

CHARLTON (St. Peter) 6, "White Lane"

Summary of Evidence

Quarter Sessions Great Rolls, Hilary 1739 (A1/110/1739H): Indictment of the Grand Jury. White Lane is described as part of a common highway for carriages etc. leading from Marlborough to New Sarum. On the reverse is inscribed the verdict "A Bill" signed by five witnesses including the Clerk of the Peace. Transcript: "Wilts Ss" *"The Jurors for our Lord the King upon their Oath do Present that there is and from the time whereof the Memory of Man is not to the Contrary there was a Common Highway leading from Marlborough in the County of Wilts aforesaid in by & through Charlton in the County aforesaid to New Sarum in the County aforesaid for all Persons their Horses Cattle Carts and Carriages And that Richard Davis of Charlton aforesaid Labourer the Twenty fifth day of March in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain etc. with force and Arms At Charlton aforesaid in the County aforesaid in and upon Part of the Highway aforesaid called White Lane A Certain Skilling and Building Unlawful and Injuriously did Erect and Set up by Means whereof the Highway aforesaid was and Still is very much Straitened and Obstructed To the Great Damage and Comon Nuisance of the Said Kings Liege people And Against the Peace of the Said King his Crown and Dignity And the Jurors aforesaid upon their Oath aforesaid do further Present That the Said Richard Davis the day and Year aforesaid at Charlton aforesaid in the County aforesaid Twelve ffeet in Length and ffour ffeet in Breadth of the Said Way with force and Arms Unlawfully and Injuriously Did Inclose and Incroach And the Same Inclosure and Incroachment hath Continued from thence hitherto to the Great Damage and Common Nuisance of all the Said Kings Liege People And Against the Peace of the said King his Crown and Dignity."*

[signed] "Hawkes"

[William Hawkes, Clerk of the Peace, 1736-1743]

Andrews & Dury's 2" Map of Wiltshire 1773:

minor road

Charlton St. Peter Inclosure Award 1780 (EA 16): (No Map) The lane was not awarded because it passed through old inclosures. However, it is referred to in the Award as part of the road from Charlton to Salisbury. **Award:** *"Portway" "One other Public Road branching out of the said Turnpike Road opposite to a Lane in the Village of Charlton called White Lane.....the same being part of the Public Road called Portway leading from Charlton to Salisbury".* (The awarded road is now part of Byway 7)

A Plan of the Parish of Charlton in the County of Wilts 1804 (1225/237H): Shown as an unfenced road named "White Lane" coloured sienna and lined with cottages. Not numbered or measured with any adjoining property. Width varying between approximately 30 feet and 50 feet. No gates. Part of the local road network.

Ordnance Survey 2" Drawing No.62, Surveyed 1808:

minor road

Andrews & Dury's 2" Map of Wiltshire, 2nd Edn, Revised & Corrected 1810:

"Cross Road"

Ordnance Survey 1" Map, Old Series, Sheet 14, 1817:

"Minor Road"

Colt Hoare's Ancient History of Wilts Map of Marlborough Station 1819:

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Greenwood's Map of Wiltshire 1820:

"Cross Road"

Cary's ½" Map, Sheet 18, 1823 (3.2A):

"Parochial Road"

Greenwood's Map of Wiltshire, Reduced & Corrected 1829 (3.3):

"Cross Road"

Cary's ½" Map, Sheet 18, 1832 (3.4)

"Parochial Road"

Charlton St. Peter Tithe Award 1841: Map: (No roads coloured) The whole length is shown as a tithe-free lane lined with cottages. Not numbered or braced with any adjoining apportionment. No gates. Width varying between approximately 25 feet and 50 feet. Apportionment Roll: Two Apportionments, Nos.35 and 36, refer to "White Lane" as a boundary. Summary: "Lanes Waste and River 7a Or Op" (tithe-free). Part of the local road network.

Archer's Map of Wiltshire 1858 (1.26):

"Cross Road"

Crutchley's ½" Reduced Ordnance Map c.1865:

minor road

Deposited Plans of the Andover, Radstock, and Bristol Railway 1866 (A1/371/112): Plans: Sheet No.15. Railway No.2. Parish of Charlton. The whole length is shown as a fenced road lined with cottages. No gates. All except a few yards is within the limit of deviation. The railway crosses at 1 mile 2½ furlongs and the road is numbered '21'. Sections: At 1 mile 2½ furlongs "Road level unaltered, Arch 25ft span 15ft high". Book of Reference: Railway No.2. Parish of Charlton.

Numbers referring
to the Plan
21

Description
of Property
Public Highway

Names of Owners or
Reputed Owners
The Devizes Highway
District Board The
Waywardens of the Parish

Ordnance Survey 6" Map, 1st Edn, Sheet 41, 1889 (Surveyed 1886): "Minor Road" & track

Dotesio's New ½" Touring Cycling & Rambling Road Map 1890:

minor road

Gall & Inglis' ½" Map for Cyclists Tourists etc. 1898:

minor road

Ordnance Survey 25" Scale, Sheet 41/10, 1900 (Revised 1899): The north and south ends are shown as fenced lanes varying in width from approximately 18 feet to 30 feet. A length of 83 yards at the north end is measured as part of O.S. Parcel No.28, which includes the District Road (now U/C 8044). A length of 20 yards at the south end is measured as part of O.S. Parcel No.59, which includes the A.342. Hence both lengths were regarded as public roads in 1899. The lanes are connected by an unfenced track marked 'F.P.'. Two gates shown.

Inland Revenue: Finance Act 1910 Working Plan (L8/10/41): A length of 83 yards at the north end is shown uncoloured and untaxed, with a broken brace, as part of the District Road (now U/C 8044). A length of 20 yards at the south end is coloured as part of Hereditament No.34, and the remainder is coloured as part of Hereditament No.78. Register (L8/1/125): The pages which should show deductions for rights of way have not been completed.

Sale Particulars of the Rushall Estate, for Auction 25 July 1917 (1010/18): Plan No.5: A length of 83 yards at the north end is unnumbered, coloured sienna and excluded from the sale as part of the District Road (now U/C 8044). A length of 20 yards at the south end is also unnumbered, coloured sienna and excluded from the sale as part of the highway. Neither length is braced with any adjoining Lot. The remainder is part of Lot 75, but the rights of way running through it are not mentioned in the Particulars.