



The Poor people of the Parish of Rowde

*Details from the
Poor Rates Book
11 June 1749*

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	Drew	Henry	Nee	Stephen
Adlam	Joseph	Drew	Sarah	Newman	John
Angel	Andrew	Ellis	Roger	Pagett	Thomas
Baily	John	Ferris	Ann	Palmer	John
Bayly	Michael	Gee	Abel	Rudman	Richard, snr.
Bayly	Thomas	Gingell	W.	Rudman	Richard, jnr.
Bayly	Susanna	Grant	Isaac's widow	Sad	Mary
Bayly	widow	Grant	John, jnr.	Sad	William
Bucket	Ann	Grant	John, snr.	Saintsbury	James
Bishop	Nathaniel	Grant	Martha	Self	Thomas
Bushell	James ¹	Grant	William	Shell	Benjamin
Butcher	W.	Hamlen	Edward	Shell	David
Chivers	Michael	Harpur	Heddington	Shell	Mary
Chivers	W.	Helps	David	Slade	Joseph
Clark	Frank	Helps	Isaac	Slade	Thomas
Conscience	Richard	Hen?on	Wi?am, jnr.	Springford	John
Cove	James	Hillier	James	Swain	John
Dally	Daniel	Hutchings	Hannah	Twinny	Daniel
Deverell	Joan	Jeffries	Edward	Twinny	Daniel
Deverell	John	Love	John	Web	John

Dick	William	Marchands	widow	Wait	Thomas
Drake	Daniel's son	Jeffries	Steven	West	Daniel
Drake	James, Bab	Johnson	Edward	Wootton	John
Drake	James	Milward	William		

Note ¹: Ephraim (Bushell) crossed out