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ENDOWED CHARITIES (COUNTY OF DEVON).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 26 July 1905;—for,

RETURN “comprising (1) THE REPORTS made to the Charity Commissioners, in the result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of Devon into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837”; and

“(2) A DIGEST showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish.”

Parish of DOLTON.

Charity Commission, }
October 1912. }

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COUNTY of DEVON.

Dolton.

Parish of DOLTON.

I.
Date of
Inquiry.

I. The Inquiry in this Parish was held on the 17th May 1912.

II.
Report of
1824.

II. The following is the Report on this Parish, dated 24th January 1824, of the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of the Acts 58 Geo. III, c. 91, and 59 Geo. III, c. 81, to inquire concerning Charities in England and Wales (Vol. 11, page 162). This Report is hereinafter referred to as the Report of 1824.

Dolton.

PARISH OF DOLTON.

POOR'S MONEY [see p. 3].

Poor's
Money.

It is stated in the Returns made to Parliament in 1786, that there was at that time in the hands of the minister and churchwardens of this parish, 24*l.* 10*s.* producing 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* annual interest, which was distributed amongst labourers not receiving parish relief; but that it was unknown by whom the principal sum had been given. It appears to have been customary to place this sum in the hands of the churchwarden and the two overseers of the parish for the time being, in equal portions of 6*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; and we find entries in the parish account book, as far back as 1750, of such an appropriation of the money at interest; but in 1815 the principal sum was laid out, together with 15*l.* 10*s.* paid out of the poor's rates, in the purchase of a term of 2,000 years in three dwelling-houses and a court-yard, situate in the parish of Dolton, and now used as the houses for the reception of the poor.

The sum of 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* is annually paid out of the poor's rates, in respect of the above-mentioned sum of 24*l.* 10*s.* and is distributed after morning service on the Sunday after Midsummer-day, among such of the poor labouring men of the parish as do not receive regular parochial relief.

It is not stated in the purchase deed of the poor-houses, that the said sum of 24*l.* 10*s.* formed part of the consideration money given for them; but it is considered in the parish that they are a security for that sum.

JENN'S GIFT [see p. 3].

Jenn's Gift.

By indenture, bearing date 31st December 1809, between *Grace Jenn* of the one part, and the Rev. William Carslake, rector of Dolton, John Hooper, churchwarden, and John Shute and John Stanbury, overseers of the poor of the same parish, of the other part; reciting, that the said *Grace Jenn*, being charitably disposed, had paid into the hands of the said parties of the second part, the sum of 100*l.* upon the trusts thereafter expressed; it was declared by all the said parties, and the said *Grace Jenn* directed, that the said parties of the second part should stand possessed of the said sum upon trust, to invest the same at interest in any of the stocks of Great Britain, or on real security, and should yearly, on 11th January, distribute the dividends thereof amongst the poor and necessitous parishioners of Dolton, in such shares, and to such of them as the rector, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor of the said parish for the time being, in their discretion should think fit.

This sum of 100*l.* was laid out in 1810, in the purchase of 117*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* stock in the 4 per cents, in the names of the Rev. William Carslake, John Arnold and John Cooper, and the dividends thereof, amounting to 4*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* per annum, are received by Mr. Carslake, and distributed on 11th January, annually, amongst all the poor persons of the parish, without reference to their receiving relief or not.

Miss Jenn is still living, and has been accustomed to add a small sum to the dividend, in order to make it up 5*l.*

III. The following is the description of the Charities of this Parish contained in the General Digest, 1865-7 :—

Dolton.

III.
General
Digest,
1865-7.

Locality and Designation of Charity.	Endowments.			Total Gross Income.	Total Former Income.	Objects of Foundation, or Purposes to which the Income is applicable. Distribution of Money.	Observations.					
	Personalty.											
	Stock.	Securities and other Personalty.	Dividends and Interest.									
Dolton.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Poor's Money - - -	—	Par.	24	10	0	1	4	6	1	4	6	Principal laid out in part purchase of poor house. Stock in name of Offi- cial Trustees.
Jenn - - - - N.	117	19	10	—	—	3	10	9	3	10	9	
									4	15	3	
									4	15	3	

N. = New 3l. per Cents.

Par. = Parochial.

IV. There are references to this Parish in the Charity Commissioners' Register of Unreported Charities, the substance of which is embodied in the following Report.

IV.
Register of
Unreported
Charities.

V. The ancient parish of Dolton is identical in area with the civil parish. The population (1901) is 621.

V.
Constitution
and Popula-
tion of
Parish.

VI. The Inquiry was held in the School, Dolton, and was attended by the Rev. J. Pattisson, rector, Mr. S. Hutchings, overseer, Mr. T. Dillin, assistant overseer, Mr. James Lyne, Mr. W. Piper and Mr. J. Evans.

VI.
Report of
Assistant
Commis-
sioner.

Poor's Money or Stock Money (see page 2).

The administering trustees of this Charity are three persons appointed by the parish council in place of the churchwardens and overseers, now Messrs. F. Holwill, T. Darch and J. Folland.

Poor's
Money or
Stock
Money.

The fund consists of the sum of 26l. 13s. 2d. Consols in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, which was purchased 7th April 1864 with the original fund of 24l. 10s. previously held by the minister and churchwardens; and the dividends, 13s. 4d., are remitted to the account of the rector and churchwardens of Dolton at the National Provincial Bank, Torrington.

Grace Jenn's Charity (see page 2).

The administering trustees are the rector for the time being and three persons appointed by the parish council in place of the churchwardens and overseers, who are at present the same persons as act in a like capacity for the Poor's Money.

Grace Jenn's
Charity.

The endowment still consists of the sum of 117l. 19s. 10d. Consols in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, to whom it was transferred in October 1859; and the dividends, 2l. 19s., are remitted to the account of the Charity at the National Provincial Bank, Torrington.

Elizabeth Owen's Charity.

Elizabeth Owen, spinster, by her will dated 26th October 1867, proved in the District Registry at Exeter, 31st December 1867, gave the sum of 100l. so that the same should from time to time be invested and managed to the best advantage and the interest thereof be distributed yearly at Christmas in every year by the clergyman and churchwardens for the time being of the said parish of Dolton, at their discretion

Elizabeth
Owen's
Charity.

Dolton.
Elizabeth
Owen's
Charity—
continued.

and in such manner as they should think best, to and among the deserving poor labourers for the time being of the said parish of Dolton.

The rector and two trustees appointed by the parish council in place of the churchwardens, now Messrs. F. Holwill and J. Folland, administer the Charity.

The endowment now consists of the sum of 40*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* Bank of England Stock, which was transferred to the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds 15th February 1870; and the dividends, which are variable (3*l.* 18*s.* for 1911), are remitted to the account of the rector and churchwardens at the National Provincial Bank, Torrington.

William Owen Cooke's Charity.

William
Owen
Cooke's
Charity.

William Owen Cooke, by a codicil, dated 20th November 1879, to his will, dated 27th December 1877, and proved at Exeter 4th December 1882, gave on the death of himself and his wife to the rector and churchwardens for the time being of the parish of Dolton a sufficient sum to purchase and to be invested by them in 100*l.* 3*l.* per cent. Consolidated Stock free of duty, to be held by them upon trust to distribute the annual income in coals every year at or before Christmas, amongst such of the poor of the said parish as should have attained the age of 65 years, as they, or the majority of them, should consider proper and the most deserving persons to receive the same.

The widow of the testator died 23rd December 1886.

X The rector and churchwardens administer the Charity.

The 100*l.* Consols is now held by the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, to whom it was transferred 28th March 1887, and the dividends. 2*l.* 10*s.*, are remitted to the account of the rector and churchwardens of Dolton, at the National Provincial Bank, Torrington.

For purposes of convenience the trustees of these different charities meet together and decide on a joint application of the various funds, which is made in the form of a distribution of coal for Cooke's Charity and of money in respect of the other charities. On the last occasion 34 cwts. of coal were distributed to 17 recipients over 65 years of age; 3*l.* was distributed equally among 20 old persons (over 65), and 4*l.* among labourers in sums of 2*s.* 6*d.* each. At the Inquiry the view was expressed that a distinction should be made between agricultural labourers, on the one hand, and gardeners and others receiving higher weekly wages, on the other.

Miss Ann Wadland's Charity.

Miss Ann,
Wadland's
Charity.

By will dated 4th January 1898 and proved 9th February following in the Principal Registry, Miss Ann Wadland left her house in which she resided to the rector of Dolton and his successors, in trust, to pay the rents thereof, to the use of the National School in the parish of Dolton, so long as it continued to be a National School, and afterwards in trust for expenses connected with the Sunday School, and the accounts to be annually audited by the churchwardens; and she bequeathed all the books in the bookcase in the kitchen, also the bookcase in the kitchen and all the other books which had usually been let out to the rector of Dowland and his successors in trust for a parish library, and requested that her cousin, Mary Ann Johnson, be allowed to reside in the house for the space of one year from the date of the testatrix's decease rent free.

By an Order of 7th October 1893, the Charity Commissioners, in pursuance of the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1891, section 5, extended the time for sale of the property. The sale was afterwards effected, and the fund now consists of 191*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* Midland Railway Company 2½ per cent. Debenture Stock, registered in the name of the Rev. Henry Kilburn Law of Dolton, 22nd February 1910. The dividends are paid to an account of the Charity at Lloyd's Bank, Limited, Torrington, and are applied by the rector for repairs and expenses of the school.

The books are kept in the school and are let out as a parish library.

Dolton School.

Dolton
School.

By deed of 19th July 1815 made between John Cleveland, of Tapley, within the parish of Westleigh, Devon, of the one part, and John Hooper and Thomas Webber, churchwardens, and William Friend and Sarah Wadland, overseers of the poor of the parish of Dolton, of the other part, in consideration of 40*l.* there was demised and leased to the parties of the second part and their successors in office for the time being, the Poor Houses, comprising three dwelling-houses and courtyard in front,

containing 63 feet from north to south, and 40 feet from east to west, situate adjoining the church lane in Dolton town within the manor and parish of Dolton, excepting and reserving out of the said demise to the said John Cleveland, his heirs and assigns, all manner of manorial rights in, over, and belonging to the said premises, to have and to hold the premises unto the parties of the second part, and their successors in office for the time being for the term of 2,000 years, at the yearly rent of a peppercorn if lawfully demanded, and also doing suit and service to and at the courts of the said John Cleveland, his heirs and assigns, to be holden and kept for and within the manor of Dolton as other the tenants of the said manor did, ought, or had been accustomed to do and perform.

Dolton.
Dolton
School—
continued.

By deed of 21st November 1854, enrolled 26th January 1855, and made between the guardians of the poor of the Torrington Union, which comprised the parish of Dolton of the first part, Thomas Owen of the second part, and the Rev. William Karslake, rector of the parish of Dolton, of the third part, under the authority of the Schools Sites Act, 5 Victoria, with the consent of the Poor Law Board, and with the consent of the majority of the ratepayers and owners of property in the said parish assembled at a meeting duly convened, and reciting the deed of lease of 19th July 1815, and deeds of lease and release of 29th and 30th August 1817, whereby all waste ground (not already sold or conveyed to any purchaser) belonging to the manor of Dolton, and also (among other rents) a certain rent of 2s. 4d. issuing yearly out of the poor houses of Dolton, with all rights and privileges (manorial or otherwise) incident thereto had been granted by Augustus Saltren Willett, heir-at-law, and devisee named in the last will of the said John Cleveland to the said Thomas Owen, his heirs and assigns, and that the said William Karslake, together with certain other persons, parishioners of Dolton, had lately built a schoolhouse and offices on the premises thereafter described, being part of the premises comprised in the term of 2,000 years created by the deed of 19th July 1815; it was witnessed that the said guardians and the said Thomas Owen freely and voluntarily, and without valuable consideration, granted to the said William Karslake that part of the poor houses of the parish of Dolton which had recently been converted into a schoolhouse and offices, and whereon a schoolhouse and offices had been recently built, situate in the parish and manor of Dolton, being in length in front 47 feet, and at the back 48 feet, and in depth 43 feet, and bounded on the east by the church path, on the south by Mr. Judd's garden, on the west by Mr. Philip Friend's garden, and on the north by other part of the poor houses, the part of the poor houses intended to be comprised in those presents being more particularly delineated and coloured red in the plan thereof in the margin of those presents, and all the right, title and interest of the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Dolton as such, to hold to the said William Karslake and his successors, rectors of the parish of Dolton, for the residue of the term of 2,000 years for the purposes of the said Act, and upon trust for a school for the education of children and adults, or children only of the labouring, manufacturing and other poorer classes in the said parish, and for no other purpose whatsoever, such school to be in union with, and conducted upon, the principles and in furtherance of the ends and designs of the National Society, and to be open to the inspection of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, and to be under the management and control in manner and on the principles aforesaid of the ministers, churchwardens and overseers of the poor for the time being of the said parish, and of George Owen, William Risdon, and George Arnold the younger, all of the parish of Dolton, with a provision that it should be lawful for the managers for the time being of the school, at a meeting of managers to be summoned or called by a notice for the purpose, to elect from time to time any other fit persons, being members of the Established Church of England, to be managers of the school in the place of any of the non-official managers thereinbefore mentioned dying or desiring to be discharged from, or becoming incapable to act in the trusts.

This building is used for the public elementary school of the parish.

12th June 1912.

GEORGE G. PHILLIMORE,
Assistant Commissioner.

TABULAR SUMMARY.

PARISH, TOWNSHIP, OR CHAPELRY. Donor or Title of Charity.	Endowments.				Total Gross Income.	Objects of Foundation, or Purposes to which the Income is applicable.			Observations.
	Real Estate and its Income.		Personalty and its Income.			Education.	Distribution to the Poor.		
	Houses and Lands. Acreage of Lands.	Gross Rent thereof.	Stock.	Dividends and Interest.			In Money	In Kind.	
Dolton.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Poor's Money or Stock Money	-	-	C. 26 13 2	O.T. - 13 4	- 13 4	-	- 13 4	-	
Jenn, Grace -	-	-	C. 117 19 10	O.T. 2 19 -	2 19 -	-	2 19 -	-	
Owen, Elizabeth -	-	-	B.S. 40 17 3	O.T. 3 18 - (in 1911)	3 18 -	-	3 18 -	-	
Cooke, William Owen -	-	-	C. 100 - -	O.T. 2 10 -	2 10 -	-	-	2 10 -	
Wadland, Ann -	-	Midland Railway Com- pany 2½ per Cent. Debenture Stock.	- 191 11 4	- 4 15 8	4 15 8	4 15 8	-	-	Also bequest of books for a parish library.
Dolton School -	-	Building and site.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Deeds, 1815 and 1854.
					14 16 -	4 15 8	7 10 4	2 10 -	

C. = Consols.

B.S. = Bank of England Stock.

The letters "O.T." denote that the Stock is held by the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds.