



## **Wells City Archives Database Petty Sessions Records, 1822 - 1899**

This list has been drawn up with specific reference to these Petty Sessions records.  
It does not necessarily match any published classification of offences / crimes.

### **List of Roles**

A	Authorised representative
D	Defendant
J	Justice of the Peace
L	Legal representative
P	Plaintiff
R	Relative
S	Summons server
T	Third party (mentioned in accusation/evidence)
W	Witness

### **Categories of plaintiff**

A	Authorities e.g. Corporation
C	Company, business
I	Institutions e.g. Wells Union, School Board
J	Justices
P	Police
Z	Private individual
*	Administrative / no case

## List of Offences

A	Assault / threat of assault / threatening behaviour
Aa	Application for admission (although admission to what is not clear)
Ab	Absenteeism / Absconding
Af	Causing an affray
Aw	Arrest warrant
B	Bastardy
Ba	Bail application
Be	Breaking and entering
Bg	Bigamy
Br	Breach of bye-laws
By	Bestiality
C	Cruelty to animals
Ca	Co-habitation annulment / termination
Cm	Court martial
D	Drunkenness / disorderly conduct
Dc	Discharge / sacking e.g. termination of apprenticeship
Dd	Dangerous dog (uncontrolled, unmuzzled)
Df	Defamation
Dh	Disorderly house
DI	Owning an unlicensed dog
Dp	Disturbing the peace / breach of the peace
Ds	Desertion (of a family)
E	Environmental waste, pollution, litter
Ec	Encroachment, e.g. building encroaching on someone else's land
Ed	Education; failure to ensure a child attended school regularly; attendance at industrial school
Em	Embezzlement
Ev	Warrant for eviction
Ex	Illegal / unlicensed storage or possession of explosives; also illegal sale to minors
F	Furlough
Fm	Firearms offence
Fr	Fraud, obtaining money by false pretences, including false claims on parish relief
Ft	Fortune telling
Fw	Factory and Workshop Regulations
Fy	Forgery
G	Gaming, gambling
Gl	Carrying and/or using an unlicensed gun
H	Offence against Highway Act (including failure to repair)
I	Indebtedness / bankruptcy
ia	Illegal abortion
Ib	Illegal burial
Ic	Incitement to break the law, e.g. to cause a breach of the peace
Id	Failure to report infectious disease
Ie	Indecent exposure
Im	Illegal immigration, including return from transportation for life sentence
Ip	Illegal purchase

It	Ill-treatment (of another person)
L	Licensing act (includes refusal to leave licensed premises)
La	Licence application (including licence transfer)
Lb	Libel
Ld	Failure to report notifiable livestock disease, e.g. swine fever
Lh	Lodging house offence (e.g. allowing unmarried couples to sleep in married couples room)
Lm	Livestock movement (e.g. outside permitted hours, against Cattle Plague Act etc)
Lu	Lunatics / lunacy
M	Mutiny / desertion (of military unit)
Mo	Maintenance order
Ms	Manslaughter
Mu	Murder
N	Non-payment of toll / rates / benefits / wages etc
Nc	Non-completion of contract
Nr	Not reporting to police (responsibility of convicted felon)
Nv	Not vaccinating child against smallpox
O	Obstruction of highway / footpath
Op	Obstructing the police/other officials in the execution of their duty (includes refusal of entry) or obstruction of execution of the law
P	Prostitution
Pc	Poaching
Pj	Perjury
Po	Protection order
Pr	Profanity; use of profane or obscene language; selling obscene publications
Ps	Personation
Pt	Petty Trespass (similar to Wilful Damage)
Qu	Offence associated with quartering of military personnel
R	Rape
Rc	Reversal of conviction
Rd	Riding / driving offences, including driving without reins; furious riding; illegal parking of vehicles or animals
Rg	Removal of goods to avoid distress proceedings
RI	Request to release from prison
Rr	Poor rate relief application
Rv	Receiving stolen property
Rw	Refusal to work
S	Suspicion (of felony)
Sa	Indecent or sexual assault
Sc	Suicide (also attempted suicide)
Su	Sureties against future behaviour
Sw	Search warrant application
T	Theft (including unlawfully detaining property belonging to another individual)
Tm	Illegal use of registered trademark
Tr	Transfer of dependant to another parish
Um	Unlicensed market (usually attempting to sell goods in an area not licensed for market activity)

Ut Unlawful toll, tax or charge  
V Vagran(t)cy (including begging and pedlars/hawkers without licence)  
Ve Vaccination exemption  
VI Unlicensed vehicle  
Wd Wilful damage (sometimes appears to overlap with Petty Trespass)  
Wm Weights & measures  
XL Taking in more lodgers than permitted by regulations;  
also not separating beds appropriately  
\* Internal administrative document / notes / memorandum