



The Poor people of the Parish of Rowde

*Details from the
Poor Rates Book
31 March 1741*

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	Dick	William	Hewlett	Robert
Bailey	Michael	Drake	Daniel	Hiller	James
Baily	John	Drake	Frank	Hillier	Jane
Baily	Thomas	Drake	James	Hort	Nan.
Baily	widow	Drake	James	Hulbert	old
Beckett	John	Drake	Jonas	Lewis	John
Bishop	Nathaniel	Drake	Robert	Merchand	John
Bishop	widow	Ellison	John, jnr.	Millward	Richard
Blake	Jane	Ellison	John, snr.	Millward	William
Brewer	Stephen	Gee	Abel	Nee	Stephen
Brewer	Thomas	Giddins	Ely	Newman	John
Brewer	William	Gingell	widow	Pearce	Henry
Bushell	Betty	Grant	Isaac	Rudman	Nicholas
Bushell	Ephraim	Grant	John	Rudman	Nicholas, jnr.
Butcher	William	Grant	Samuel	Sadd	widow
Chivers	William	Grant	William	Sainsbury	James
Clarke	Frank	Hafsell	Henry	Shell	Benjamin
Conscience	Richard	Halcomb	widow	Slade	Jack
Cooper	Thomas	Harpur	Heddington	Slade	Joseph
Cove	James	Hawkings	William	Slade	Thomas
Cove	John	Helps	David	Southernwood	Robert
Cove	Sarah	Helps	Isaac	Waite	Thomas

Dally	Daniel		Helps	Martha	Wootton	Jonathan
Deverell	Jane		Helps	William, jnr.	Wootton	John
Deverell	widow		Helps	William, snr.	Waite	Thomas

Memorandum: the money belonging to those names are blotted out, was given to some persons after when they were sick

Mem	Er. Grant, jnr.	Dav. Shell
Mary Hobs	Er. Paget	S. Drew
Is. Harpur	W. Sad	H. Drew
Roger Ellis	W. Gingell	