



Five Cottages Destroyed by Fire

A fire broke out at East Knoyle, in this county, on the evening of the 12th instant, which totally destroyed five cottages, and the goods belonging to several poor and aged persons, who now, in an advertisement, make an humble petition to the public for relief.

Contributors for these poor sufferers will be received by the printers of this paper. [See advertisement on this page]

The humble Petition of William Smith, Edward Feltham, Thomas Elliott, Levi Dewey, and William Ridout of East Knoyle in the county of Wilts, sheweth,

That your petitioner, William Smith, is now 63 years of age, and from a life of care and industry, had gained sufficient to purchase four cottages, which were adjoining each other, and all in good repair. That on the evening of the 12th inst. His neighbour's house was discovered to be on fire, and the flames spreading with greatest rapidity, the whole of his property was in a few hours laid in ashes.

That the house of another petitioner, Edward Feltham, where the fire commenced was burnt to the ground in a few minutes, and a considerable part of his furniture consumed; and that the other petitioners being in the fields at work, lost part of their goods, and are now in the greatest distress.

Your petitioners therefore having been deprived of the greater part of their substance, make this public appeal, under the hope that by the kind assistance of the charitable and humane, their losses may be in some measure repaired.

And your petitioners will ever pray &c..

It is proposed that all sums collected should be paid into the hands of Messrs. Brodie and Dowding, and distributed by the Minister and Churchwardens, according to the respective loss of the petitioners.

August 15, 1818

Surname	Given Names	Status	Amount of Donation			Address
			£	s.	d.	
		The Dean of Sarum	1	1	0	
Burbage	James Charles		2	0	0	
Burbidge	Ann		1	0	0	
Burbidge	Anthony		5	0	0	
Ch_sman	James		3	0	0	
Coxe	W.	Rev.	1	1	0	
Douglas		Miss	1	1	0	

Douglas	W.	Rev.	1	1	0	
Folliott	John		5	0	0	
Folliott	Jonathan		2	0	0	
Gray	James		2	0	0	
Howell	John		1	0	0	
Hume	J. H.	Rev.	1	1	0	
Ogle	J. S.	Minister	10	0	0	
Parker	W.	Sir, Bart.	2	2	0	
Ricketts	John		1	10	0	
Salisbury		Mrs.	1	1	0	Salisbury Close
Still	James Charles		10	0	0	
Still	R.	Mr.	2	2	0	
Thurbsby	S.		1	0	0	
Wake		Rev. Mr.	2	0	0	
Wigmore	William		2	0	0	
Williams	William		2	0	0	

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Please note that the names in the table above appear in the article as a two column list and have been recorded in the table in alphabetical order for ease of research