



The Poor people of the Parish of Rowde

*Details from the
Poor Rates Book
3 August 1707*

The Old Poor Law 1601

In 1601 the 'Act for the Relief of the Poor' known as The Poor Law was passed. This Poor Law established that the parish was to be responsible for the distribution of the poor relief.

Poor relief was administered by the parish vestry, the members consisting of the church minister, church wardens and others.

Each Parish generally appointed two of these people, known as Overseers of the Poor, to collect the poor rate from the local householders and distribute relief to those in need.

Those in need covered widows, orphans, elderly and physically impaired etc.

Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names
Adlam	Chris.	Elly	Roger	Phelps	Thomas
Adlam	John	Gingell	William	Rudman	Nicholas
Benger	Jeremy	Graunt	William	Rumsy	Daniel
Benger	Thomas	Halfel	widow	Sade	john
Bishop	Nath.	Helps	Isaac	Sade	widow
Bolwell	John	Helps	Jeremiah	Shell	Jeremy
Brewer	Roger	Helps	William	Shell	Richard, jnr.
Brewer	Thomas	Hill	widow	Shell	Richard, snr.
Burgse	Philip	Hobbs	John	Slade	Robert
Bushell	Thomas	Holding	Anthony	Slade	William
Chivers	John	Hope	John	Smith	Joseph
Cove	Henry	Hort	Anthony	Tinker	Robert
Dally	Parnell	Hort	Harry	Watts	John
Deverell	Stephen	Howlet	Mary	Webb	Margaret
Deverell	William	Little	Anne	Wilson	John
Drake	John				