

## Historic Charity References in the Minutes of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council nominated trustees annually to each of the Charities, first time a trustee resigned mid-term was in 1912, on 15/4/1912 the Parish Council appointed a replacement trustee for Moorpool Charity when Thomas Dixon resigned.

04/11/1920 Minutes: ***"A letter was read that had been sent by the Vicar and Churchwardens to one of the tenants of Coles' Charity land and it was Proposed by William Barlow Gray and Seconded by George Carey that under the Local Government Act 1894 the trustees of the Coles' Charity were appointed by the Parish Council, and that the Council had made the appointments for the last 25 years, also to ask him not to interfere with the tenants of Coles' Charity land, as the trustees appointed were competent to carry out the matter, also that the Council were instructing the tenants to take no further notice of the document the Vicar had sent, the Clerk was also to write to the tenants and inform them what had been done and that if they received any more letters from anyone not signed by the trustees or their successors, that they were not to take any notice of it but hand it to the Clerk of the Council to lay before the Council. Motion Carried."***

18/04/1921 Minutes: ***"Having come to the knowledge of the trustees of Coles' Charity and the Parish Council that the rent of the field had been raised by the Vicar without consulting the trustees, that the tenant be informed that no increase in rent was due from him and the rent is to continue on the old basis, and that he is to take no notice of any documents unless signed by the trustees. Motion Carried"***.

21/05/1940 Minutes: ***"A discussion took place regards the letting of Coles' Charity land and it was Proposed by Mr Robinson and Seconded by Benjamin Makins that the tenant should sign a written agreement which would be prepared by the clerk"***.

08/08/1940: ***"The Clerk reported that he had prepared the tenancy agreement relative to Coles' Charity and this was produced and duly signed by the tenant and trustees."***

17/04/1952: ***"St Thomas Day Charity the Rev C W Leslie handed the Clerk a statement of accounts which showed no balance in hand. Mr Jones raised an objection to the notice of the recipient's names of the charity being displayed. The Vicar quoted the Local Government Act 1894 in relation to charities and said it was a matter for the Parish Council."***

Minutes 20/06/1952: ***"The Clerk produced such records of the charities as she had been able to find. It was agreed it was possible that Coles' Charity, Moorpool Charity and St Thomas Day Charity could be combined for distribution."***

Minutes 07/10/1953: ***"Mr Robinson proposed, Mr Horne Seconded, that the trustees of all the charities should meet and arrange their distributions together. Agreed."***

Minutes Annual Parish Meeting 30/03/1953: ***"Coles' Charity, the meeting then discussed this charity, which was originally intended as a bread charity. It was proposed by the Vicar and Seconded by Mrs Minnitt that the charity commission be asked for permission to administer this in another form, possibly the payment of monies to parishioners in need of a little assistance. Agreed."***

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 23/03/1954 stated the three charities of St Thomas Day, Coles' Charity and Moorpool Charity are the "Parochial Charities".

Minutes 17/01/1961: ***"Moorpool Charity, on behalf of Mr Gregory who was not present, Mrs Longden mentioned the difficulty which had been encountered in obtaining rent for the Moorpool from Mr E Quickfall. The Clerk was instructed to write about this. At the same time it was decided that the rent be raised from 14 shilling to 20 shillings a year from March 1961."***

Minutes 17/10/1961: ***"Coles' Charity, Mr Firman Proposed that the vacancy should not be filled at present, but instead, all the charities should be amalgamated and administered as a whole by the Parish Council. This would avoid overlap and possible duplication of payments to beneficiaries. Mr Gregory Seconded and it was agreed."***

Continued Annual Parish Meeting 27/03/1962: *"The meeting gave approval of the Council's proposed future administration of charities."*

Minutes Annual Parish Meeting 04/04/1963: *"It was proposed that the Parish Council as a whole would administer the charities. Hubert Downing was appointed as auditor for the charities"*

Minutes Annual Parish Meeting 13/03/1969: *"Mr Ross enquired of the St Thomas Day Charity which no mention had been made since 1961. Mr Gibson to be contacted regarding this and a statement of account to be asked for. Agreed."* However, this was not mentioned (forgotten again?) at the next Parish Meeting in 1970.

Minutes 24/01/1978: *"The Chairman asked Councillors if they considered the income per acre of the Charity Fields compared with similar fields in the area? After a long discussion, it was proposed to raise the rents by 50% to £12 per acre to keep them in line with the allotments and fields. The Motion carried."*

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes 23/05/1988: *"St Thomas Day Charity, The income from this charity comes from rent of land in Treswell, and is for the needy of Rampton parish. Latterly gifts of money had been distributed on St Thomas Day, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, each year. The list had not changed for many years, and some persons moved away, some had died, some had refused the money. The fund had therefore a balance now invested in a building society."*

Minutes Annual Parish Meeting 21/05/1990: *"Since the previous Annual Parish Meeting, 2 trustees, Cllr Ted Morris and John Walker, have been appointed. The trustees have decided to keep ownership of the Charity's land in Treswell"*

Minutes Annual Parish Meeting 07/05/1991: *"No applications had been received for help from the Eyre St Thomas Day Charity".*

Snippets from On-line books relating to the charities:

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: SEVEN VOLUMES 1828

#### PARISH OF RAMPTON.

##### COLE'S CHARITY.

Rampton.  
Cole's Charity.

*Gervas Cole, by his Will, bearing date 2d February 1708, gave to the poor of the parish of Rampton, a close called Watkin Close, abutting on Moor Close Lane, and a close of pasture then in the occupation of John Kirkman, to hold to them, for ever, the profits thereof, yearly, to be disposed of as follows, viz. that the overseers of the poor should weekly provide one dozen of white bread, and distribute the same every Sunday in the church-porch immediately after divine service, to the poorest inhabitants, who should be at that time at church; but if it should happen that there should be no divine service on such Sunday, the overseers were to dispose of it to the poorest inhabitants, as they should see most convenient.*

*The close abutting on Moor Close Lane contains about an acre, and is in the occupation of Samuel Fisher, as yearly tenant, at a fair annual rent of 2l; the other close mentioned in the will is rather less in quantity, and is in the occupation of Joseph Williamson, as yearly tenant, at a fair annual rent of 1l. 18s. The overseer of the poor of this parish receives these rents, and pays them to a baker, who furnishes 18 penny loaves every Sunday, which are distributed by one of the churchwardens amongst the widows and poorest persons of the parish attending the church-service, no persons absenting themselves therefrom being allowed to share the bread, except in case of illness.*

##### CHARITIES OF THE EYRE FAMILY.

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the Eyre Family.

*By Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing date 17th and 18th January 1734, George Walker, and Elizabeth his wife, in consideration of 110l. 5s. paid by Anthony Eyre, conveyed to William Morland and his heirs, a cottage or tenement, with a close adjoining, situate in Treswell, in the county of Nottingham, then in the occupation of John Temple, at the yearly rent of 4l. 10s. to the intent that a common recovery might be suffered thereof, which it was thereby declared should enure to the use of the said Anthony Eyre, and his heirs, and it appears that a recovery was suffered accordingly.*

*The following account, which was produced to us, intitled "The account of*

of Mr. Thomas Hutton, relating to the money belonging to the poor of Rampton, from several benefactions of Mr. Eyre's family," shows from what sources the purchase-money of the above-mentioned close was derived.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
1726. Received for a legacy devised by Mrs. Elizabeth Eyre, widow - - - - -	50	-	-	Paid Mr. George Walker for the purchase of a cottage and close in Treswell - - -	110	5	-
Ditto for a legacy devised by Joseph Eyre, esq. deceased - -	20	-	-	For the conveyances - - -	1	1	-
Ditto for a legacy by Mrs. Katharine Eyre, his widow - -	10	-	-	For suffering a common recovery of the estate 14 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> ; of which received of George Walker 3 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> ; remains -	11	-	-
Ditto agreed to be paid by her executors - - - - -	2	10	-	For collecting 31 <i>l.</i> interest money, and pains about seeking for purchases - - -	1	11	6
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Received of Francis Brown for 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years interest of this money, from 25th March 1727 to 25th September 1731 - - - -	18	11	3				
Received from him for the interest of 100 <i>l.</i> for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, to Lady-day 1734 - - - -	12	10	-				
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£.	113	11	3	£.	123	17	6

It appears that this account was settled in April 1735, and that a balance of 10*l.* 6*s.* was then received by the said Thomas Hutton.

The close at Treswell, conveyed by the deed of 1734, which contains rather more than four acres, is in the occupation of John Popple, as yearly tenant, at a fair rent of 8*l.*, the land-tax being paid by the tenant.

Although a cottage or tenement is mentioned in that deed there has been no cottage on the land for many years.

Mr. George Creswell, as the steward of Anthony Hardolph Eyre, Esq. of Grove, receives the rent and pays it over, together with 2*l.*, as the interest of 50*l.*, given by Diana Eyre, which is in Mr. Eyre's hands, to the Rev. Edmund Wallas, the minister of Rampton, by whom these sums are distributed on St. Thomas's-day, amongst poor widows and others of the parish.

The Returns made to Parliament in 1786 state that Diana Eyre, by her Will, in 1763, gave to the poor of this parish 50*l.*, then vested in the owner of Rampton estate. This estate has for many years been in the family of Eyre, and its possessors have held the money.

## TOWN'S ACRE.

The Parliamentary Returns also state that a person unknown gave to the poor of this parish land vested in the overseers, producing 1*l.* per annum. Town's Acre.

There is an acre of meadow-land in **Rampton Marsh**, the profit of the first grass of which belongs to the poor of **Rampton**, but at Lammas the marsh is thrown open as a common. The grass is sold annually, when ready for cutting, at a parish-meeting, to the highest bidder. The sale produces on an average from 2*l.* to 3*l.* annually; but in the year 1827, in consequence of the scarcity of hay, its amount was 4*l.* 10*s.* The money is paid in the month of January after the sale, and is distributed in the course of the spring in small sums, by the churchwardens and overseers, amongst poor widows, and others of the parish.

## SCHOOL.

The Parliamentary Returns of 1786 state that an unknown person gave for teaching 10 poor children of this parish, land producing 4*l.* per annum. School.

A parcel of land, containing 3½ acres, in **Rampton Marsh**, which is stated to be worth about 30*s.* per annum, is in the occupation of Joseph Twydell, who was appointed schoolmaster by the parishioners of **Rampton**, at a vestry-meeting in May 1825.

There are also three cowgates on **Rampton Common**, which are let by the schoolmaster at a rent of 15*s.* each. The parishioners are possessed of no documents relating to this property.

There is a school-room in the church-yard which is in tolerable repair.

The schoolmaster, in respect of his emoluments, and in pursuance of an agreement made with him at the time of his appointment, instructs 13 poor children of the parish in reading, writing, and arithmetic, who pay only 1*s.* on their admittance, and 1*s.* a year for firing in the school. He has also other scholars.

History, gazetteer, and directory of Nottinghamshire, and the town and ...

By William White 1832

**CHARITIES.**—In 1703, *Gervas Cole* left two closes (now let for £3. 18*s.*) and directed the rents to be distributed in weekly portions of bread every Sunday. In 1734, four acres of land in Treswell was purchased with £110. 5*s.* bequeathed by several of the Eyre family, and is now let for £8, which is paid yearly to the trustee, A. H. Eyre, Esq. who transmits it to the vicar, together with £2, as the interest of £50, left by *Diana Egre* in 1763. This £10 is distributed amongst the poor on **St. Thomas's day**. The **SCHOOL** is endowed with 3½ acres of **Rampton Marsh**, and three cow gates on the common, worth together about £4 per annum, for which the master teaches 13 poor children. The founder is unknown. The profit of the *first grass* of an acre of the Marsh belongs to the poor. The Marsh, after being mown, is thrown open as a common.

Report.—Page.	MS. Page.	Parish, Township, or Chapelry.	Donor, or Title of Charity.	Nature of Income.	Poor generally.	Poor not receiving Parish Relief.	Poor specifically.
					Income.	Income.	Income.
COUNTY OF NOTTINGHAM.					£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
19.—378	86	Rampton . . . .	Cole . . . . .	Ditto . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	3 18 0
			A. Eyre and others . . . . .	Ditto . . . . .	8 0 0	. . . . .	. . . . .
			Town's Acre . . . . .	Ditto . . . . .	3 0 0	. . . . .	. . . . .

Annals of Nottinghamshire: History of the County of Nottingham ..., Volume 3

By Thomas Bailey published 1853

Four and a half acres of land and a cottage in Treswell, were, by indentures of lease and release, conveyed, on the 17th and 18th of January, this year, by George Walker, to William Morland and his heirs, to the intent that a common recovery thereof might be suffered, which it was declared should enure to Anthony Eyre and his heirs, who had paid £110 5s. for the same; being the amount of several small legacies left by members of the Eyre family for the use of the poor of Rampton. This property now lets for £8 a year, which, together with £2, the interest of £50 left by Diana Eyre in 1763, is regularly distributed by the vicar to poor widows of the parish, on St. Thomas's-day.

Nottinghamshire. History, directory and gazetteer of the county, and of the ...

By White Francis and co published 1864

**CHARITIES.**—*Town Acre*, an unknown person gave to the poor, land vested in the overseers, that is the churchwardens (who were the overseers of the poor), producing £1 per annum. There is an acre of meadow land in Rampton Marsh, the profits of the first grass of which, belong to the poor: but at Lammas the marsh is thrown open as a common. Since the enclosure, the above is reduced to half an acre, which is annually let on Easter Monday, at a vestry meeting, to the highest bidder, the proceeds are disbursed by the vicar and churchwardens among the needy poor. Anthony Eyre, Esq., in the year 1734, gave £110 5s. for the purchase of rather more than four acres, and is let for £8 per annum. There have been no cottages on the land for

many years. The agent of the lord of the manor receives the rent, and pays it over, with £2, the interest of £50 left by Diana Eyre, in 1762, and vested in the owner of Rampton Estate, to the vicar, who distributes it amongst the poor on **St. Thomas' Day**. Gervas Cole by will, dated 2nd February, 1703, gave a close called Watkin's Close, abutting on Moor Close, and a close of pasture, to be distributed in bread on every Sunday to the poor, who must attend church service to receive it. There is also a close of land in the marsh, containing six acres more or less, vested in the **Rampton** Estate, and the vicar of the parish, the rent of which is paid to a schoolmaster for the free education of ten boys, the ten boys being appointed annually on Easter Monday, by the lady of the manor, the vicar, and the churchwardens for the time being. Their education to comprise the first four rules of arithmetic, reading and writing, and the principles of the Established Church.