Gloucestershire County Council

J. C. Davis, Esq., 63 Macquarie Road, Auburn 2144, New South Wales, Australia. Gloucestershire Record Office,
Worcester Street,
Gloucester GL1 3DW.
Telephone (0452) 21444

D. J. H. Smith, B.A.

County and Diocesan Archivist

If telephoning please ask for M.....Ext. 229.

Your reference

Our reference EN/VT Date 21 October, 1980.

Dear Mr. Davis,

Davis family of Dursley

The records of the Assizes are unfortunately not in my care but in that of the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London. We do have registers of prisoners awaiting trial in the county gaol (QGC 5) which I have checked and found the entries relating to the three Davis brothers.

John Davis aged 20 of Dursley was brought into the gaol on 9 December 1823. It was his third offence. In December 1819 he was tried and convicted as an accomplice to the theft of some lead piping. Two months before that he appeared before the Gloucester City Magistrates charged with the theft of a hat and an umbrella. He was sent home.

George and Edwin Davis aged 17 and 19 respectively were brought into the gaol on 23 March 1824 charged with the theft of a brass pot, bullocks liver and 20 or 30 pounds of beef all belonging to Samuel Grant, a butcher of Chipping Sodbury.

The parish registers of Dursley have been deposited with us and I have checked the register of baptisms and marriages with the following results (P124 IN 1/4):

15 March 1803 John Walter son of John and Joanna Davis baptised

2 June 1805 Edwin Augustus son of John and Joanna Davis baptised (born 20 Feb.)

5 April 1807 George son of John and Joanna Davis baptised

24 Dec. 1797 John Davis and Joanna Moody were married

I hope that the information I have found is of interest to you. Yours sincerely,

2 SH Ditt

County Archivist