



The Poor people of the Parish of Rowde

*Details from the
Poor Rates Book
18 April 1737*

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	Daniel	Drake	Frank	Jeffries	Stephen
Adlam	Joseph	Drake	James	Lewis	John
Baily	John	Drake	James	Little	James
Baily	Michael	Drake	Jonathan	Merchand	John
Bayly	Thomas	Drake	Robert	Neal	Nath.
Bayly	widow	Drew	?	Newman	John
Beckett	-	Ellis	Tedge	Parsons	Phillis
Bishop	Nath. jnr.	Ellison	Jack	Pearse	Harry
Bishop	Nath. snr.	Gee	Betty	Pontin	-
Blake	Jane	Giddins	Eleanor	Ruddle	Isaac
Blanchard	Jane	Giddins	Ely	Rudman	Nicholas, j
Brewer	Stephen	Gingell	widow	Rudman	Nicholas, snr.
Brewer	Thomas	Grant	John	Sadd	Mary
Brewer	William	Grant	Samuel	Sainsbury	James
Bushell	Betty	Grant	William	Shell	Benjamin
Bushell	Thomas' child	Halcomb	old	Shell	widow
Bushell	Thomas	Halcomb	widow	Slade	Joseph
Butcher	William	Harpur	Heddington	Slade	Thomas
Chivers	William	Hart	Bett	Slade	William
Conscience	Richard	Helps	Ann	Southernwood	-
Cooper	Thomas	Helps	David	Southernwood	-
Cove	James	Helps	Martha	Tinker	Mary
Cove	John	Helps	William	Waite	Thomas
Cove	Sarah	Helps	William	Wheeler	Edward

Deverell	Jane		Hewlett	Robert		Wilson	-
Deverell	widow		Hillier	Jane		Wootton	Joan
Dick	William		Hort	Nan.		Wootton	Jonathan
Drake	Daniel, jnr.		Hulbert	old		Wootton	Mary
Drake	Daniel, snr.		Hutchins	William			