

HORTON PARISH POOR, 1817 to 1829 or thereabouts. Muriel Charnley.

Times indeed seemed hard at Horton, after a long period of warfare. As the Poor Rate increased, great jealousies arose between townships as to the liability to maintain paupers, and any poor person moving to another place was required to have a certificate from his previous residence guaranteeing the township where he took up his abode against any liability for maintaining him if he became a pauper.

A Pauper could claim relief from the township where he was born, unless he could be proved to have obtained a settlement elsewhere, either by occupying a house or by having permanent employment there. Hence the journeys recorded in the Horton parish Poor Book to places as far as Colne, Bentham, Dent, Settle, Austwick, Clapham, Langcliffe and Ingleton etc.

Letters were recorded as being exchanged with Wakefield Lunatic Asylum, and journeys on one or two occasions for persons being escorted there. Some people were also taken to Settle Workhouse, having been clothed and shod by the parish, and were paid for by Horton while they were in the workhouse.

A Bill was passed at Settle requiring every person living on the Poor Funds to wear the letter P on the outer garment, with the initial of the parish in front of it, i.e. H.P. for Horton Poor, which must have been very degrading. This rule was enforced by fining the Overseers of the Parish heavily if they did not enforce it.

One of just two indentures of apprenticeship found in the Poor Book, although a lot must have taken place at that time:

An Agreement on the day 22 March 1823 betwixt the Township of Horton in Ribblesdale and Anthony Scot of Austwick for Ann Mitton, a girl belonging to the said township, the said Anthony Scot agrees to find her sufficient meat and clothes for the term of five years. The township to give the said Anthony Scot one pound and ten shillings as witness our hands - (signed).

A sick woman was taken down to Austwick, her township; also a 15-year-old boy was ejected so that Horton Poor Fund did not have to provide for them.

60 people and dependents received help in 1817-8,	£749-2-11½d.
79 " " " " " 1818-9,	£661-0-4d.
plus Constable's account	£189-19-1½
Total for 1818-9	£850-19-5½d

1826 paid by Constable to Settle Workhouse -

May 3 -	£17- 9-	1¾
June 4 -	18 5	1
July 5 -	12 9	5½
Aug 2 -	8 14	9¾
Sep 6 -	8 12	10½
Oct 5 -	3 8	8¼
Nov 1 -	3 12	4½
Dec 6 -	15 8	11
1827 Jan 3 -	5 7	10½
Feb 2 -	7 19	2
Mar 7 -	9 11	3¼
Apr 4 -	13 14	8¾

124 14 4¾ paid from Horton Parish Poor Rate.

1826 To redeem Alice Burton dress from pawnbrokers, 5s; to letter 7d.

undated: Parkers at Ribbleshead, Ale and meat at Funeral 11/1d;
coffin and crate £1-6-10.

1826 cont) Sundries -

Swearing in Constable	1 - 0
Journey to Kirby Lonsdale, swearing Papers 8/- ea, signing 1/6	17 - 6
A letter from Wakefield Lunatics to signing	1 - 6
To dividing Poor Money twice	4 - 8
To Paupers letters	5 - 3
To Settle to get Anthony Taylor examined and respecting his settlement	4 - 0
To a form of instructions for dress using Vagrants	2 - 8

Help rendered -

1817 William Bentham

Ap 12 to 9 months @ £1-10-6 per month	£13-10-6	<i>3x19-12-6</i>
to 4 months @ £1-10-6 per month	6 2 0	
3½ yards woollen stuff @ 2/9 per yard	9 7½	
one bed 2/6, blanket 4/-, bedstuff 4/3	10 9	
to turf leading £1-6-6; coles 15/7½	2 2 3½	
to house rent 2 years up to May 1818	3 1 6	

£25 16 0

date? Mary Armitstead and daughter

52 weeks @ 6/- per week	£15-12-0
Paid to John Hessedene when Peggy was Poorly	1 8 0
Paid for ale 2/-, for shrub 1/-	3 0
1 petticoat for daughter 6/-	6 0
5 load coles	13 6
Paid to Doctor Robinson 12/6 and shoes 2/-	14 6
19 loads turf leading 7d per load;	11 7
To coles 7/6, one pair new shoes 8/-	15 6
To shoes soled 3/10. To help 2/6. Clogs 2/9.	9 1
To help 3/- shoes mend 1/8	4 8
1 bedgown 5/10 help 2/6 clogs 9/- Help	19 1
For help 6/-	6 0
House rent for one year	2 2 0

£26 3 8

1817 Jane Mitton, Ling Gill

Month lying in	2 12 0
To 7 weeks @ 1/8	17 8
1 month 6/8, help 2/-	8 8
To 10 months @ 6/8 per month <i>i.e. 1/7 per week?</i>	3 6 8

£7 5 0

1817 John Proctor of Lower Birkwith

To help	2 0
To Two shirts	9 0
New Coat	14 0
Making and trimming	9 6
Clothes mending	1 6
handkerchieves	1 5
To shoes soled 4/- To new clogs (4/-)	8 0
Stockings	7 0

£2 15 5

Went to Workhouse

1818 John Proctor cont.	
Shoes soled and heeled	- 5 0
New Shoes	11 0
7 yards of cloth, 1/2 per yard (shirts?)	8 2
Making and thread	2 0
Stockings	7 0
4 yards of cloth, 3/- per yard (coat?)	12 0
Trimming and making	9 0
5 yards nankeen (?)	10 0
Making and trimming	10 0
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	£ 3 16 2

1818 John Lister of Thorns	
12 weeks at 3/-	1 16 0
4 weeks at 2/3	9 0
36 weeks at 2/-	3 12 0
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later at Settle workhouse	£5 17 0

April 1817 to 1818 John Bentham of Newhouses	
52 weeks at 1/8	£4 6 8

Miles Atkinson of Ashes	
To 4 months at £1-5-6 per month	5 2 0
To 36 weeks at 7/-	12 12 0
To house rent	1 1 0
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	£ 18 15 0

To Thomas Bentham at Horton, 1818	
To 12 weeks at 6/- per week	3 12 0
To 16 weeks at 5/- per week, To coles 7/6	4 7 6
Cotton cloth 5 yards at 3/- per yard	15 0
To 19 cartloads of turf leading 1/6 per load	1 9 6
To 24 weeks at 4/6	5 8 0
To help at different times	5 6
To house rent up to May 1818	2 2 0
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	£17 19 6

1819 Monies given to Benthams at Selside when children had small Pox.

1821 Jane Mitton of Arcow	
for new petticoat	4 6
for new bedgown	2 8
Blue . . . for Apron and Things	1 4
1/2 yard flannel for mending	7
6 weeks meat at 2/- per week	12 0
trimming for bonnet	10
New Shoes	7 0
To Thomas Jackson for close (clothes)	17 3
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went to workhouse	£2 6 2

Hannah Bradley. Horton.	
28 weeks at 4/6 per week	6 6 0
24 weeks at 4/- per week	4 16 0
Funeral for child (Hannah had had 4 illegitimate children)	8 0
Pair of shoes	4 0
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	£12 4 0

1821 Thomas Clapham, Mill Dam Help for Turf getting 5/-, Help rent £2-2-0	£2	7	0
Jane Redmayne, Mill Dam 5½ yards cloth for shifts 52 weeks 1/6 per week 11 months at 6d per month more		2	9
	3	18	0
		5	6
	<u>£4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
Joseph Bentham, Twislton Help when wife in hard labour		10	6
Betty Redmayne, Mill Dam 1821 Help when poorly 52 weeks at 1/6 per week When lying in		4	0
	3	18	0
	1	3	6
	<u>£4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Joseph Redmayne, Mill Dam 1821 4 weeks at 3/6 per week 4 weeks at 3/3 per week For Turf getting 20 loads of Turf leading 1 yard of flannel for britches 7 yards cotton for shirts, 6d per yard 34 weeks at 3/- per week House Rent to May 1822		14	0
		13	0
		6	0
	1	10	0
		1	7½
		3	6
	6	12	0
	2	2	0
	<u>£12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1½</u>
Constable Accounts 1825 - 1826			
Apr 8 To Ingleton to be sworn Constable Paid for appointment of Guardian		4	0
		2	0
May 9 Journey to Colne in search of Militiamen		8	0
Jun 1 Searching for Militiamen		7	10
Jun 14 Letter 4d, To a man with a Pass 1/-, to another man 1/-		2	4
July To Settle to sign Assize Article		3	0
Sept To 3 women with a Pass 1/- Printing Freehold List		1	0
		2	0
Sep 13 The Entreat Bill £103-1-10 To Settle with the same 3/- Constable Board painting 2/6, carrying 2d	103	1	10
		3	0
		2	8
Sep 16 To Ingleton with Innkeeper 4/-		4	0
Oct 7 To Ingleton to get Surveyor appointed Paid for an appointment with Surveyor To people with passes 2/- To Kirby with Freehold List paid		4	0
		6	0
		2	0
		6	0
		3	6
Dec To Settle with Militia Papers List		3	0
		6	0
Mar 6 To Entreat Bill To Settle to pay same	94	14	4
		3	0
	<u>£202</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
1832 Paid for attendance Joseph Bentham of Twisleton, wife in labour -		10	6
1833 June 23 Ale for Betty Redmayne when poorly		2	0