

Name: Henry Andrews

Occupation: Servant

Home: Not stated

Date: 23rd March 1820

Source: *Trial of Henry Hunt* 124-126

Summary: *Hunt's* servant. Character witness for *Hunt*. Describes previous meetings. Suggests *Hunt's* horse was poisoned by soldiers/police.

Done by: RH

Henry Andrews examined by *Mr. Hunt*. —Had been *Mr. Hunt's* servant nearly seven years; had accompanied *Mr. Hunt* to many public meetings, to the three great meetings at Spa-fields, to those at Bristol and Bath, to the county meetings of Somersetshire and Wiltshire, and to meetings in Palace-yard; had heard that *Mr. Hunt* was a freeman in Bristol, and knew that he had property in Bath and at Glastonbury, in Somersetshire, where he (*Mr. Hunt*) was Lord of the Manor. Knew that *Mr. Hunt* had a farm in Wiltshire, when he attended the Wiltshire meeting, and that he resided in *Hampshire* when he attended the meeting in that county. Knew that he (*Mr. Hunt*) was a Liveryman of London, and that he was resident in the city of Westminster when he attended meetings there. Went with *Mr. Hunt* to Manchester. Never knew of any riot or breach of the peace at any of the meetings, which he had attended with his master. Remembered the soldiers surrounded the great meeting at Brandon-hill, in Bristol. The people cheered the soldiers going and coming, but this did not appear to give the least offence. He remembered meeting some Horse-guards on returning from one of the Spa-fields meetings. Some of the people hissed the soldiers, but *Mr. Hunt* did not. He rose and told the people not to hiss the soldiers, but to cheer them. Remembered that this conduct was repeated on meeting with other soldiers on the same day; went to the Spa-fields meeting on the 2nd of December with *Mr. Hunt*; all was peaceable and quiet; heard that morning of a riot in Snow-hill before they got to Spa fields; went with *Mr. Hunt* to Bullock Smithy; proposed going back as the Manchester meeting was put off from the 9: h to the 16th of August. *Mr. Hunt* went on to Stockport, where he slept at *Mr. Moorhouse's*. Witness accompanied *Mr. Hunt* on the following day to Manchester. Recollected that *Mr. Hunt* spoke to the people, and lamented that he could not stay, as he must go back into the country on business, but said he would return on the 16th. Witness held himself in readiness to return with *Mr. Hunt* till the following Wednesday, when he came to the stable and said he had made up his mind to stay over the 16th, He remembered the horse *Bob*; he was dead, and buried at Preston: witness had seen his grave and monument; the horse was said to have been poisoned at the Lancaster Assizes. Had never known *Mr. Hunt* to excite the people to violence; knew that *Mr. Hunt* in Salford, where he was brought up, was considered the poor man's friend; had always encouraged industry.

Mr. Scarlett remarked, that in this call the usual practice was reversed, and the servant was called upon to give the master a character, instead of the master being called upon to speak to the character of the servant; had never seen *Mr. H.* or any of his visitors intoxicated. *Squire Whitmore* and the Clergyman of the village were the persons who visited him most frequently; his fellow-servant had lived upwards of six years under his present master; had never before been a witness in a Court of *Justice*.

Cross-examined by *Sergeant Bullock*. —The fellow servant of whom he had spoken was not *Bob*; it was a female; she was in York; knew that his master had property in various places which had been mentioned. Did not know that *Mr. Hunt* had property at Manchester. Had heard that one man had been shot in a riot in Snow-hill, and *Mr. Beck*, whose shop had been plundered. That was on the day of one of the Spa-fields meetings. This took place before the meeting. Went to the meeting and *Mr. Hunt* spoke. Did not know that he saw *Watson* standing at the side of *Mr. Hunt* on that occasion. Did not know that he had since seen *Dr Watson* and *Thistlewood* with *Mr. Hunt* knew no person that stood by *Mr. Hunt* at the meeting. Was not with *Mr. Hunt* on his return to London to Manchester, so did not go to the grand dinner. Went with *Mr. Hunt* to *Moorhouse's* house; had seen *Knight* at *Smedley Cottage*; did not know *Carlile*; could not say that he was not there, because he knew nothing of him; witness did not attend his master to *Guildhall* on the morning when he expected his action against *Dr Stoddart* for a libel would come on. Was not in London when *Mr. Carlile* was tried. Was never at *Blackheath* with *Mr. Hunt* had heard that *Mr. Hunt* had been a brewer in *Bristol*. Had been with *Mr. Hunt* when he lodged in *Norfolk-street*, in *London*, where he had three upstairs rooms. Remembered *Mr. Grundy* coming to *Smedley Cottage* while *Mr. Hunt* was there. Saw *Mr. Hunt*, *Mr. Johnson*, and *Mr. Knight* get into the carriage. Did not know the name of the fourth person who got in; did not know where the barouche came from; did not know where it was hired.

Re-examined by *Mr. Hunt*—Never sat down with *Mr. Hunt* to dinner in his life. Did not profess to be a politician; he only minded his own work.

By the *Judge*. —Had heard *Mr. Hunt* say that a poor man who worked hard from Monday morning to Saturday night, ought to have enough to maintain his family.