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BENTLEY, Michael

1852	31 December	near Headon, NTT	encamped		<i>The Lincoln, Rutland, and Stamford Mercury</i> , 7 January 1853, 2
1853	3 January	Headon, NTT	gave evidence at an inquest	An inquest was held on Monday last, at Headon, near Retford, on the body of Samuel Sheard, of Claborough, aged 37, who was accidentally shot on Friday last. George Middleton, of East Retford, labourer, deposed - I had been with the deceased to Cottam about a dog. When we got into Rampton field, we went into the closes to make the best of our way to Headon Camp. He first jumped over the drain out of Rampton parish into Headon. I had the gun and I handed it to him ; he took hold of it to pull me over, and I had just landed when it went off, rebounded, and threw me back into the drain. I saw him fall. I ran for some gipsies. I think part of the hedge caught the hammer. The hammer was down before I handed the gun to him. We both looked at it and thought it was safe. We took it out to have a shot if we had the chance, but we did not shoot. I had known deceased about two months. I have been working since July, 1851, on the Great Northern railway. It was my gun, and was loaded with powder and shot. - Michael Bentley, of Newark, (a gipsy who had encamped near the spot,) stated that the last witness came to him and Wisdom Smith, who said that a man had got shot, and they both went to him and found him dead. His clothes were on fire. The contents of the gun had entered his left breast. Geo. Middleton was in great trouble about it. - Wisdom Smith, the other gipsy, corroborated the last witness. Verdict, <i>accidentally shot</i> .	<i>The Lincoln, Rutland, and Stamford Mercury</i> , 7 January 1853, 2

BENTLEY, Martha

1856	15 September	Cheshunt, HRT	charged with theft		<i>The Hertford Mercury and Reformer</i> , 4 October 1856, 3
1856	29 September	Cheshunt, HRT	in magistrates court	<i>Martha Bentley</i> , a tramp, was brought up charged on suspicion of having stolen three blankets from the Bird-cage public-house. It appeared that the prisoner had slept at the house on Sunday se'nnight, and after she left on the following morning the blankets were missed. Prisoner was followed and apprehended, but the missing property could not be traced. The evidence being, therefore, inconclusive, she was discharged.	<i>The Hertford Mercury and Reformer</i> , 4 October 1856, 3