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SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A BROTHER : PAINFUL CASE.

James Hubbard of Wymondham, labourer, was brought up in custody charged with feloniously stealing nine pigs, of the value of £12, on the 15th February, at Wymondham, the property of his brother, Albert Hubbard, of Wymondham, baker and farmer. Mr. E. A. Bracey of Norwich appeared to prosecute, and detailed the evidence he should call in support of the charge. Albert Hubbard, the prosecutor, stated that he farmed at Silfield, Wymondham, in addition to being a baker. The defendant was employed by witness as a labourer on the farm at a weekly wage of 11s. The duties of the defendant were to attend to the farm and cultivate it, but not to sell or buy anything without witness' instructions; and the latter attended the farm about three or four times per week. Witness, for certain reasons, gave notice to the defendant to leave his service, and on the 13th February the latter left his employment. On that date witness had nine pigs on his farm, and on Tuesday, the 16th of February, he went to the farm and found the pigs gone. Information was given to the police, and witness afterwards saw the prisoner at the Mariners' Inn, Silfield, and the latter admitted selling the pigs and taking the money, which he had in his pocket, and which he said he should keep. Eventually the pigs were found in the possession of Mr. Wright, a dealer, to whom the pigs were sold by the defendant. The value of the pigs was £12. A lad named John Bartram was employed by witness on the

farm. Witness had never expressed his wish to sell the nine pigs. John Bartram, a lad employed on Mr. Hubbard's Farm, stated that he was working on the farm on the 15th February, and he fed the nine pigs on the evening of that day. At about nine o'clock on the same night he saw a cart with some pigs standing outside the Mariners' public-house, and on the following morning witness, when he went to the farm, missed the pigs. On the 24th February witness went to the White Horse at Hapton, and saw the nine pigs that were missing from his master's farm. James Wright, a pig dealer, residing at Flordon, stated that on the 12th February he saw the defendant at the Mariners' public-house at Silfield, and the latter stated he had nine pigs for sale. They went to look at them, no deal then taking place, but in the evening witness saw defendant again, and agreed to buy the pigs for £8. He paid £1 down, and agreed to pay the £7 remainder on the Monday, the 15th February, when he was to take the pigs. This arrangement was carried out, and witness took the pigs away to Hapton. Witness had never bought pigs from the defendant before.

Superintendent Knights deposed to arresting the defendant on the 17th of February at Silfield, who stated, after a caution, that he did not steal the pigs, but only sold them as he had done before.

Mr. Bracey, on this evidence, asked that the prisoner might be committed for trial. In answer to the charge the defendant pleaded not guilty of stealing the pigs, and stated that when he was employed by his brother he was allowed to buy and sell; he had bought straw for the prosecutor, and had sold

pigs previously. He called no witnesses. The Bench decided to commit the defendant for trial at the next Quarter Sessions, and allowed bail, himself in £20 and two sureties in £5 each.

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**H**OUSEKEEPER.—Respectable Farmer's Widow Requires Situation as HOUSEKEEPER, WORKING, Experienced; Good Reference.—Mrs. Richard Melton, Hapton, Norwich.

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**I**N BANKRUPTCY re J. FURNESS.  
**FORNCETT AND HAPTON.**  
**S**EWELL AND BARNES will Sell by Auction, by direction of the TRUSTEE, on Tuesday, May 18th, 1897, at the "Safety Valve," Forncett, at Four o'clock in the Afternoon, the  
**BLACKSMITH'S SHOP,**  
**DWELLING-HOUSE, 2 COTTAGES, and LAND,** situate at Forncett End, and now occupied by Dixon, Cooper, and Skinner; also a **DOUBLE COTTAGE** in Hapton Street, standing at the end of the Church Lane.  
 Particulars and Conditions can be had in due course of the Auctioneers; and of Messrs. J. Wilson Gilbert and Co., Norwich. [771

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PATRY SESSIONS, Tuesday, before Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart. (chairman), Major Holmes, and the Rev. J. W. Corbould Warren.—An extension of hours was granted to Robert Keeler of the Safety Valve Inn, Forncett St. Peter, for Easter Monday on the occasion of Oddfellows' dinner. Constables were appointed for the several parishes in the division as follows:—Ashwellthorpe, Edward Brown and James Bilham; Aslacton, William Coleman and Edward Aldridge; Bunwell, George Arnold, Walter William Chatten, James Hales, and James Whyatt; Carleton Rode, Charles Lockwood, George Reeve, jun., Walter Scarfe, and Richard Boyce; Forncett St. Mary, George Falgate; Forncett St. Peter, Robert Barrett, Abraham King, and Miles Tann; Fritton, John Everett; Fundenhall, Jonathan Attoe and William Bunting; **Hapton**, Edward Alliban and George Ludkin; Hardwick, John Byles and John Roberts; Hempnall, Cobey Hickling, Samuel Roberts, Robert Goffin, and William White Scarnell; Morningthorpe, Robert Clark; Moulton, William Tunmore and William Howlett; Shelton, James Ladbroke and Abraham King; Stratton St. Mary, William George Foulger, George Barnes, and George Hawes, jun.; Stratton St. Michael, Henry Turner; Tacolnstone, Robert Spratt; Tasburgh; Samuel Albert Rump and Philip Balls; Tharston, William Gallant Duffield and Charles Smith; Tibenham, Arthur Smith, Arthur Everett, and Wilham Hales; Wacton, Albert Peck and George Dye.

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### **HAPTON.**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL.**—On Sunday afternoon a service of sacred song, entitled "Gems from the Life of C. H. Spurgeon," with illustrative and characteristic readings, was given in the above place of worship. The devotional portion of the service was taken by the Rev. J. C. Knapton, the resident minister, and the connective readings ably rendered by Mrs. Knapton. There was a large and appreciative audience, the chapel being quite filled. At the close of the service a collection was made on behalf of the funds of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, amounting to £1 5s. Many thanks are due to Mr. Ludkin, who kindly presided at the organ, assisted by Mr. W. Mickleburgh on the violin, and Mr. G. Gosling on the cornet, to Mr. Spicer and the singers generally for their conduct of the vocal portion of the service, and to all who willingly and gratuitously tendered their assistance to render the service as successful as possible.

## Norfolk Chronicle 22 May 1897

### **FORNCETT ST. PETER.**

Mr. G. J. Barnes (Sewell and Barnes), instructed by the trustees in bankruptcy *re* John Furness, held an auction at the Safety Valve inn, Forncett St. Peter, on Tuesday. Lot 1, a freehold cottage and garden at **Hapton**, was bought for £42 by Mr. N. Dunthorne. Lot 2, a freehold dwelling-house, blacksmith's shop, cottage, and garden, with an inclosure of 3A. 0R. 30P. of arable land, was purchased by Mr. F. Hylton for £245. Messrs. J. Wilson Gilbert and Co., of Norwich, were the solicitors for the vendors.

**BAYS FARM, HAPTON**

(2½ Miles from Fornsett, Flordon, and Ashwellthorpe Stations, and 9 from Norwich),

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.

3 Capital Cart Horses, Promising Bay Filly Foal, Bay Pony,

5 Choice Young Cows, Fat Calf,

6 Homebred Steers and Heifers,

Sow with Litter of Pigs,

Carriages, Implements, Bins, Troughs, 16 Iron Fold Hurdles, Harness, Tools, also a few Lots of Furniture, and other Effects, by direction of the Executrix of the late Mr. Robert Jeffries.

Sale will commence at 11.30 o'clock with the Furniture.

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sequence of an accident to one of the man's children, and as this was not in the nature of medical relief the objection was allowed, the learned BARRISTER remarking that it was a very hard case. The Liberals failed with an objection at Norton Subcourse, and the Conservatives sustained two objections to cottagers at Raveningham, on the ground of insufficient occupation, the time in one case being a few weeks. At Loddon the Conservatives proved a lodger claim, and the Liberals were allowed an objection to Edwin Goate, who was on the new list for occupation of a dwelling-house, which was merely used as a bicycle store, and was not of the annual value of £10. In the parish of Chedgrave the Conservatives were allowed a lodger claim, and two claims for occupation of land, while they sustained an objection to William Baldwin, on the ground that he had received parish relief. It was remarked during the day's revision that the printing of the lists was highly satisfactory, and compared very favourably with that done in some other districts. The Conservatives sustained an objection to Arthur Moore, of Tacolnstone, on the ground of receipt of parish relief. His wife had been attended by a midwife at the parish expense, and he had also had a little flour. The flour not being medical relief lost the man his vote. The learned BARRISTER agreed with Mr. Oldman that the case was an extremely hard one. In Hapton the Conservatives objected to a cottager, named William Hammond, on the same ground, but Mr. Oldman was able to prove that the relief consisted of a pair of glasses for the man's child, and was medical relief. The objection was, therefore, disallowed.

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**LONG STRATTON.**

Mr. William Charlish on Monday evening entertained his harvestmen and friends at a harvest dinner at the Maltsters' Arms inn.

PETTY SESSIONS, Tuesday.—Before Major Holmes and the Rev. J. W. Corbould Warren.—Henry Hammond, threshing machine proprietor, of Hethel, was charged with being the owner of a locomotive which was being used on the highway at Fornsett St. Mary without having three men working the same, according to the regulations of the Locomotive Acts, and was fined 10/, and costs 11/. Defendant was further charged with not having a man preceding the engine twenty yards at least on foot. With the consent of the Bench the case was withdrawn on payment of costs.—Sarah Wright, wife of James Wright, dealer, of Flordon, was charged by Ellen Slight, wife of Samuel Slight, landlord of the Hapton White Horse inn, with an assault. A cross-summons was taken out by Sarah Wright against Ellen Slight for a similar offence. Both cases were dismissed.

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**HAPTON.**

ON Friday, 7th October, 6 Head of HORSE STOCK, 4 Cows and Heifers, Swine, Turkeys, and the Implements, &c., for Mrs. ELIZABETH ALLIBAN.

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DIARY OF AUCTIONS.

The following diary of sales announced to be held during the coming week has been compiled from our advertising columns.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Messrs. Bacon and Sons, Stock, at Dereham Mart, 10.30.  
Mr. W. Vincent, Farming Stock and Furniture  
Sprowston.  
Mr. Robert Borrett, Stock and Implements, **Hapton**.

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ROBERT BORRETT,

AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

PULHAM MARKET,

BEGS to announce further MICHAELMAS SALES  
as under:—

TASBURGH POST OFFICE.

ON Monday, 3rd October, HAWKER'S VAN, 3  
CARTS, HORSE, Trade Utensils, Furniture, &c.,  
for Mr. GEORGE KIRBY and others. 250 Lots. 809

WORTWELL.

ON Thursday, 6th October, HOUSEHOLD FURNI-  
TURE, &c., for Mr. FREDERICK PAGE. 887

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SWAINSTHORPE—FRIDAY.

[Before Messrs. J. H. Gurney, M. C. Boieau, R. H. Denny, G. H. Mutimer, and E. Knight.]

William Potter of Flordon, farmer, and Henry Smith of Hapton, railwayman, were charged on the information of Frederick Slater of Tasburgh, game-keeper, in the employ of Mr. Ibbetson of Rantborne Hall, with trespassing in search of game on land at Flordon over which Mr. Ibbetson has the shooting rights, and further with sporting on a Sunday. Mr. H. R. Everitt of Norwich appeared for the prosecution, and suggested that the charges should be taken together, arising as they did out of the same offence. This course was adopted with the consent of the defendants. Frederick Slater said that on Sunday, 29th January, at about 11 a.m., he heard shots fired, and proceeded in the direction whence they emanated. Hearing another shot or two he walked round Flordon way, when he found the two defendants on land occupied by Mr. Marshall, and over which Mr. Ibbetson held the sporting rights. On coming up with them witness found they each carried a muzzle-loading gun, loaded, capped, and on full cock. Witness asked them what authority they had there, and they replied, "None." On being asked what they had in a bag Smith was carrying the latter replied, "Oh, only a ferret." Witness searched the bag, when in addition to a ferret, he found a hare, quite warm and bleeding, and showing unmistakable signs of having been recently killed. This he took possession of. Corroborative evidence was given by George Banham, underkeeper. The defendants said they were merely taking a short cut to Potter's land near by, and that they had killed the hare the day previous on Potter's land. They denied the keeper's statement that the hare was quite warm and lump, saying it was quite stiff and doubled up. The Bench decided to

convict in both cases, inflicting a penalty on each defendant of 7s. 6d., including costs, for the game trespass, and 5s. for sporting on a Sunday, at the same time pointing out that they had been most leniently dealt with, and cautioning them as to their future movements.

Walter Kirby of Mulbarton, labourer, was charged by Henry Buckenham, landlord of the Carriers' Arms, Saxlingham Nethergate, for refusing to quit that public-house when requested, on 27th January. The landlord said that Kirby came to his house and was served with half a pint of beer, and shortly afterwards fell asleep. Witness thereupon awoke him, and requested him to be going, saying he could not have him sleeping there. Defendant demanded, in a very improper manner, a quart of beer, and on being refused and again requested to leave declined to do so till he chose. The landlord then ejected him forcibly, and when outside Kirby threw a stick at him, striking him a nasty blow on the head. Corroborative evidence was given by plaintiff's son, and Kirby, who merely denied the allegations, was fined 14s. including costs, or fourteen days.

Robert Brown of Fornsett St. Peter, farmer, was fined, on the information of Sergeant Fisher, 5s. inclusive, for driving without lights in the parish of Mulbarton, on 24th January.

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There is something distinctly appropriate in the Cromwellian celebration which will be held this evening at the Old Meeting House in memory of the three-hundredth anniversary of the great Protector's birth. Norwich should surely pay its tribute to the famous Englishman who wrought so much for freedom's cause in time of national crisis, and whose sturdiest forces were mustered in East Anglia. Not only so, but the history of the ancient Old Meeting House carries us back to the Cromwellian period, and to the time when the Rev. William Bridge, "fellow of Emmanuel College, minister of St. George Tombland Church, and lecturer to the City Corporation," refused compliance to the "Book of Sports" and kindred innovations, and ultimately fled to Holland with "divers other Godly men," where freedom of worship

and liberty of conscience could be enjoyed. Mr. Bridge was destined to play a conspicuous part in the history of his time. After several years spent in Rotterdam he and others returned to East Anglia "upon the glad tidings of a hopeful Parliament called and convened in England." Mr. Bridge took a leading share in the formation of the first Independent Church in Norfolk, in which Yarmouth and Norwich were united, Yarmouth, however, being selected as the headquarters of the Church on the ground of its being "a more safe place in these dangerous times." For a time, we learn, that Mr. Bridge lived in Norwich, and Church meetings were often held in the city. The arrangement, however, was not of long continuance, and as, under the active and vigorous lieutenancy of Oliver Cromwell, the associated counties in the east of England enjoyed comparative tranquility, it was soon necessary that a distinct church should be formed in Norwich. In May, 1644, this decision was arrived at, and the first separate Norwich church was founded—a church which lived through a long period of trial, in consequence of the Five Mile and Conventicle Acts, which boasted a John Cromwell as one of its pastors, and which reared the present Old Meeting House in 1693 as its abiding habitation. Surely there is no other spot in which a tribute to Cromwell's memory could be more fitly paid amidst the

As we have indicated, East Anglia is closely connected by many ties with the memory of the Protector. A search of the records of the present Congregational Church at Yarmouth, formerly known as the Independent Chapel, has brought to light the interesting fact that in 1647 it was appealed to by the **Hapton** Church, near Norwich, at the very time when Oliver Cromwell was also interesting himself in its affairs and writing letters of kindly suggestion and advice. The Yarmouth Independent Church commemorated Cromwell's death by a day of fasting and prayer, and William Bridge was one of those summoned to London to attend the funeral of England's Puritan hero.

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### **HAPTON.**

THE marriage of the Rev. William Arthur Baker, a son of Mr. William Baker, of Weimar, Cheltenham, and Vicar of **Hapton**, Norfolk, and Miss Margaret Sharman Fransy, youngest daughter of the Rev. John Fransy, Vicar of St. Mary's, Ely, took place on Tuesday. A very large assemblage of guests and friends attended at St. Mary's Church to witness the ceremony. Miss Fransy has been interested in parish work, and the rev. gentleman was for two years Curate of St. Mary's, and had the good opinion of all classes of society. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Francis Brame Baker as best man. The Rev. J. Fransy gave away the bride, who was dressed in cream-corded silk with embroidered tulle veil, with orange blossoms and marguerites. The three sisters of the bride, the Misses L. S., E. S., and B. S. Fransy, the bridesmaids, wore dresses of white muslin trimmed with white lace over heliotrope; each bore branches of lilies. The officiating clergy were the Venerable Archdeacon Emery, the Right Rev. Bishop Macrorie, and the Very Rev. the Dean of Ely. A large number of guests were entertained at St. Mary's Parsonage. The presents were numerous and elegant. The going-away dress of the bride was a dark blue coat and skirt. The honeymoon will be spent in the Lakes district.

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**HAPTON.**

At the Presbyterian Chapel on Sunday a harvest thanksgiving service was held, at which a collection was made on behalf of the funds of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. There was a large attendance, and the chapel was tastefully decorated with corn, fruit, and flowers. Service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Knapton, the resident minister, and solos were well rendered by Messrs. Bowman, Smith, and Ludkin, assisted by Mrs. William Ludkin and other ladies. Messrs. George and William Ludkin conducted the musical arrangements.

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**MANNING**—October 22, at Romford, David Manning, born Haughley, Suffolk, late of **Hapton**, Norfolk, aged 74.