

Bakewell Union Workhouse – Record of Inmates and Staff, 1871

Who lived within these walls in 1871?



Bakewell Union Workhouse,
[c. 1900]



Present day view of Newholme
Hospital, Bakewell (formerly
Bakewell Union Workhouse)

Bakewell Poor Law Union and Bakewell Union Workhouse – Background Information

The Poor Law Amendment Act (more commonly known as the 'New Poor Law' Act) of 1834 aimed to create a more uniform, centralised system for dealing with poor relief. At a local level, parishes were grouped into together into Poor Law Unions run by Boards of Guardians.

Following the New Poor Law Act, the Bakewell Poor Law Union came into being in July 1838 and represented 50 Derbyshire parishes (including: Abney and Abney Grange, Aldwarke, Ashford, Bakewell, Baslow and Bubnell, Beesley, Birchover, Brushfield, Calver, Chelmorton, Cromford, Curbar, Darley Dale, Edensor, Eyam Woodlands, Flagg, Foolow, Froggart, Grange Mill [Ironbrook Grange], Gratton, Grindlow, Haddon Over, Halzebadge, Harthill, Hartington, Hassop, Hathersage, Highlow, Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow, Litton, Great Longston, Little Longston, Matlock, Middleton-by-Youlgreave, Moneyash, Nether Padley, Pillsley, Rowsley and Alport, Sheldon, Stanton, Stoke, Stoney Middleton, Taddington and Priestcliffe, Tideswell, Wardlow Miers, Wensley and Snitterton, Whestone, Winster).

The New Poor Law system was centred on the workhouse. Rather than being given poor relief in their own homes, poor people generally could now only get assistance if they entered the Union Workhouse. Conditions in Union Workhouses were deliberately harsh to ensure only the very desperate applied to enter. Families could be split up and housed in different parts of the workhouse, inmates of all ages were forced to do hard menial labour (such as breaking up stones) and children could be hired out to work in factories, mines, etc. In October 1838, the Bakewell Poor Law Union set up a sub-committee to provide a temporary workhouse for the union. At first the Union rented a private workhouse at Ashover, and from 1840, it appears they paid for its paupers to be housed in the new Chesterfield Union Workhouse before building their own workhouse at Newholme, Bakewell. The new Bakewell Union Workhouse building was completed in 1841 with capacity for up to 200 inmates. In May 1841, Thomas Gratton and his wife Catherine (of Chesterfield) were elected as first master and matron of the new workhouse. In the early 1900s, in order to try and shake off the stigma of the 'workhouse', the building became known as Bakewell Public Assistance Institution and later, when it passed into the control of the NHS, it became Newholme Hospital. Hardly any records of pauper inmates at Bakewell Union Workhouse survive, however, in addition to lists of inmates which can be obtained from UK Census records, Bakewell Poor Law Union Board of Guardians minute books [which include reference to individual pauper cases], Aug 1838 - Feb 1930 are available (*Derbyshire Record Office: D521/W1/1-45*). For more information see <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/>. The following alphabetical list of Bakewell Union Workhouse inmates and staff is taken from the UK census which took place on the night of 2 April 1871.

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INMATES AND STAFF LIVING IN BAKEWELL UNION WORKHOUSE 1871 (arranged in alphabetical order)

Name	Relation to head of household	Condition (married, unmarried, widowed, etc.)	Age		Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born	Whether blind or deaf and dumb
			Male	Female			
Alsop, Edward	Pauper	U	48			Matlock, Derbyshire	
Andrew, Emily	Schoolmistress	U		23	Schoolmistress	Stockport, Cheshire	
Bacon, Martha	Pauper	U		22	Domestic servant	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Baggaley, Ellen	Pauper	U		19	Cotton factory worker	Stoney Middleton, Derbyshire	
Baggaley, John W.	Pauper	U	Infant		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Barker, Ann	Pauper	U		43	Dress maker	Derby	
Bateman, Sarah	Pauper	U		35	Domestic servant	Alport, Derbyshire	
Bates, Henry	Pauper	U		14	Scholar	Tansley, Derbyshire	
Bennett, Mary	Pauper	U		19		Calver, Derbyshire	Deaf and dumb from birth
Blackwell, Ann	Pauper	U		37	Domestic servant	Great Hucklow, Derbyshire	
Blackwell, Elizabeth	Pauper	U		2		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Blackwell, Martha	Pauper	U		6	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Blackwell, Mary	Pauper	U		12	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Botham, Charles H.	Pauper	U	12		Scholar	Harthill, Derbyshire	
Botham, Emma	Pauper	U		9	Scholar	Harthill, Derbyshire	

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Brooks, Eli	Pauper	U	12		Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Brooks, Joseph	Pauper	U	15		Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Brooks, Lucy	Pauper	U		12	Scholar	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Brooks, Sarah A.	Pauper	U		11	Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Brunt, Ellen	Pauper	U		25	Domestic servant	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Brunt, George	Pauper	U	6 mo			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Brunt, James S.	Pauper	U		4	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Buckland, Walter	Pauper	U		11	Scholar	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Buckley, Alfred	Pauper	U	13		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Bunting, Beatrice	Pauper	W		71	Cotton spinner	Matlock, Derbyshire	Embecile
Bunting, Sarah	Nurse	W		33	Assistant Matron & Nurse	Stoney Middleton, Derbyshire	
Burton, Stephen	Pauper	W	77		General labourer	Hathersage, Derbyshire	
Butcher, Martha	Pauper	U		12	Scholar	Calver, Derbyshire	
Carman, William	Pauper	U	11		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Carson, Elizabeth	Pauper	U		64	Domestic servant	Alport, Derbyshire	
Cheetham, George	Pauper	U	9		Scholar	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Coleman, Mary	Pauper	U		49	Cotton factory worker	Paddington, Middlesex	
Cunningham, Edward	Head	M	56		Master of Workhouse and Superintendent Registrar	Scotland	
Cunningham, Hannah	Wife	M		64	Matron	Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire	
Dicken, John	Pauper	W	75		Shoemaker	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Dronfield, Charlotte	Pauper	U		12	Scholar	Grindleford Bridge, Derbyshire	
Dronfield, John	Pauper	U	6		Scholar	Grindleford Bridge, Derbyshire	
Cunningham, Hannah	Wife	M		64	Matron	Chapel-en-le-Frith,	

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						Derbyshire	
Ellis, Edward	Pauper	U	40		General labourer	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Fernandez, John B.	Pauper	W	74		Sailor	Quebec, Lower Canada	
Fox, Olive	Pauper	U		10	Scholar	Baslow, Derbyshire	
Fritchley, George	Pauper	W	88		Baker	Wirksworth, Derbyshire	
Grant, William	Pauper	U	11		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Goodwin, Ellen	Pauper	U		11	Scholar	Birchover, Derbyshire	
Goodwin, John	Pauper	U	13		Scholar	Birchover, Derbyshire	
Gregory, Harriet	Pauper	U		8	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Gregory, Herbert	Pauper	U	6		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Gregory, Walter	Pauper	U	4		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Growcott, Fanny	Pauper	U		2		Matlock, Derbyshire	
Hadfield, Sarah	Pauper	U		52	Silk weaver	Great Longstone, Derbyshire	
Hallam, Mary	Pauper	W		61	Cotton factory worker	Altrincham, Cheshire	
Hancock, John	Pauper	W		73	Slater	Stoney Middleton, Derbyshire	
Harrison, William	Pauper	M	56		Joiner	Belper, Derbyshire	
Hartle, Ann	Pauper	W		72	Domestic servant	Hathersage, Derbyshire	Blind
Hearnshaw, Annie	Pauper	U		7	Scholar	Baslow, Derbyshire	
Hearnshaw, Elizabeth	Pauper	U		6	Scholar	Baslow, Derbyshire	
Henshaw, Matilda	Pauper	U		49		Matlock, Derbyshire	Embecile from birth
Henstock, Mary	Pauper	U		29		Ashford, Derbyshire	Embecile
Holmes, Peter	Pauper	W	79		Farm labourer	Stanton, Derbyshire	
Howard, Albert	Pauper	U	2			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Howard, Frederick	Pauper	U	7 mo			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Howard, Mary	Pauper	U		33	Domestic servant	Youlgreave, Derbyshire	

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Howe, Jonathon	Pauper	M	60		General labourer	Edensor, Derbyshire	
Jennings, Harriet	Pauper	U		24	Domestic servant	Bradwell, Derbyshire	
Johnson, Richard	Pauper	U	28			Foolow, Derbyshire	Idiot from birth
Jones, Hugh	Pauper	W	76		Farm labourer	Over Haddon, Derbyshire	
Keeling, Sarah	Pauper	W		71	Stocking weaver	Poplar, Middlesex	
Kinder, Herbert	Pauper	U	25			Darley Dale, Derbyshire	Deaf and dumb from birth
Knowles, Mary Ann	Pauper	U		31	Dress maker	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Marples, Ann	Pauper	U		48	Farm servant	Baslow, Derbyshire	
Morton, James	Pauper	U	35		Lead miner	Attercliffe, Yorkshire	
Noton, Joseph	Pauper	U	42		Farm labourer	Taddington, Derbyshire	
Oliver, Alice	Pauper	U		4	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Oliver, Annie	Pauper	U		6	Scholar	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Oates, William	Pauper	U		16	Scholar	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Phillips, John	Pauper	W	77		General labourer	Ireland	
Rathbone, Martha	Pauper	U		52	Cotton factory worker	Liverpool	
Rowland, William	Pauper	U	25			Youlgreave, Derbyshire	Deaf and dumb from birth
Sellors, Abraham	House porter	U	23		House Porter	Wardlow, Derbyshire	
Sharratt, Harriet	Pauper	U		5	Scholar	Taddington, Derbyshire	
Sharratt, Mary A.	Pauper	U		9	Scholar	Taddington, Derbyshire	
Sharratt, Thomas	Pauper	U	7		Scholar	Taddington, Derbyshire	
Sheldon, Mary	Pauper	W		73	Domestic servant	Wirksworth, Derbyshire	
Sheldon, William	Pauper	M	37		Zinc worker	Ashford, Derbyshire	

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Slack, Ann E.	Pauper	U		19	Cotton factory worker	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Slater, Matilda	Pauper	U		30	Cotton factory worker	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Smith, Elizabeth	Pauper	U		27	Domestic servant	Beeley, Derbyshire	
Smith, James	Pauper	U	50		General labourer	N[ot] K[nown], England	
Smith, Louisa	Pauper	U		1		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Smith, Susannah	Pauper	U		12	Scholar	N[ot] K[nown], England	
Somerset, John	Pauper	W	79		General labourer	Grindlford Bridge, Derbyshire	
Sparling, Emma	Pauper	U		7	Scholar	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Sparling, James	Pauper	U	6		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Sparling, Mary	Pauper	U		41	Cotton factory worker	Banham, Norfolk	
Sparling, Mary A.	Pauper	U		2		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Stacey, Selina	Pauper	U		12	Scholar	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Taylor, Elizabeth	Pauper	U		60		Youlgreave, Derbyshire	Idiot from birth
Thornhill, Alice	Pauper	U		13	Scholar	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Thornhill, Charles	Pauper	U	17		Lead miner	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Thornhill, Hannah	Pauper	M		45	Cotton weaver	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Thornhill, Hannah M.	Pauper	U		10	Scholar	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Thornhill, John	Pauper	M	71		Farm labourer	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Tomlinson, Ann	Pauper	W		63	Dressmaker	Liverpool	
Walker, Alfred	Pauper	U	3			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Walker, Annie	Pauper	U		5	Scholar	Froggatt, Derbyshire	
Walker, Ellen	Pauper	U		33	Cotton winder	Calver, Derbyshire	
Wallis, John	Pauper	U	30		General labourer	Tideswell, Derbyshire	
Ward, Mary	Pauper	W		81	Domestic servant	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Watson, John W.	Pauper	U	16		Scholar	Winster, Derbyshire	
Webber, Sidney	Schoolmaster	U	24		Schoolmaster	Exeter, Devon	

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Widiwiss, Henry	Pauper	U	12		Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Widiwiss, William	Pauper	U	4		Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Widowson, Benjamin	Pauper	W	64		Blacksmith	Chesterfield, Derbyshire	
Wildgoose, Emma	Pauper	U		12	Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Wildgoose, John H.	Pauper	U	11		Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Wilson, Eliza A.	Pauper	U		14	Scholar	Outseats, Derbyshire	
Wyatt, William	Pauper	U	39		Wood polisher	Putney, Surrey	
Young, Edward	Pauper	W	48		Farm labourer	Holloway, Derbyshire	
Young, James	Pauper	U	34		Brick-maker	Leanside, Nottinghamshire	

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