

An incident on the Green in 1812

A Primitive Methodist preacher George Wood "had taken his stand on a bank in the open air with the view of holding a religious service when he was assaulted and stopped by an attourney named Groom acting under an alleged warrant which he never showed."

At first the preacher was fined £20 and when he refused to pay his goods were distrained. At the Chester Assizes however the decision was reversed and he was awarded £200 damages.