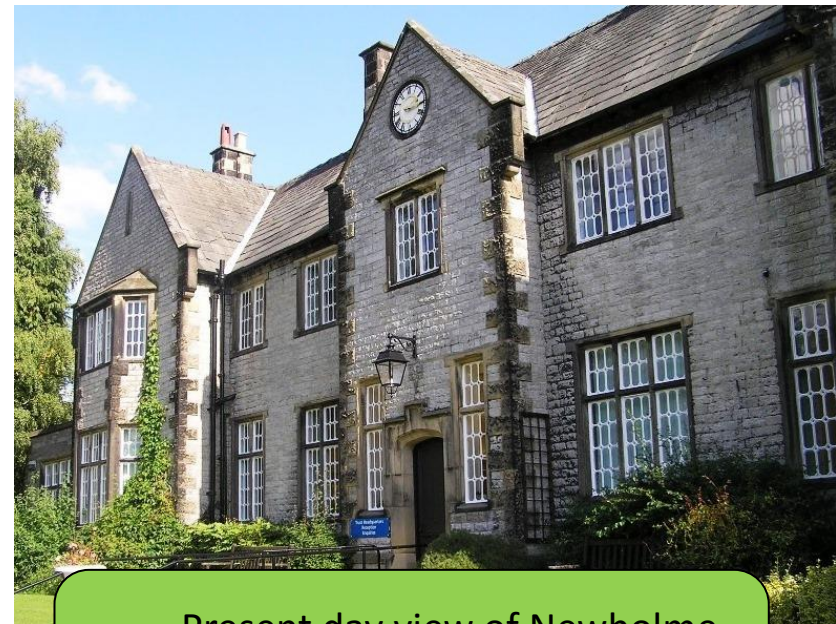


Bakewell Union Workhouse – Record of Inmates and Staff, 1881

Who lived within these walls in 1881?



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 3 April 1881.

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INMATES AND STAFF LIVING IN BAKEWELL UNION WORKHOUSE 1881 (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			
Allen, Sarah J.	Inmate	U		35		Wensley Dale, Derbyshire	
Bacon, Marth	Inmate	U		32	General Servant	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Bateman, Sarah	Inmate	U		45	General Servant	Alport, Derbyshire	
Bennett, Mary	Inmate	U		29	Paper Box Maker	Curbar, Derbyshire	
Barker, Robert	Inmate	W	83		Farm Labourer	Winster, Derbyshire	
Blackwell, Ann	Inmate	U		47	Servant	Great Hucklow, Derbyshire	
Blackwell, Arthur	Inmate		8 mo.			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Blackwell, Frederick	Inmate		4			Prescot, Lancashire	
Blackwell, James	Inmate		6		Scholar	Stoney Middleton, Derbyshire	
Blackwell, Mary	Inmate	U		22	General Servant	Matlock, Derbyshire	

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Bradwell, Michael	Inmate	W	78		Lead Miner	Bradwell, Derbyshire	
Britland, Frederick	Inmate	U	70		General Labourer	Edensor, Derbyshire	
Brocke, John		U	70		Coal Miner (Vagrant)	Holmfirth, Yorkshire	
Brown, Thomas	Inmate	W	74		General Labourer	Darley Dale, Derbyshire	
Buckley, James	Inmate	U	19			Beeley, Derbyshire	Imbecile
Buxton, Samuel	Inmate	W	69		Butcher	Middleton by Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Carline, Hannah	Inmate			59		Matlock, Derbyshire	Deaf and Dumb
Carline, Joseph	Inmate	U	57		General Labourer	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Cocker, Elizabeth	Inmate			1		Crowdecote, Derbyshire	
Cocker, Martha	Inmate	U	18		General Servant	Crowdecote, Derbyshire	
Coleman, Mary	Inmate	U		59	Cotton Winder	London	
Comery, George	Inmate		7		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Comery, Mary	Inmate			4	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Crewcett[?], Fanny	Inmate			12	Scholar	Matlock, Derbyshire	

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Cunningham, Edward	Head	M	66		Master of Workhouse and Superintendent Registrar	Scotland	
Cunningham, Edward G.	Son		8		Scholar	Buxton, Derbyshire	
Cunningham, Martha O.	Daughter			2		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Cunningham, Mary T. V.	Daughter			7		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Cunningham, Sarah	Wife	M		43	Matron of Workhouse	Stoney Middleton, Derbyshire	
Cunningham, Sarah A.	Daughter			5		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Davis, John	Inmate	W	51		General Labourer	Birmingham, Warwickshire	
Dicken, Ann	Inmate	U		47		Taddington, Derbyshire	Imbecile
Dicken, Emily	Inmate	U		21		Litton, Derbyshire	Blind from birth
Dixon, George	Visitor	M	24		Farm Bailiff	Brampton, Derbyshire	
Dixon, John C.	Visitor		6 mo.			Brampton, Derbyshire	
Dixon, Martha	Visitor	M		30		Tapton, Derbyshire	
Dronfield, Elizabeth	Inmate	U		20		Grindleford Bridge, Derbyshire	
Egginton, Francis	Inmate	U	57		Shoemaker	Beeley, Derbyshire	

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Emery, John		U	18		Bricklayer's Labourer (Vagrant)	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Finney, Richard	Inmate	W	74		Joiner	Farley, Staffordshire	
Frost, Ada	Inmate			4		Ashford, Derbyshire	
Frost, Albert	Inmate		9		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Foster, Ann		W		57	Charwoman (Vagrant)	Whitehaven, Cumberland	
Frost, Harriet	Inmate	U		50	General Servant	Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Frost, Thomas	Inmate	M	60		Painter	Calver, Derbyshire	
Frost, Ralph	Inmate		9		Scholar	Ashford, Derbyshire	
Goldstraw, Amanda E.	Inmate			8	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Goldstraw, Mary	Inmate	U		29	General Servant	Ashford, Derbyshire	
Goddard, James	Inmate	U	29		General Labourer	Dorset	
Goodhall, Caroline	Inmate	U		25	Shirt Weaver	Lee, Derbyshire	
Goodwin, Elizabeth	Inmate			6	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Goodwin, Fanny	Inmate	U		35	General Servant	Stanton, Derbyshire	

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Goodwin, Henry	Inmate		2			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Gregory, Walter	Inmate		14		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Harrison, Daniel		U	41		General Labourer (Vagrant)	Thurlaston, Leicestershire	
Harrison, James L.	Inmate		4		Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Harrison, Sarah H.	Inmate	U		32	General Servant	Beeley, Derbyshire	
Henshaw, Matilda	Inmate	U		59		Matlock, Derbyshire	Imbecile
Henstock, Mary	Inmate	U		39		Ashford, Derbyshire	
Howard, Albert	Inmate			12		Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Howe, Jonathan	Inmate	W	70		General Labourer	Edensor, Derbyshire	
James, Maria	Teacher	U		53	Teacher (Music Off)	Bath, Somerset	
Jennings, Harriet	Inmate	U		34	General Servant	Bradwell, Derbyshire	
Johnson, Peter		U	25		Sailor (Vagrant)	Denmark	
Jones, James		U	33		General Labourer (Vagrant)	Rochdale, Lancashire	
Kenyon, William	Porter	U	22		Porter	Grindleford Bridge, Derbyshire	

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Kinder, Herbert	Inmate	U	34			Darley Dale, Derbyshire	Deaf and Dumb
Knowles, Mary A.	Inmate	U		41	Dressmaker	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Lees, George	Inmate	W	54		General Labourer	Darley Dale, Derbyshire	
Marshall, Barbara	Inmate			6	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Middleton, Robert	Inmate	U	42		Lead Miner	Bradwell, Derbyshire	
Noton, Joseph	Inmate	U	52		General Labourer	Taddington, Derbyshire	
Oakley, Margaret	Inmate	W		64	General Servant	Over Haddon, Derbyshire	
Oliver, John	Inmate		4		Scholar	Buxton, Derbyshire	
Parker, Mary	Nurse	M		46	Nurse	Clowne, Derbyshire	
Poyser, Florence	Inmate			8	Scholar	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Rathbone, Martha	Inmate	U		62	Cotton Spinner	Liverpool, Lancashire	
Ree, Elizabeth	Inmate	W		58	General Servant	Nottingham	
Riley, James		U	39		Mason's Labourer (Vagrant)	Oldham, Lancashire	
Roberts, William	Teacher	U	28		Teacher/Schoolmaster	Cornwall	

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Roe, Ann E.	Inmate			11	Scholar	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Roe, Francis	Inmate		7		Scholar	Sheffield, Yorkshire	
Rose, Ann	Inmate	W		83	Cotton Winder	Cromford, Derbyshire	
Rowland, William	Inmate	U	36			Youlgreave, Derbyshire	Deaf and Dumb
Sellors, Ishmael	Inmate		9		Scholar	Liverpool, Lancashire	
Sellors, Robert	Inmate		12		Scholar	Liverpool, Lancashire	
Shimwell, Isabella	Inmate	W		60	Cook	Lancaster, Lancashire	
Shimwell, Jane	Inmate	U		29	General Servant	Youlgreave, Derbyshire	
Skidmore, Sarah A.	Inmate	U		39		Bakewell, Derbyshire	Imbecile
Sleigh, Elizabeth	Inmate	U		23	General Servant	Chesterfield, Derbyshire	
Sleigh, Robert A.	Inmate		8 mo.			Bakewell, Derbyshire	
Smith, George P.	Inmate	W	74		Painter	Tansley, Derbyshire	
Standrin, Eunice	Inmate	U	63		Dress-maker	Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire	
Stone, Emma	Inmate	U		16		Sheldon, Derbyshire	

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Stone, Mary A.	Inmate	U		35	Charwoman	Sheldon, Derbyshire	
Stone, William	Inmate		8		Scholar	Sheldon, Derbyshire	
Thompson, William	Inmate	W	72		General Labourer	Wirksworth, Derbyshire	
Wall, Richard	Inmate	U	27		Farm Labourer	Matlock, Derbyshire	
Walsh, Andrew	Inmate	W	81		Hawker	Turkey (British Subject)	
Webster, Alice	Inmate			10	Scholar	Manchester, Lancashire	
Weinecke, Frederick	Inmate		4		Scholar	London	
Weinecke, William	Inmate		9		Scholar	London	
Wilcox, Thomas		U	24		Farm Labourer (Vagrant)	London	
Wild, Violet	Inmate	W		50	General Servant	Manchester	
Wilson, John		U	55		Bricklayer's Labourer (Vagrant)	Liverpool, Lancashire	
Wilson, Sarah	Inmate	U		55	Cotton Winder	Litton, Derbyshire	
Windle, Louisa	Inmate	U		52	General Servant	Chesterfield, Derbyshire	
Winks, Annie	Inmate			9	Scholar	Bakewell, Derbyshire	

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Woodhall, Matthew	Inmate	W	86		General Labourer	Cheshire	
Wragg, William	Inmate	W	74		General Labourer	Pendleton, Lancashire	
Yates, Elizabeth	Inmate	W		80	General Servant	Baslow, Derbyshire	Imbecile
Yates, Thomas		U	19		General Labourer (Vagrant)	Bolton, Lancashire	