

the yeomanry, John Bormer, one of the yeomanry, and I seized him. I have since understood and believe that the person whom we so seized is named Joseph Upton, that he lived in Banbury, and is by trade a shoemaker.

Sworn by Daniel Stuart, William Bennett, C F Wyatt.

**Deposition of William Bennett of Bloxham, Yeoman, 3 December 1830:**

Is a private in Major Stratton's corps of yeomanry now stationed at Banbury. On Monday 29 November about 10 pm the yeomanry were called out and ordered to proceed to Neithrop where a mob of persons were destroying a threshing machine. On the arrival of the yeomanry they found a mob of 200-300 people assembled in a close burning a machine. The mob on the approach of the yeomanry hooted and made a great noise and threw fire sticks, stones and other missiles... The horses of the yeomen were much frightened at the fire and would not go near. In consequence of which this informant, with a few others, dismounted and drove the mob away from the fire. A man in a dark frock [later discovered as Thomas Stuckfield of Hanwell, labourer] sat on a piece of machine near the fire and this informant desired him to go about his business when the said Thomas Stuckfield said 'I'll be damned if I'll go off for any of the bloody set of you. I am not afraid of being taken by such beggars as you. I can always find 200 men to prevent that'. The informant took Thomas into custody but in consequence of the yeomanry being ordered off he left Thomas Stuckfield in the close.

**Affirmation of John Howse of Banbury, hair dresser, made 24 February 1831 [makes mark]:**

I am 18 year old and an apprentice to Mr Willetts, hairdresser at Banbury. I remember the night there was a riot at Banbury and a fire at Neithrop (which) is a hamlet in the parish of Banbury and adjoins the town. Between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening I heard the fire bells ring and an alarm was given that Mr Pain's premises at Neithrop were on fire. I and my master immediately made the best of our way to Neithrop and went to Mr Pain's house. It was not, however, on fire. We then saw that there was a fire in a field across the road. We went towards the field. My master, I believe, stopped in the road. I went into the field and perceived a very large fire. There was a large mob and they were burning a threshing machine. The yeomanry went into the field just before me ... 300-400 in mob ... Saw ostler at Horse & Waggon ... saw