

Samuel Pedley

Manchester Evening News – 26 July 1882

ALLEGED FRAUDS ON SOLICITORS.

At Hanley, to-day, Samuel Pedley, a potters' printer, was remanded on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences. It was alleged that the prisoner represented that he had had £21,000 left him by a deceased uncle, and being in possession of a forged will, he obtained advances from various solicitors in the Potteries on the strength of his prospects, one legal gentleman advancing about £100 and another £70.

Bolton Evening News – 21 October 1882

A series of extraordinary frauds came yesterday under notice at the Hanley Quarter Sessions, Samuel Pedley, a potters' printer, was charged with having obtained money by false pretences from a family named Burton, whom it was said he had duped to the extent of £160. Prisoner represented that he was heir-at-law to a gentleman in India who had left vast wealth, and by this means he had not only obtained money from the Burton family, but obtained loans from many other persons. A detective who had made an investigation into prisoner's doings informed the magistrates that Pedley had "done" nearly all the solicitors in the Potteries, whereat there was loud laughter in court, those present evidently deriving considerable amusement from the idea that it was possible to cheat so many cute lawyers. Pedley was found guilty in the case preferred against him, and was sentenced to penal servitude for five years.

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