

Part One Isle of Axholme Charities.

In order to understand values.

Dale H. Porter's The Thames Embankment: Environment, Technology and Society in Victorian London.

1850 weekly wages. Labourer, 3 shillings 9 pence.

Bricklayers, carpenters and masons 6 shillings 6 pence. Engineers 7 shillings 6 pence.

Social Structure 1759. James Massie.

Family income £s	Total	Classification.
800+	2,070	Esquires and titled.
400 – 799	10,300	Gents. 4,800, merchants 3,000, tradesmen 2,500.
200 – 399	28,700	Gents 11,200, merchants 10,000, tradesmen 5,000, Master manufacturers 2,500.
80 – 199	84,000	Clergy 2,000, lawyers 12,000, officers 8,000, Freeholders 30,000, farmers 20,000, tradesmen 10,000, Innkeepers 2,000, master manufacturers 5,000.
50 – 79	156,000	Clergy 9,000, liberal arts 18,000, civil officers 16,000, Freeholders 60,000, farmers 20,000, tradesmen 20,000, Innkeepers 3,000, master manufacturers 10,000.
40 – 49	327,500	Farmers 120,000, cottagers 20,000, tradesmen 125,000, Master manufacturers 62,500.
25 – 39	148,000	Freeholders 120,000, London manufacturers 28,000.
15 – 24	500,000	Husbandmen 200,000, ale sellers 20,000, seamen 60,000, London labourers 20,000, sundry manufacturers 200,000.
14 or less	218,000.	Country labourers 200,000, soldiers 18,000.

Total families 1,474, 500. 866,000 below £40

Isleonian were criticised by Victorian economists because there was no large landholder. There was a squirarchy but no one above 400 acres. The vast majority were small farmers who took on large mortgages to hold the land. That is when the father died, the oldest son took the land but the monetary value was spread amongst the other children. Many ordinary agricultural workers tried to acquire land. Small fields close to the village would fetch £80 to £100 per acre. Rents depending on quality were 30 shillings to £3 per acre. There were also many smaller strips. However worked part time most were highly productive.

Manor of Epworth and Westwood.

The Free School.

Founded 1711. Henry and Mary Clifford, Rector of Wroot, by deed of surrender into the Manor Court gave to seven trustees, of which Samuel Wesley was one, a messuage or tenement, with its appurtenances etc situated in Epworth “ to the use and behoofe of a School House. And of such School Master to dwell and inhabit, as shall be chosen and appointed by such trustees” On the death of a trustee the survivors were to elect another trustee.

16th April 1746. The surviving trustees when reduced to seven are required to surrender all lands tenements etc to the use and behoofe of thirty-one of the most substantial landowners and inhabitants of Epworth.

Schedule of Lands within the parish of Epworth, vested in Trustees for the use of the schoolmaster for teaching poor children.

	Acre.	Rood.	Perch.
Schoolhouse, croft etc.	1	1	12
In the Church Field, two lands, containing		3	5
This would be before enclosure, which Epworth never was.			
In the South Field, one land,		1	27
In the East Field.		1	28
At Bellshaw, a new allotment	3	3	2
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Total	6	2	34

There is also 40s. payable annually out of Coupland's estate, late Simpson's, to the schoolmaster, on Michaelmas Day.

Scholars on foundation, 14, instruction in reading only.

2nd January 1829. New schoolmaster, T B Pearson, free scholars increased to 20.

No scholar to remain at school for more then three years. The parents of those taught to write must pay 2s. 6d or 3s per quarter.

Quarterly trustees meetings will allocate places.

Mr. Richard Brewer, woollen draper of Gainsborough, by will dated 11th November 1687, to Churchwardens and Overseers of Epworth parish, Halifax farm, for ever, "out of the rents and profits thereof, to cloath so many ancient people as it will extend to every year, to be given on every 11th November."

The following is a Schedule of Lands and Rent Charges, &c., left to the Poor of Epworth.

EAST FIELD.			SOUTH FIELD, <i>continued.</i>		
Description.	Roods.	Survey.	Description.	Roods.	Survey.
		A. R. P.			A. R. P.
Broad Lane*	3	2 9	Middle Furlong	3	2 12
Ditto	3	2 10	Burnham Slough	3	2 32
Ditto ..	4	2 33	Studercross	1	38
Ditto	6	1 0 16	Ditto	1	38
Intake	2	1 17	Massey Close	1	31
Short Hawk.....	4	3 24	Mare and Foal	1	24
Cater Close		17	Ditto	4	3 8
Barrows	1½	1 7	Ditto	2	1 16
Ings		1 13	Hazelscow	2	1 26
CHURCH FIELD.			Low Moorlands	4	3 20
Church Furlong	1½	1 16	Haverthwards+	2	1 15
Lawns Furlong	2	1 24	Ditto+	1	30
Bad Acres	3	2 5	Paddocks	2 3	3
ELLERS FIELD.			Pears Row, 5 Cottages		6
Plaster Holes	2	1 32	PARISH OF HAXEY.		
Crook Closes	6	1 1 34	A Close of Land† ...		1 1 0
SOUTH FIELD.					<hr/>
Sough Croft.....	1½	1 5			17 2 1
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Rents produced £37 5s. per annum, distributed in clothing to the poor every New Year's day.

Mary Heaton left £100, the interest of which is to be divided amongst 20 poor widows on Christmas day.

Miss Ann Maw. Left £40, interest to be distributed amongst poor widows on Christmas day.

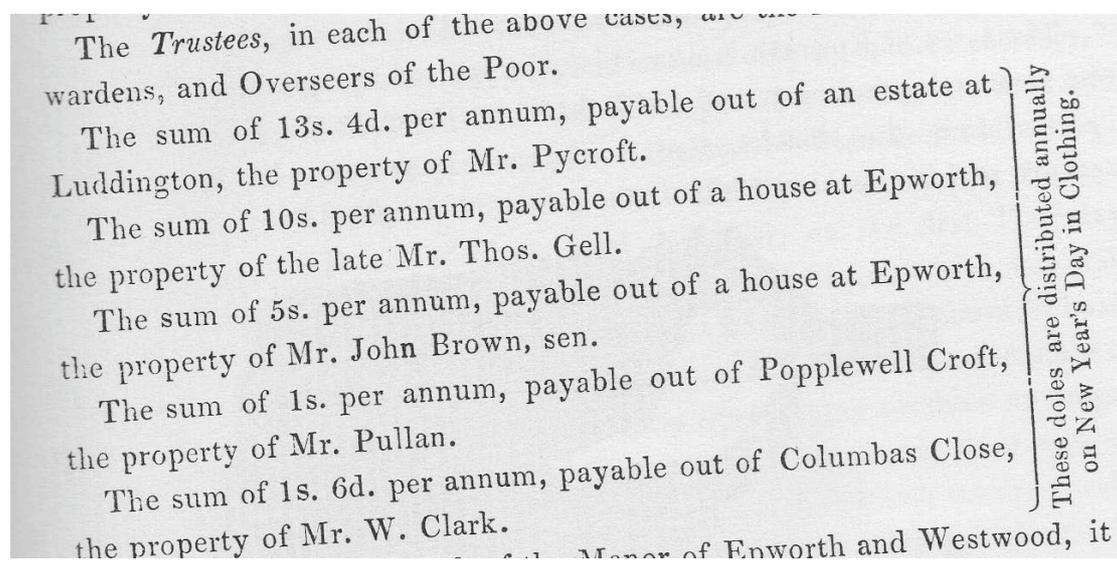
Mr. John Coggan Hill, left £120, in government securities, interest to be divided equally annually, on 1st February, amongst 20 poor widows resident and belonging to Epworth Parish.

Richard Maw Esq. in memory of his sister gave £50 which had been invested in land, produces annually 50s., which is paid in equal proportions of 25s each to two of the best nurses in the parish, (*I can imagine that causing quite a punch up*)

20s per annum out of an estate at Epworth, late the property of O. Leefe Esq., to poor widows on Christmas day.

Ditto Mr. Thornton.

Ditto, Mr. Wm Read, but to poor orphans.



The Trustees, in each of the above cases, are the wardens, and Overseers of the Poor.

The sum of 13s. 4d. per annum, payable out of an estate at Luddington, the property of Mr. Pycroft.

The sum of 10s. per annum, payable out of a house at Epworth, the property of the late Mr. Thos. Gell.

The sum of 5s. per annum, payable out of a house at Epworth, the property of Mr. John Brown, sen.

The sum of 1s. per annum, payable out of Popplewell Croft, the property of Mr. Pullan.

The sum of 1s. 6d. per annum, payable out of Columbas Close, the property of Mr. W. Clark.

These doles are distributed annually on New Year's Day in Clothing.

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