



The Poor people of the Parish of Rowde

*Details from the
Poor Rates Book
7 June 1734*

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	Cicely	Drew	?rh	Hutchins	William
Adlam	Daniel	Ellis	Tedge	Jeffries	Stephen
Baily	John	Ellison	John	Lewis	John
Baily	?hes	Ferris	Ann	Little	James
Bishop	Nath.	Fisher	Mary	Merchand	John
Bishop	Nath, snr.	Galloway	widow	Newman	John
Blake	Jane	Gingell	widow	Pagett	Thomas
Blanchard	Jane	Grant	?ill	Parsons	Phillis
Bodman		Grant	John	Pearse	Harry
Brewer		Grant	Samuel	Pontin	-
Bushel		Halcomb	old	Ruddle	Isaac
Bushell		Harper	Richard	Rudman	Nicholas
Bushell		Harpur	John	Rudman	Nicholas, junr.
Butcher		Harpur	old	Sadd	Mary
Chivers		Hart	Bett	Sainsbury	James
Conscience		Helps	Mary	Shell	Benjamin
Cooper		Helps	David	Slade	William
Cove	John	Helps	Martha	Southernwood	Richard
Cove	Sarah	Helps	William	Waite	Thomas
Deverell	Stephen	Hewlett	Robert	Weaver	William
Deverell	Jane	Hillier	Charles	Wheeler	Edward
Dick	William	Hillier	James	Willis	?
Drake	Frank	Hobbs	Susanna	Wootton	Jonathan

Drake	James		Hobs	?ry		Wootton	Joan
Drake	James		Hort	?		Wootton	Widow Mary
Drake	Robert		Hubbard	old			
Drake	Samuel, junr.						