKWOOD.—On the 22nd ult., at **Hapton**, Thomas Lockwood, the beloved husband of Maria Lockwood, aged 67 years.

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**ON TUESDAY NEXT.**

**HAPTON, NORFOLK,**

1½ Miles from Flordon Station and Five Miles from Wymondham.

**S**EWELL & BARNES have received instructions to Sell by Auction, at the White Horse Inn, **Hapton**, on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 1895, at Seven o'clock in the Evening precisely,

**A DESIRABLE SMALL PROPERTY,**

situate in the centre of the Village, comprising a Double Cottage, with Outbuildings, and about Two Acres of Rich Pasture Land, as late in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Lockwood.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be had of W. E. Ripley, Esq., Solicitor, Tombland, Norwich; or of the Auctioneers, Queen Street, Norwich. [7348

**HAPTON and FORNCETT ST. PETER,  
NORFOLK.**

**A** RTHUR GLASSPOOLE will Sell by Auction, by order of the Mortgagees, on **TUESDAY, THE 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1895**, at the Safety Valve Inn, Forncett, at 5.30 p.m. precisely, the following Desirable **FREE-HOLD PROPERTIES** :—

**Lot 1. THREE Brick-and-Tiled COTTAGES**, with Gardens, situate near Hapton Church and Schools, in the occupation of John Peck, Sheldrake, and — Dale.

**Lot 2. THREE COTTAGES**, with Large Gardens and Orchards, Blacksmith's Shop, Barn and Piggeries, situate near the Baptist Chapel, Forncett t. Peter, in the occupations of Elisha Cooper, Joseph Skipper, George Mallett, and Mrs. Lansdell.

**Lot 3. A Valuable Piece of ARABLE LAND**, containing 2A. 1n. 35p., adjoining Lot 2, in the occupation of Mr. H. J. Ludkin. [6831

**PRIMITIVE METHODISM.**—On Sunday the anniversary sermons were continued by the Rev. — Napton, from Hapton. In the afternoon a service of song was rendered by the choir. Mr. Bennett, of Watton, gave the connective readings, Miss Robinson presiding at the organ. On Monday the public tea was held in the Schoolroom, followed by a harvest thanksgiving service, presided over by Mr. E. Robinson. Addresses were given by the Rev. H. Bennett, R. Childerhouse, and others. A sale of fruit, &c., was held at the close, and the proceeds, over £9, went to the Church Fund.

On Sunday anniversary sermons were preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Rev. Napton, of Hapton, morning and evening, and in the afternoon a Service of Song, entitled "The Fruitful Bough," was rendered by the choir. The singing was led by Miss Robinson, who presided at the organ. Mrs. Bennett, of Watton, gave the connective readings. On Monday a public tea was held in the School-room, and was well patronised. A harvest thanksgiving service, presided over by Mr. E. Robinson, followed. Addresses were given by the Rev. H. Bennett, Rev. Napton, R. Childerhouse, and others. The proceeds amounted to £9.