

Tues 12th July 1892

THRAPSTON. DIVISIONAL PETTY SESSIONS. Tuesday.—Before the Rev. Sir F. L. Robinson, Bart., Mr J. R. Wilkinson, and Mr, J. Kidner.

Henry Dunkley and George Hawkes, labourers, of Stanion, were charged with night poaching, in the parish of Brigstock, on the night of Saturday, July 3rd. John was also included, but, as has absconded, evidence was given against him. —Dunkley pleaded guilty and Hawks not guilty.—Mr Henry, of Wellingborough, appeared for the prosecution.—Robert Jacobs, a gamekeeper for Lord Lyveden, said on the Saturday night, whilst outside Mauntly Wood with a keeper and two assistants, he saw Dunkley Hawkes, and Mabbutt. Hawkes was moving the thorns, and Dunkley was running the net. They each had a stick and two dogs with them. He was about six yards from them.it was light enough to see 100 yards. Witness and his companions rushed out, and defendants tried to set the dogs on them. They all ran away. Getting near a stile, Dunkley turned round and struck Brown. He then knocked Dunkley down, and searched him, and found some pegs in his pocket.—William Brown, an assistant keeper, George Bailey, a labourer, and William Marlow. A keeper in the employ of Mr Austin Mackenzie, also gave evidence. Hawkes, in his defence, called James Salisbury, who said he was a fellow lodger, and when he went to bed at eleven o'clock he left Hawkes sitting up. with the landlord and landlady, and when he woke up six in the morning Hawks was in bed and asleep.—Each prisoner was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months, with hard labour, and to be bound over bond of £5 each for six months. Dunkley had 25 previous convictions and Hawkes 12.

*Henry Dunkley was a known associate of George's from his sheep skin stealing exploits in 1879 Where George has turned queen's evidence.