



Knook

Wiltshire Removal Orders

Wiltshire Removal Orders give details of 20, 593 people removed from Wiltshire under the 1662 Poor Law Relief Act between 1670 and 1890.

The records show a person's parish of settlement as well as the place they were being removed to in order to receive poor relief. These facts would have been ascertained through a Pauper Examination conducted by local justices of the peace. The place of settlement was generally considered the place where you were born or where you were best known. For a married woman this would be where her husband was from, for a child it would be the father's. It was also noted whether the person was the head of household – if a woman is listed as such it would generally mean that she was either a widow or an unmarried mother.

People usually moved between parishes in the same county but some came from further afield. There are several families, for example, sent back to Ireland and to Wales. The Wiltshire removal orders also show those removed to Wiltshire from elsewhere.

Surname	Name	Removal Date	Removed From	Removed To	Head of Household & Other details	Wiltshire & Swindon Record Office Ref.
Collins	Patience	22 Sept 1746	Longbridge Deverill	Knook	Head	1020/113
Crouch	William	3 March 1768	Longbridge Deverill	Knook	Head and 4 children	1020/113

Head	Ambrose	4 Nov 1824	Knook	Codford St. Peter	Head. Lab. Husband of Sarah	1438/37
Head	Sarah	4 Nov 1824	Knook	Codford St. Peter	Wife of Ambrose	1438/37
House	Emma	7 Dec 1826	Horningsham	Knook	Head	482/51
Lambert	Sarah	2 July 1812	Knook	Trowbridge	Head. Single	206/54
Smith	Edward	1 March 1745	Heytesbury	Knook	Head. Husband of Mary	A1/130
Smith	Jenny	1 March 1745	Heytesbury	Knook	Aged 2. Born 1743. Daughter of Edward & Mary	A1/130
Smith	Mary	1 March 1745	Heytesbury	Knook	Wife of Edward	A1/130
Smith	Sarah	1 March 1745	Heytesbury	Knook	Aged 7. Born 1738. Daughter of Edward & Mary	A1/130