



Legacies & Benefactions For Charity

North Wraxall

The Howell Benefaction

John Howell, born in the Manor Farm, April 23 1776, died February 20 1872. He was a munificent patron of his native parish. The beautiful picture in the church was his gift. He founded two Almshouses to accommodate "four poor, old, and decayed persons whether males or females, natives or having been of longstanding in the parish." He also bequeathed £600, half for the use of the school, half for the benefit of the Almshouses. With this money £666 13s. 4d., three percent, consolidated annuities was bought in 1874. August 3, 1886, the sum of £50 consols representing the investment of unexpended income of the Almshouse Trust was purchased, and August 1888, the bonus on the conversion of consols £1 15s. 10d., and the bonus of £2 6s. 4d. on Mr. Bennett's legacy, with £29 4s. 8d. unexpended income from the Almshouse Fund, purchased £33 6s. 8d consols. The whole fund now amounted to £750, of which £336 belongs to the School, and £414 to the Almshouses. March, 1903 the Almshouse Trust was increased to £864, and January, 1905, from unexpended income to £900.