

## Petworth Quarter Sessions January 1831 (ref. QR/W758)

Extracts from original documents at West Sussex Record Office recording the crimes and punishments of George Welch and William Woods of Westbourne.

### Extract A:

George Welch ✓  
William Woods ✓  
Comm. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1830 by John Peachey Esq. - charged on the Oath of John Gratrix for wickedly assembling and destroying  
a Threshing Machine the Property of John King at the Parish of Westbourne on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> Instant -  
Melch - Threshing Machine acquitted.  
Machinery

### Extract B:

George Welch X  
William Woods X  
Destroying a Threshing Machine at Westbourne on the eighteenth day of November last, value 20<sup>l</sup> the Property of John King  
1. 9<sup>th</sup> Transported for seven Years +  
2. 9<sup>th</sup> Imprisoned for one Year to hard Labour  
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### Extract C:

3<sup>rd</sup> Count And the Jurors aforesaid upon their Oath aforesaid do further present that the said James Dorey Stephen Smith and George Welch  
on the said eighteenth day of November in the year aforesaid at the parish of Pymington - aforesaid in the County aforesaid a certain other Threshing Machine of the value of twenty pounds of the property Goods and Chattels of the said Charles Duke - then and there being found then and there unlawfully maliciously and feloniously damaged with Intent thereby then and there unlawfully maliciously and feloniously to render useless the said last mentioned Machine against the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided and against the peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity  
Verdict of James Dorey - Guilty  
Stephen Smith - Guilty  
George Welch - Guilty  
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Dorey - Transported for seven Years  
Smith - Transported for seven Years to commence at the expiration of their first Sentence.  
Welch - Transported for seven Years to commence at the expiration of their first Sentence.

**Transcripts**

**Extract A: The Charges**

<p>25 George Welch 26 William Woods</p>	<p>Comm. 20th Nov. 1830 by John Peachey Esq. charged on the Oath of John Gratwick for Riotously assembling and destroying a Threshing Machine the Property of John King at the Parish of Westborne on the 18th of Nov. Instant</p>	<p>TB Welsh – Silvester’s machine acquitted TB Machinery</p>
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**Extract B: The Punishments**

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| <p>1. George Welsh _____ }<br/>day of November last, value £20 the property of John King }</p> | <p>Destroying a Threshing Machine at Westborne on the eighteenth }<br/>}</p> | <p>1. G. Transported for Seven Years</p>                |
| <p>2. William Woods _____ }</p>  |  | <p>} 2. G. Imprisonment for one Year to hard labour</p> |

**Extract C: another charge and further punishment for George**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Counts And the Jurors** aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that the said James Dorey Stephen Smith and George Welch \_\_\_\_\_

on the said eighteenth day of November in the year aforesaid at the parish of Funtington \_\_\_\_\_ aforesaid in the County aforesaid a certain other threshing machine of the value of twenty pounds of the property Goods and Chattels of the said Charles Duke \_\_\_\_\_ then and there being found then and there unlawfully maliciously and feloniously did damage with Intent thereby then and there unlawfully maliciously and feloniously to render useless the said last mentioned Threshing machine against the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided and against the peace afore said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

<p>All the prisoners} Pleas Not Guilty}  Verd.[ict]</p>	<p>{ James Dorey - Guilty } { Stephen Smith Guilty } { George Welch – Guilty }</p>	<p>} Dorey - Transported for seven years } Smith } Transported for seven } Welch } years to commence at the expiration of their first sentence</p>
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