

COSTS EACH.
ASSAULTING A SISTER.—James Knapper was charged with assaulting Hannah Jones, his sister, who did not appear against him.—P.C. Newbold said on Sunday evening he saw prisoner striking a woman in the Station-road, Tunstall.—Prisoner now said his sister came where he was and drank up a pint of ale for which he had just paid, and that was the cause of his striking her.—Fined 5s. and costs.
WIFE'S DAMAGE.—David Humphries, Thomas Humphries

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 Marriage 24 Sept 1864 Burslem thomas Jones 22 Bach Potter Burslem Father Thomas Shoe Maker – Hannah Knapper 19 Spin Burslem Father Charles Collier

This 2nd James Knapper below from the same newspaper title Saturday 25th August 1877 is probably the same as the one above – the offence is similar. His relationship to Phil Walton is Half 3rd cousin 3 times removed.

HANLEY.—MONDAY.
 (Before H. C. Greenwood and T. Ashworth, Esqrs.)
THE DRUNKEN LIST.—James Knapper, a collier, was fined 5s., including costs, for having been drunk and riotous at Goldenhill, on the 18th inst.—John Brown, who had also had a “sup of beer” on the day named, was also fined 5s. and costs.—Robert Watson, for a similar offence at Tunstall, was fined 5s., including costs.
DRUNK AT GOLDENHILL RAILWAY STATION.—



At Burslem, on view of the body of Ann Latham, who died suddenly on the 31st May.
 At Barlaston, on view of the body of George Brassington, who fell over a kettle of boiling water, and tilted it over him, and died in the course of 24 hours, from the scalding he received.
 And at Kids Grove, on view of the body of Jane Knapper, who fell into a coal pit after having hooked the corf to the chain.
 Verdict on Ann Latham, “died by the visitation of God;” on Mr. Keates, George Brassington, and James Knapper, “accidental death.”

The report on the left is from the Staffordshire Advertiser 12 June 1830. Parish burials at Newchapel reveal – James son of George & Sarah Knapper Ranscliff June 6th 1830 9 years. It would seem that James was employed as a 9 year old child - a short life for the poor boy. His relationship to Phil Walton is Half 1st cousin 5 times removed. Image of Corf above is from Wikipedia. **This must be the biggest crime of all but who is to blame?**

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 On WEDNESDAY, BENEFIT, under distinguished patronage, for JAMES KNAPPER, Flat-presser, who has been in ill health for two years. He has a wife and four small children, two of whom cannot walk.
 On FRIDAY, Fashionable Night. The Comedy of “THE BOUQUET.”
 Stage Manager for Mr. Wright, Mr. WALTER FREDERICKS.
 On MONDAY, JUNE 17th, first appearance these seven years of the celebrated Actor,
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Left - Staffordshire Daily Sentinel June 12 1878. This James is the son of William Knapper and Mary Hilditch married 8 Jun 1862. James and his father William were both Potters. In 1871 they are living in Marsh Road Burslem with daughters Martha 3 and Mary 8 mnths. In 1881 Mary is living in Elder Road Burslem as a Widow, with her are daughters Harriett 8 Martha 5 and Minnie 3 also a lodger John Greaves and his son William. Mary remarried on 25 March 1883 to George Slater a 48 year old bachelor who was also a potter. James's relationship to Phil Walton is half 2nd cousin 4 times removed.

KIDSGROVE.—THURSDAY.

(Before H. C. Greenwood, Esq.)

APPLE-STEALERS.—Three boys, named Sposton, Goodall, and Whool, were charged by P.C. Burns with stealing apples, the property of James Knapper, of Kidsgrove.—Goodall was fined 1s. and costs. Whool was a very young lad and an orphan, and the magistrate taking this into consideration, ordered him to pay the costs of the summons. Sposton was fined 5s. and costs. Mr. Sherratt prosecuted in each case.

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Friday 20 August 1875

5s in 2020 would be
around £30 and 1s about
£6

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

HANLEY (COUNTY).—MONDAY.

(Before E. J. Ridgway and H. T. Davenport, Esqrs.)

THE EXCUSE MATRIMONIAL.—George Turner, labourer, was charged with being drunk and riotous at Stanley Moor, on the 12th inst.—Defendant said he had had a daughter married, and had had a little drink. He would not admit being disorderly, for he was getting along as well as he could.—For thus celebrating his daughter's nuptials Turner had to pay a fine of 5s.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.—James Knapper, collier, was charged with using obscene language.—P.C. McNess stated that he saw the defendant in Wedgwood-place, Burslem, on Saturday night. He was using filthy language.—Defendant said his language was not "very bad."—He had been in custody since Saturday, and was now cautioned and discharged.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.—Joseph Wade, printer, was charged

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1875 – can't be sure who this James
Knapper was but it does bear similarities
to the James in the first two articles above
and the one immediately below this one.

TUNSTALL.—THURSDAY.

(Before H. C. Greenwood, W. Adams, and H. T. Davenport, Esqrs.)

DRUNKENNESS.—For this offence, Ralph Bamford was fined 5s. and costs; James Knapper 5s. and costs; James Amison 2s. 6d. and costs.

IDLE VAGRANT.—John Cochran, a vagrant, was committed to prison for seven days for refusing to do the work set him while an inmate of the Chell Workhouse.—Mr. Hudson, workhouse master, proved the case.

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CHEADLE.—MONDAY.

(Before M. E. Buller, Esq.)

John Booth and James Knapper, labourers on the North Staffordshire Railway, were charged with taking trout by poisoning them at Mear Lane, on the 31st ult.—Defendants were each ordered to pay a fine of £5, £1 damage, and 16s. 6d. costs; in default, three months' imprisonment.

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January 1879 – A search of the 1881
census does not reveal any "James
Knappers working on the North
Staffordshire Railway