

## Bakewell Union Workhouse – Record of Inmates and Staff, 1861

Who lived within these walls in 1861?



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 *7 April 1861*.

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**INMATES AND STAFF LIVING IN BAKEWELL UNION WORKHOUSE 1861** (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			
Ashton, Sarah Ann	Inmate			9		Great Longstone, Derbyshire	
Batterby, George	Inmate	W	71		Labourer	Footage(?) near Bonsall, Derbyshire	
Benson, Albert	Inmate		5			Eyam, Derbyshire	
Beswick, James	Inmate		14		Farm servant	Baslow, Derbyshire	
Bettany, James	Inmate	U	47		Farm labourer	Baslow, Derbyshire	
Bird, Charles	Inmate		9			Matlock, Derbyshire	
Bird, Elizabeth	Inmate	U		32	Dress maker	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Bird, Harriett	Inmate			2		Matlock, Derbyshire	
Bird, Martha	Inmate			5		Matlock, Derbyshire	
Botham, John	Inmate	W	74		Labourer	Great Longstone, Derbyshire	
Bottom, Rhoda	Inmate	U		25		Great Longstone, Derbyshire	
Brookes, Esther	Inmate	W		77	House servant	Leeds, Yorkshire	
Buxton, Joshua	Inmate	U	14		Farm labourer	Dukinfield, Cheshire	
Buxton, Mary A.	Inmate			12	Farm labourer	Calver, Derbyshire	
Cameron, Alfred	Porter	U	39		Porter	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Coleman, Mary	Inmate	U		37	Factory worker	London, Middlesex	
Coleman, Thomans	Inmate		7			Bakewell, Derbyshire	

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Cook, Eli	Inmate	U	17			Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Cook, John	Inmate		8			Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Cook, Levi	Inmate		12			Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Cunningham, Catherine A.	Daughter	U		25	Nurse	Marple, Cheshire	
Cunningham, Edward	Head	M	46		Master of Workhouse	Ayrshire, Scotland	
Cunningham, Hannah	Wife	M		50	Matron	Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire	
Eyre, Samuel	Inmate		12			Great Longstone, Derbyshire	
Eyre, Stephen	Inmate		10			Great Longstone, Derbyshire	
Fagan, John	Vagrant	U	21		Pud[d]ler	Stafforth, Wolverhampton	
Farnsworth, Henry	Inmate	U	70		Lead miner	Hathersage, Derbyshire	
Fearn, Isaac	Inmate	U	40		Labourer	Darley Dale, Derbyshire	
Foulds, Richard	Inmate	W	69		Boatman	Tansley, Derbyshire	
Gadsby, Rebecca	Inmate	W		70	Silk weaver	Birmingham, Warwickshire	
Gladwin, Ann	Inmate	W		77	Charwoman	Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Gladwin, Elizabeth	Inmate	W		59	Servant	Belper, Derbyshire	
Gladwin, George	Inmate	U	11		House servant	Stanton, Derbyshire	
Glossop, Walter	Inmate		10			Over Haddon, Derbyshire	
Hadfield, Maria	Inmate	W		71	Factory worker	Calver, Derbyshire	
Hadfield, Mary	Inmate	U		13	Factory worker	Darley Dale, Derbyshire	Deaf and dumb(?)
Hallam, Ann	Inmate	W		78	Charwoman	Altrincham, Cheshire	
Hannabe, Anthony	Inmate	U	69		Labourer	Birchover, Derbyshire	

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Harrison, Elizabeth	Inmate			10		Earl Sterndale, Derbyshire	
Harrison, George	Inmate		7			Earl Sterndale, Derbyshire	
Haynes, Francis	Inmate	W	84		Labourer	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Hearnshaw, Matilda	Inmate	U		39	Servant	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Henstock, Joseph	Inmate	W	75		Weaver	Bonsall, Derbyshire	
Henstock, Mary	Inmate	U		19		Ashford, Derbyshire	
Heriot(?), Louisa J.	Schoolmistress	U		20	Schoolmistress	Cleckheaton, Yorkshire	
Hunter, James	Inmate	U	34		Farm servant	Kincardine, Scotland	Blind
Jenkins, Emma	Inmate	M		28	Servant	Ensham, Oxfordshire	
Johnson, William	Inmate		11			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Kenyon, James	Inmate	U	33		Labourer	Grindleford Bridge, Derbyshire	
Kidd, Thomas	Inmate	U	70		Hatter	Warslow, Staffordshire	
Kirkland, Joseph	Inmate	U	12		Farm servant	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Kirkland, Sarah	Inmate	U		11	Farm servant	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Knowles, Edward	Inmate		10			Darley Dale, Derbyshire	
Knowles, Mary A.	Inmate	U		20	Servant	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Lee, Elizabeth	Inmate	U		42	Charwoman	Darley Dale, Derbyshire	Deaf and dumb
Lee, John	Inmate		9			Darley Dale, Derbyshire	
Lee, Mary	Inmate	U		44	Charwoman	Darley Dale, Derbyshire	Deaf and dumb
Lingard, Thomas	Inmate	W	57		Farm servant	Blackwell, Derbyshire	
Marchington, Rossetta	Inmate			9		Great Hucklow, Derbyshire	
Marples, Ann	Inmate			38	Farm servant	Baslow, Derbyshire	

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Marples, Clara	Inmate			9	Farm servant	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Marshall, Elizabeth	Inmate	U		27	Servant	Elton, Derbyshire	
Marshall, Emma	Inmate	U		13	Servant	Elton, Derbyshire	
Marshall, Levine	Inmate			10 mon ths		Manchester	
McDermott, Martin	Vagrant	U	19		Pud[d]ler	Dunmore, Ireland	
Morton, Elizabeth	Inmate			12		Foolow, Derbyshire	
Morton, George	Inmate		17		Farm servant(?)	Stockport, Cheshire	
Nall, James	Inmate	W	78		Stocking weaver	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Neal, William	Inmate	U	58		Labourer	Brampton, Derbyshire	Blind
Noton, Elizabeth	Inmate	W		31	House servant	Stanton, Derbyshire	
Noton, John	Inmate		7		House servant	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Noton, Rose Ann	Inmate			4		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Noton, Sarah	Inmate			9	House servant	Stanton, Derbyshire	
Oldfield, Michael	Inmate	U	46		Labourer	Taddington, Derbyshire	
Orme, Betty	Inmate	U		76	Servant	Bonsall, Derbyshire	
Ovens, Syth	Inmate	W	89		Heat trimmer	Chelmorton, Derbyshire	
Palfreyman, Joseph	Inmate	W	70		Labourer	Monyash, Derbyshire	
Parkin, Eunice	Inmate	U		11		Dronfield, Derbyshire	
Parkin, Henrietta	Inmate	W		35	Dress maker	Coal Aston, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire	
Parkin, Lois	Inmate			3 mon ths		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Parkin, Thomas	Inmate	U	9			Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Potter, Samuel	Inmate		11			Matlock, Derbyshire	
Poyser, Luke	Inmate	W	63		Factory worker	Wirksworth, Derbyshire	
Redfearn, Matthew	Inmate	U	78		Farm labourer	Calver, Derbyshire	

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Rowland, William	Inmate		16			Youlgreave, Derbyshire	Deaf and dumb
Sheldon, Joseph	Inmate	W	53		Farm labourer	Thornccliffe, Yorkshire	
Slater, John	Inmate		8		Servant	Rotherham, Yorkshire	
Slater, Joseph	Inmate		11		Servant	Rotherham, Yorkshire	
Smith, Elizabeth	Inmate	U		17	House servant	Beeley, Derbyshire	
Stone, John	Inmate	U	41		Joiner	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Swift, Mary	Inmate	U		50	Factory worker	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Taylor, Elizabeth	Inmate	U		50	Servant	Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Teasdale, Agnes Davis	Inmate			1		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Teasdale, Ann	Inmate	U		17	Farm servant	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Tissington, Mary	Inmate			8		Wensley, Derbyshire	
Twigg, Jeremiah K.	Inmate	W	78		Collier	Bedworth, Warwickshire	
Vains, Charles	Inmate	U	14			Darley Dale, Derbyshire	
Wain, Esther	Inmate			38	Farm servant	Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Wain, Sarah	Inmate			6		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Walker, George	Inmate		1			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Walker, Grace	Inmate	U		22	Servant	Wardlow Mires, Derbyshire	
Walker, James	Inmate		9			Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Watts, Ann	Inmate	W		34	Servant	Longnor, Staffordshire	
Watts, William H.	Inmate		9		Servant	Elton, Derbyshire	
Whitehead, George H.	Inmate		7		Dress maker	Blakely, Lancashire	
Whitehead, Lydia	Inmate	U		48	Dress maker	Hathersage, Derbyshire	
Whyatt, Elias	Inmate	U	42		Labourer	Goatcliff, Derbyshire	
Wildgoose, Fanny	Inmate			4		Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Wildgoose, Mary A.	Inmate	M		26	Fork filer	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Wildgoose Mary E.	Inmate			6		Sheffield, Yorkshire	

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Wildgoose, Roxanna	Inmate			2		Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Wilson, Eliza Ann	Inmate		4			Outseats, Derbyshire	
Winson, Walter	Schoolmaster	U	20		Schoolmaster	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Woodhouse, Ellen	Inmate	U		26	Factory worker	Calver, Derbyshire	
Wright, Esther	Inmate	W		48	Glover	Dover, Kent	

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