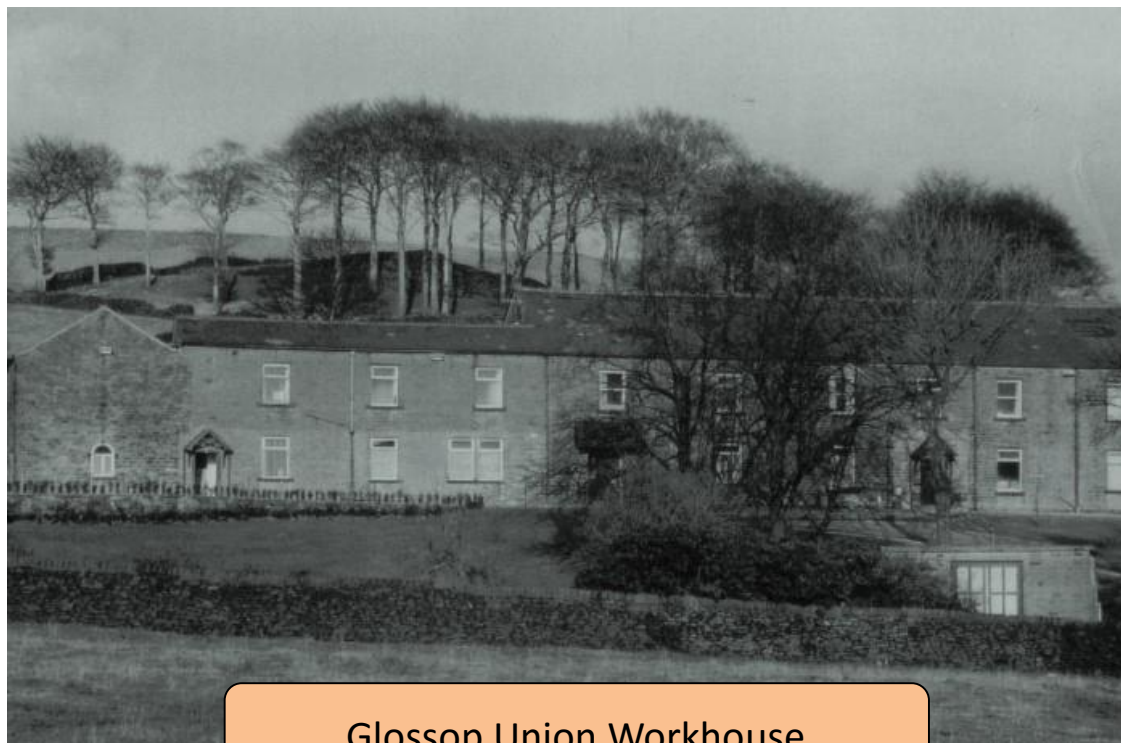


Glossop Union Workhouse – Record of Inmates and Staff, 1841

Who lived within these walls in 1841?



Glossop Union Workhouse

Glossop Poor Law Union and Glossop 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 Glossop Poor Law Union was set up on 5th December 1837. In addition to the parish of Glossop, the union included the parishes/hamlets of Charlesworth, Dinting, Chisworth, Hadfield, Ludworth, Padfield, Simmondley and Whitfield.

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. Glossop Poor Law Union took over the recently built township workhouse (erected in the early 1830s). The workhouse later became known as Glossop Public Assistance Institution and later (under the NHS) as Shire Hill Hospital. Hardly any records of pauper inmates at Glossop Union Workhouse survive, however, in addition to lists of inmates which can be obtained from UK Census records, a Glossop Poor Law Union Board of Guardians draft minute book, 1842 - 1846 [which includes reference to individual pauper cases], and a Glossop overseers of the poor account book (which largely predates the establishment of the union), 1828 - 1838 are available (*Derbyshire Record Office: D2125/1-2*). For more information see www.workhouses.org.uk.

The 1841 census is not as detailed as later censuses - it records people's names, ages (for those over 15 usually *rounded down to the nearest 5*), sex, occupation, and simply if they were *born in the county* (exact places of birth are not recorded). The following alphabetical list of Glossop Union Workhouse inmates and staff is taken from the UK census which took place on *4 June 1841*.

INMATES AND STAFF LIVING IN GLOSSOP UNION WORKHOUSE 1841 (arranged in alphabetical order)					
Name	Age		Occupation (if any)	Where Born in Same County	Whether born in Scotland, Ireland or Foreign Parts
	Male	Female			
Adams, Esther		20	Inmate Charwoman	Yes	
Ashton, James	55		Inmate Labourer Crippled	Yes	
Barker, Thomas	75		Sawyer	No	
Bentley, Betty		65	Washerwoman	No	
Bottom, James	50		Inmate Cotton Mixer	Yes	
Bowden, Martha		60	Inmate Washerwoman	Yes	
Bradshaw, Henry	11		Inmate	Yes	
Bramall, Alice		2	Inmate	Yes	
Bramall, Hannah		25	Inmate Washerwoman	Yes	
Bramall, Penninah		11 months	Inmate	Yes	
Brettand, Samuel	25		Inmate Cotton-piecer	No	+
Chatterton, John	75		Tailor	Yes	
Cooper, Astley	2		Inmate	No	
Dewsnap, Elizabeth		5	Inmate	Yes	
Dewsnap, James	2		Inmate	Yes	
Dewsnap, John	10		Inmate	No	
Dewsnap, Joseph	35		Inmate Cotton-spinner	Yes	
Dewsnap, Joseph	7 months		Inmate	Yes	
Dewsnap, Joshua	8		Inmate	Yes	
Dewsnap, Mary		35	Inmate Cook	No	
Dewsnap, Mary		4	Inmate	Yes	

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Dyson, Alfred	2		Inmate	No	
Dyson, Elizabeth		30	Inmate Washerwoman	No	
Dyson, Hannah		6	Inmate	No	
Dyson, Henry Emmanuel	1		Inmate	No	
Hall, Betty		30	Inmate Charwoman	Yes	
Hampshire, John	65		Schoolmaster	No	
Harrop, Jonathan	40		Inmate Labourer	Yes	
Harrison, Mary		50	Inmate Washerwoman	Yes	
Harrison, Sarah		35	Inmate Charwoman	Yes	
Hill, Nancy		80	Inmate Pauper	Yes	
Hyde, William	65		Pensioner	Yes	
Jones, David	6		Inmate	No	
Jones, John	4		Inmate	No	
Mills, Jane		10	Inmate Charwoman	Yes	
Newton, Mary		75	Inmate Pauper	Yes	
Radcliffe, Elizabeth		7	Inmate	No	
Robinson, John	55		Inmate Labourer	Yes	
Shepley, Robert	60		Inmate Labourer	Yes	
Taylor, William	1		Inmate	No	
Warhurst, Emma		40	Inmate Washerwoman	No	
Warhurst, Emmila(?)		8	Inmate	No	
Warhurst, Harriett		2	Inmate	Yes	
Warhurst, Jane		25	Inmate Crippled	Yes	
Warhurst, Mary Ann		10	Inmate	No	
Warhurst, Mary Ann		2	Inmate	Yes	
Warhurst, Jezreel	4 months		Inmate	Yes	
Waterhouse, James	55		Master	No	
Waterhouse, Mary		60	Matron	No	

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Waterhouse, Mary Ann		14		No	
Waterhouse, Sarah		20	Milliner & Dressmaker	No	

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