



The Poor people of the Parish of Rowde

*Details from the
Poor Rates Book
1 Jan 1753*

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.

The gift of Mr Richard Webb, Gent.

Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename
Adlam	Daniel	Drake	James	Hitching	Hana
Adlam	Joseph	Drake	John	Jefferris	St.
Baily	John	Drew	Henry	Johnsons	Thomas
Baily	Michael	Drew	S.	Johnsons	W.
Baily	Thomas	Elles	Roger	Knee	St.
Beckett	Ann	Elleson	John	Mathews	D.
Bishop	Nathaniel	Gee	Abel	Millord	William
Boucher	William	Gee	Joseph	Newman	John
Bushell	Sils	Gingell	Samuel	Newman	John
Chivers	M.	Grant	E.	Read	R.
Chivers	William	Grant	John, jnr.	Rudman	Richard, jnr.
Clarke	Frans.	Grant	John, snr.	Rudman	Richard, snr.
Cove	Elizabeth	Grant	Martha	Rushell	Thomas
Cove	James	Grant	William	Saintsbury	James
Dally	Daniel	Hamblen	Ed.	Selfe	Thomas
Deveral	John	Harper	John	Shill	B.
Deverel	Joane	Helps	Daniel	Shill	D.
Dike	William	Helps	Isac	Shill	Mary
Drake	Daniel	Helps	John	Singur	S.
Drake	James, jnr.	Hendon	Richard	Slade	John
Drake	James	Hindon	N.	Slade	Thomas
Drake	James	Hillier	James	Springford	John

Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename
Stevens	R.	Waite	Thomas	Wotton	John
Swain	John	West	Liskin	Wottonmaide	J.

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