The Fifteen Weeks of Bees: Can you help the Beekeeper?

Legend has it that "Alice in Wonderland" author, Lewis Carroll, invented the word ladder. In this puzzle, your task is to help Sherlock Holmes change his "hives" into "honey" by changing only one letter in each word to create a new word as you travel down the ladder using the clues provided below. (For example: bee to bed to red to rid.)

HIVES

1. W I V E S
2. W I N E S
3. M I N E S
4. T I N E S
5. T O N E S
6. B O N E S
7. H O N E S

HONEY

Clues:

1. John Watson was rumoured to have had several of them. Holmes, but one!
2. A meal at Simpson's might not be complete without a selection of these.
3. There are many of them abandoned in Dartmoor.
4. Mrs. Hudson knows that these make forks different from spoons.
5. Holmes' violin can vary these, mellifluous or strident depending on his mood.
6. Fresh or ancient, they can provide clues to a cause of death for our detectives.
7. Russell, the apprentice, does this with detecting skills under her mentor's care.

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