



SPALDING PRISON

Her Majesty's Prison for the parts of Holland and Kesteven

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Officially known as "Her Majesty's Prison for the parts of Holland and Kesteven" it adjoined the Sessions House off the Sheep Market. It was improved in 1848-52 and enlarged to have 95 separate cells, airing yards, and workshops.

EARLY HISTORY OF SPALDING PRISON

Although there are cells underneath the Sessions House, it was never a Prison. The Prison was in Broad Street, built in 1619 as a House Of Correction, for the 'keeping and correcting and setting to work of rogues, vagabonds, sturdie beggars and other vagrant idle and disorderly persons'. It was used until 1834 and then demolished and the site partly used for the Methodist Church.

SPALDING PRISON IN THE SHEEP MARKET



A new Prison was built next to the Sessions House in the Sheep Market, which was completed in 1836. It had all the conveniences, a human treadmill for the prisoners to walk on to grind their own flour, lots of cells for solitary confinement and 48 sleeping cells and a Chapel.



- Human Treadmill similar to the one that would have been used in the Prison

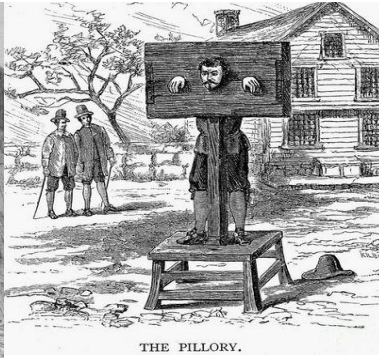
Executions took place publicly in Spalding Market Place. The last man to be hung was in 1742, and his body afterwards “Gibbeted”, (hung in chains) on Vernat’s Bank.

Spalding also used Stocks (heavy timber frame with holes for confining the ankles and sometimes the wrists) and a Pillory (a device made of a wooden or metal framework erected on a post, with holes for securing the head and hands) , and a Tumbril (a two-wheeled cart that tipped up, used to transport prisoners) .

Many were Flogged publically outside the Sessions House and some were Pilloried in the wooden frame on wheels called the “White Willie”. The last woman to be publically Pilloried was in 1787.



Stocks



Pillory



Tumbril

The Prior also had the right to execute criminals and has its own Gallows. The Town Gallows were on Pinchbeck Road. Dishonest traders were paraded around the Town in this Tumbrel, and nagging wives and scolds were ‘ducked’ in the Trebucket or Ducking Stool, in the nearest pond.



A Ducking Stool

(strongly made wooden armchair fastened to a long wooden beam fixed as a seesaw in which the victim was seated. An iron band was placed around her so that she should not fall out during her immersion in a pond or river. The last recorded cases in the UK were around 1817)

1881 CENSUS for Her Majesty's Prison for the parts of Holland and Kesteven

Name	Age	Sex	From	Born	Position or Occupation
James HIGGINS	57	M	Godmanchester,	Huntingdon,	Governor Of Prison
Emma HIGGINS	57	F	Godmanchester,	Huntingdon,	Matron Of Prison
Emily A. HIGGINS	27	F	Huntingdon,	Huntingdon,	Daur
Alice M. B. HIGGINS	17	F	Peterboro,		Daur
Charlotte HAMES	16	F	Spalding,	Lincoln,	General Serv
Betsey A. COOK	47	F	Wrangle,	Lincoln,	Prison Asst Warder
William BAXTER	42	M	Friskney,	Lincoln,	Officer, Cook (N P)
Richard FORDHAM	33	M	Grantham,	Lincoln,	Officer, Night Watchman
Mary DENTON	40	F	Gt Linford,	Buckingham,	Prisoner, Charwoman
Catherine KITCHEN	49	F	Boston,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Charwoman
Clara MAJOR	13	F	Pinchbeck,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Scholar
Ann BRIGHTMAN	18	F	Middlesboro,	York,	Prisoner, General Serv
Elizabeth SMITH	32	F	Liverpool,	Lancashire,	Prisoner, Charwoman
Eliza J. NOBBS	34	F	Bury St Edmunds,	Suffolk,	Prisoner, Charwoman
Ellen E. REYNOLDS	26	F	Boston,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Wife Of Ag Lab
Eliza INGAMILLS	47	F	Leake,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Seamstress
Ann BUSH	40	F	Hull,	York,	Prisoner, Field Worker
Ann MANSFIELD	36	F	Bury St Edmunds,	Suffolk,	Prisoner, Field Worker
James CLARKE	32	M	Wilden,	Bedford,	Prisoner, Chimney Sweeper
Japheth H. LEE	32	M	London,	Middlesex,	Prisoner, Shoemaker
Samuel THICKPENNY	21	M	West Walton,	Norfolk,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
Eugene C. BRYANT	28	M	Frstfield,	Norfolk,	Prisoner, Corn Miller
John LEE	24	M	Newark,	Nottingham,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
John J. JOHNSON	19	M	Spalding,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
Frederic ASCHER	49	M (F),		Germany,	Prisoner, Clockmaker Movement
Alfred NEWHAM	22	M	Skirbeck,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
Thomas BARBER	16	M	Billingboro,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Painter
James RIGGALL	29	M	Spalding,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
James BACON	23	M	Long Sutton,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
James SMITH	31	M	Leake,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
Thomas WHARF	47	M	Boston,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Drover
John R. LYON	27	M	Spalding,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
Benjamin COOLING	42	M	Timberland,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
Samuel ANDREW	68	M	Essendine,	Rutland,	Prisoner, Saw Sharpener
John GOULDING	32	M	Upwell,	Cambridge,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
Wilson PENISTON	25	M	Sheffield,	York,	Prisoner, Gas Stoker
John CLARKE	45	M	Leicester,	Leicester,	Prisoner, Lab Iron Foundry
John CURCHIN	32	M	Deeping,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
George EDWARDS	32	M	Caldicot,	Cambridge,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
Robert SISTROM	37	M	Boston,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
Robert WADE	48	M	Surfleet,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
William JACKSON	50	M	Bicker,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
John CALLAGHAN	56	M	Ireland,		Prisoner, General Lab
Edward TEBBS	28	M	Boston,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
Francis COATES	37	M	Helpstone,		Prisoner, Thrashing Machine Driver
Frederick WHITE	34	M	Leake,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
Josiah AUSTIN	61	M	Tongue End,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Gardener
Henry SMITH	29	M	Colchester,	Essex,	Prisoner, Bricklayers Lab
William WILSON	24	M	Crowland,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
John GIBSON	40	M	Connington,	Cambridge,	Prisoner, General Lab
Henry COLLINGWOOD	41	M	Carrington,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, General Lab
William DALE	49	M	Kingston On Thames,	Surrey,	Prisoner, General Lab
Joseph BAILEY	35	M	Leeds,	York,	Prisoner, Bricklayer
Isaac ARNOLD	34	M	Sleaford,	Lincoln,	Prisoner, Gardener

Izodoro ANDENGIO Musician	17 M (F),	Italy,	Prisoner, Street
Philip JAMES	22 M	Wales,	Prisoner, Sailor (Able Seaman)
Charles EVERSON	33 M	Gedney, Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
John HARE	34 M	Holbeach, Lincoln,	Prisoner, Ag Lab
Charles JONES	42 M	Wellington, Shropshire,	Prisoner, Railway Lab
Thomas LEACH	20 M	(U S F), America,	Prisoner, Sailor (Ordinary Seaman)
John ARNOLD	26 M	Nottingham,	Nottingham, Prisoner, General Lab
John DAVIS	35 M	London,	Middlesex, Prisoner, General Lab
Henry WEBSTER	45 M	Branston,	Lincoln, Prisoner, General Lab
Henry WILSON	46 M	Grantham,	Lincoln, Prisoner, Boatwright
William GOODERSON	56 M	Wainfleet,	Lincoln, Prisoner, Fisherman
Thomas ABBERLEY	18 M	Battersea,	Surrey, Prisoner, Fisherman
Michael HINSON	35 M	Bourn,	Lincoln, Prisoner, Blind, Bricklayer
Thomas PARKER	42 M	Thurlby,	Lincoln, Prisoner, Ag Lab
Charles RICHMOND	23 M	Fiskerton,	Nottingham, Prisoner, Ag Lab
Joseph BUTCHER	45 M	Welney,	Norfolk, Prisoner, Drover
Alfred GREEN	32 M	Walsham Cum Willows,	Suffolk, Prisoner, Shoemaker
Edward SUTTON	22 M	Deeping,	Lincoln, Prisoner, Ag Lab
John SMITH	21 M	Scotland,	Prisoner, Grinder In Ironworks
George SMITH	52 M	March,	Cambridge, Prisoner, Bricklayer
Charles LUCK	17 M	Stepney,	Middlesex, Prisoner, Fisherman
John WILLIAMS	20 M	London,	Middlesex, Prisoner, Gen Lab
George RISING	20 M	Hamerton,	Middlesex, Prisoner, Gen Lab
Thomas BARTON	33 M	Liverpool,	Lancashire, Prisoner, Gen Lab
Thomas TAYLOR	39 M	London,	Middlesex, Prisoner, Hatter Finisher
Richard EVANS	22 M	Ealing,	Middlesex, Prisoner, Plumbers Lab

STAFF OF NOTE OVER THE YEARS

- 1842 Mr Thomas King, Governor
- 1872 Mr Henry and Mrs Ann Bates are Governor and Matron, the Rev J.Lewis is Chaplain.
- 1882 James and Emma Higgins (both born Huntingdon) are Governor and Matron, the Rev Michael Joseph Sisson (born Lincoln circa 1845) is Chaplain, and Dr Martin Perry ,MD, (born Aston, Oxford circa 1826) is Surgeon.