

CHAPTER 19 – MISDEEDS AND CRIMES

Like every other place in the realm, Stapleford has not been without its perpetrators of misdeeds and crimes and the following examples are some which have been placed on record.

7 th January 1561	A pardon for Bryan Smith alias Skelton last of Stapleford, labourer, for that on 17 th April 1559 he broke into and entered the house of John Marsten of Stapleford and stole a green satin doublet belonging to John Tevere. ¹
3 rd July 1594	Emota Fishpool was sentenced to do penance in Stapleford church on two Sundays for incontinence. ²
2 nd April 1638	Robert Taylor of Stapleford was sent to jail for wandering with Margaret Henson and living incontinently with her, leaving his wife and children to be a charge on the parish. ³
1738	John Sils charged with threatening to cut the arm of Richard Ingleton, Constable, with a thatching knife. ⁴
1765	Geroge Smedley, Gervase Smedley, John Smedley and Robert Wright. F.W.K. used threatening words etc to the wife of Stephen Elston, assaulted her and her husband and threw stones at them. ⁵ .
8 th April 1771	Samuel Taylor of Stapleford, frameworkknitter, was sentenced to be transported for 7 years to H.M.Colonies or Plantations in America, for stealing at Stapleford 3 hen fowls value 10 pence, the property of John Poxon. ⁶
11 th January 1790	At Nottingham. John Brooks, late of Stapleford, was ordered to enlist for stealing a calico handkerchief and a cambric handkerchief from Sir John Borlase Warren. He accordingly did so, in the 45 th Regiment of Foot. ⁷
8 th January 1798	William Taft, of Stapleford, yeoman, was convicted of having used two greyhounds at Stapleford to take a hare; he was fined £5. ⁸

¹ Cal.Pat.R.3 Eliz. I

² Arch. D. Reg.

³ Notts. County Records 17th cent.

⁴ Notts. Qtr. Sessions

⁵ Notts. Qtr. Sessions

⁶ Notts. County Records 18th cent.

⁷ Notts. County Records. 18th cent.

⁸ Notts County Records 18th cent.