



The Poor people of the Parish of Rowde

*Details from the
Poor Rates Book
1 Jan 1756*

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	Ellen	Thomas	Painter	Richard
Adlam	Joseph	Ellis	Roger	Painter	John
Baily	Daniel	Ellison	John	Pike	William
Baily	Michael	Hamblen	Edward	Reade	Richard
Baily	Thomas	Gee	James	Rudman	Nicholas, jnr.
Beckett	Ann	Gee	Joseph	Rudman	Nicholas, snr.
Boucher	William	Gingell	Jane	Rudman	William
Bushell	Silas	Grant	James, snr.	Saintsbury	James
Bushell	Thomas	Grant	Martha	Selfe	Thomas
Chivers	Michael	Grant	William	Shill	Benjamin
Clarke	Fran.	Halecomb	John	Shill	David
Cove	Elizabeth	Harper	John	Shill	Mary
Cove	James	Helps	Isaac	Singar	St.
Crew	Henry	Helps	John	Slade	Joseph
Crew	Sarah	Helps	David Widow	Slade	Thomas
Dally	Daniel	Hendon	Richard	Springford	John
Deverall	Joane	Hilier	James	Swain	John
Deverall	John	Hitchins	Hanna	Waite	Thomas
Drake	Daniel	Jefferis	St.	West	Liskin
Drake	James, jnr.	Johnsons	Thomas	White	William
Drake	James, jnr.	Knee	St.	Whiten	John
Drake	James	Marchant	Leucy	Wotten	Charles

Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename
Drake	James, <i>B</i>	Millord	William	Wotten	John
Drake	James, <i>Ch</i>	Newman	Daniels' wife	Wotten	John, <i>D</i>

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