

Wellingborough Petty Sessions

Monday June 5th 1860

Before William Mackworth Dolben Esq J young F U Sartoris and H M Stockdale

Finedon —Ephraim Cooper, gamekeeper, charged Robert Hawkes and Charles Cooper, of Finedon, with setting eel hives in water belonging to Mackworth Dolben, Esq on 23d May.

The hives were brought into court, strange rooking things, made of wicker and weighted with railroad chairs. Hawkes did not appear.—Cooper denied all knowledge of the hives said he found them by accident in the brook and threw them into the river. He called Charles Groom, of Irthlingborough, to prove the hives were not made for him. 'Denied carrying there 14 or 15 chains to the river. Said it was as much as a man could do to carry them that distance, let alone a boy like him. (The boy was' between 30 and 40 years old, and had a wife and several children.) —The case was considered proved, and as he was an old offender, he was fined 10s and 10s Expenses or one month.