

Searching for Poor Law Records (SOCCGS England SIG meeting – November 14, 2022)

- Before 1834 – search in parish records
- After 1834 – search for workhouse/poor law union records: www.workhouses.org.uk
- In **Census** use relationship = “inmate” or name of institution if you know it.

Ancestry.com > Search > Card Catalog > enter keyword in search box > select from search results based on keywords > filter by location > search by name – date – location.

Findmypast.com > Search > “All Record Sets” > enter keyword in search box > select from search results based on keywords > search by name – date – location.

FamilySearch.org > Search > Catalog > Place search for your location > select from search results based on keywords.

Where to search for Poor Law records

- **FamilySearch Catalog** > Place search: Great Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire



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- Select “Poorhouses, poor law, etc.”

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- Click on “Poorhouses, poor laws, etc.”



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Churchwardens' accounts 1824-1870

Churchwardens' accounts 1870-1878 Churchwardens' accounts and bills 1661-1892 Lists of unpaid church rates Constables' accounts 1677-1747, 1824-1826 Constables rate' assessment 1665, 1668 Militia (misc.) 1622-1690 Poor rates 1657-1659, 1806-1823, 1831, 1851

Workhouse accounts 1725-1755 Overseers' accounts 1755-1804

Overseers accopunts 1816-1826 Settlement certificates 1679-1795 Removal orders 1692-1818 Settlement examinations 1739-1812 Apprenticeship indentures 1610-1769, 1599-1807 Bastardy bonds 1731-1813, 1595-1815

Lists of settlement certificates, removal orders, bonds, deeds, charity papers 1714-1782

Miscellaneous papers 1640-1641, 1702 Letter and account for relieving Mrs. Bunn, a Berkhamsted pauper, at Cowley 1817 Charities 1655-1786 Baldwins' charity 1764-1826 Salters' charity 1756-1802 Craddocks' charity 1652-1713 Misc. (history of parish) 1883-1937

Rectors' accounts 1757-1800 Terriers of tithes 1757-1810 Accounts of sacrament alms received and distributed 1810-1861 Account of fees received (marriages, burials, gravestones, etc.) 1887-1899

Rate assessment 1636, 1637 Churchwardens' accounts vestry minutes 1748-1824, 1590-

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Keywords for searching Poor Law records

- churchwarden accounts - overseer accounts
- workhouse accounts – registers - admissions
- settlement certificates – removal orders
- bastardy bonds – bonds of indemnification
- apprenticeships -- indentures
- charity papers
- poor relief
- poor law union – board of guardians
- vestry minutes