

Charities providing pensions

Introduction

LMA holds the records of a range of organisations who provided charitable pensions prior to the widespread availability of retirement benefits from companies or the state.

There are also records relating to charities providing pensions in the following entries in other sections of this guide (sections given in brackets):

- Aged Poor Society (Almshouses section)
- Christ's Hospital: David Smith and Embroider's Almshouses (Almshouses section)
- Staines Rural and Urban Districts: Almshouse Charity of Mary Ann Pearce (Almshouses section)

AGED PILGRIMS' FRIEND SOCIETY (LMA/4227)

The Aged Pilgrims' Friend Society was founded in 1807, providing pensions and almshouses for elderly Christians. A residential care home was opened in Hornsey Rise in 1871. By 1928 the charity had homes at Camberwell, Stamford Hill, Brighton, and Gerrards Cross. The Society is now known as the Pilgrims' Friend Society and continues to manage residential care homes and sheltered accommodation across England.

Records include papers relating to a proposed new asylum at Hornsey Rise and annual reports	1868-1869, 1925-1928	Whole collection
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BETHNAL GREEN POOR LANDS TRUST CHARITY (A/PLC)

The Bethnal Green Poor Lands Trust Charity dates back to 1678, with the profits made from the lease of three closes of land owned by the charity used to distribute half a ton of coal and pensions of ten shillings to the poor at Christmas. Poor Lands' pensioners were not necessarily elderly, although the majority of entries in the pensions list are for people over 60. The Poor Lands' pensioners appear to have been elected.

List of pensioners. Annual list of 100 (number increases at the end of the nineteenth century) pensioners, with record of name, address and, from 1852, age of pensioner. Occasionally death of recipient or other information about changes to the recipient's circumstances are recorded in the register	21 Dec 1836 - 21 Dec 1881	A/PLC/07/001
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BOOT TRADE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (CLC/116)

The Master Boot and Shoemakers' Provident and Benevolent Institution was founded on 17 May 1836 at a meeting held in the West End by six master bootmakers. In September 1836, a set of rules was confirmed. The institution was formed for the provision of an asylum at Mortlake for aged and infirm persons who had been engaged in the boot and shoe trades, and their widows. It also proposed to grant relief in the form of annuities. In 1864 the Master Boot and Shoemakers' Provident and Benevolent Institution acquired the funds of the Journeymen Boot and Shoemakers' Pension Society, which had been established in 1850.

BOOT TRADE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (continued)

Management and executive committee minutes (1853-1959); ledgers, cash books, donation and subscription accounts (1836-1977); record of payment of annuities and children's allowances including names of recipients (1922-1928); and news cutting books (1932-7)	1836 - 1977	Whole collection
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BUTCHERS' CHARITABLE INSTITUTION (CLC/117)

Register of pensioners with amounts of pensions paid and addresses, and pensioners ledger sheets	1976 - 1987, 1987 - 1992	CLC/117/MS36650, CLC/117/MS36651
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' BENEVOLENT FUND (CLC/118)

The Chartered Accountants' Benevolent Association was founded in 1886 and provided pensions, temporary assistance and funeral expenses for members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales or the former Society of Incorporated Accountants and their dependents.

Records of the Chartered Accountants' Benevolent Association comprising: minutes, 1886-1975 (Ms 31824); ledgers, cash books and journals, 1886-1984 (Ms 31825-9); and minute book of the Chartered Accountants' Charities Limited, 1955-64 (Ms 31830)	1863 - 1984	Whole collection
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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL (CLC/210)

Christ's Hospital was originally a Franciscan monastery in Farringdon. The monastery was suppressed during the dissolution of the monasteries in 1538 and granted to the Lord Mayor and citizens of London. The monastery was then converted into an orphanage and school for poor children, and opened in 1552. One of the branches of the school at Hertford became a girls' school and preparatory school for boys in 1778. The Royal Mathematical School, founded in 1673, was an integral part of Christ's Hospital. Christ's Hospital and the boys' preparatory school moved from the City of London to Horsham in 1902. The girls' school moved to Horsham in 1985.

Christ's Hospital also operated the following trusts which provided charitable pensions:

- **West's Charity:** Established with income from property in Broad Street, the charity granted pensions of £5 per year for poor men and women over the age of 50. West's relatives were to be selected first for the pensions, and a quarter of the pensions were allocated to members or the widows of members of the Clothworkers' Company.
- **Mrs Sarah Bowerman's Charity:** 1727 Mrs Bowerman bequeathed conveyed land in Lincoln to the governors of the Hospital, who were to apply the funds from the rents of the land towards the relief of honest reduced and distressed widows. Beneficiaries received £6 per annum from the charity in the late eighteenth century.

Volume two of the Court Minute Books Includes at front, rough record of payments to pensioners 1562-3	1562-1592	CLC/210/B/001/MS12806/002
Cash book (includes Ramsey's pensioners, Bowermen's pensioners and Millington's almsmen)	1891-1903	CLC/210/C/024/MS22529

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL (continued)

Register of people receiving pensions The volume contains lists of recipients of pensions from the gifts of Dame Mary Ramsey (old soldiers 1831-1907, and widows 1832-1908), Thomas Barnes (poor old men and widows 1831-1906), Susannah Neiman (widows or spinsters 1825-1907), Thomas Stretchley (clergymen 1866-1908, and clergymen's widows 1867-1906). It gives names, addresses, dates elected and occasionally dates of death. It also contains a list of poor widows residing in St. Peter's Hill almshouses (1832-90)	1825 - 1908	CLC/210/G/A/062/MS22640
West's Charity: minute books of court and committee meetings; legal and administrative papers; financial records including account books, ledgers and cash books; and deeds and other property papers for the charity		CLC/210/G/BWD/001-045 (part of series: items of particular significance to pensions are highlighted below)
Old governing body cash book , includes West's pensioners and hospital account	1909-1918	CLC/210/C/023/MS22528/003
West's Charity: Abstract from the accounts showing the net annual income from the pensioners' estate.	1839	CLC/210/G/BWD/001B/MS13933 A
West's Charity: Two receipt and payment ledgers (include payments to pensioners to 1897)	1852-1874, 1875-1898	CLC/210/G/BWD/008/MS12839/001 and CLC/210/G/BWD/008/MS12839/002
West's Charity: Register of payments to pensioners	1887-1898	CLC/210/G/BWD/009/MS12840
West's Charity: Account of cash received and paid in respect of the pensioners' charity	1891-1909	CLC/210/G/BWD/010/MS12840A
West's Charity: property deeds with trust deed of 1710 establishing the charity for pensioners arising from the Broad Street property, and copy made c.1730	1639 - 1705, 1710, [1730?]	CLC/210/G/BWD/015/MS13939
West's Charity: Two bundles of papers concerning the eligibility of children for entry into Christ's Hospital and the acceptance of pensioners	1874-1877, 1863-1884	CLC/210/G/BWD/044/MS13957/001 and CLC/210/G/BWD/044/MS13957/002
Mrs Sarah Bowerman's Charity: extract from court and committee minutes regarding the administration of the charity, account book and deeds		CLC/210/G/BBO/001-015 (part of a series: items of particular significance to pensions are highlighted below)
Mrs Sarah Bowerman's Charity: Alphabetical index to beneficiaries	[1700-1749]	CLC/210/G/BBO/009/MS12944
Mrs Sarah Bowerman's Charity: Record of payments to pensioners, including an alphabetical list of pensioners with their addresses	1870 - 1898	CLC/210/G/BBO/010/MS12944A
Mrs Sarah Bowerman's Charity: Alphabetical list of pensioners	1880 - 1899	CLC/210/G/BBO/011/MS12944B

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL (continued)

Mrs Sarah Bowerman's Charity: Observations on the charity with a statement of the charity's income and expenditure and two printed lists of applicants for relief	1864 and 1866	CLC/210/G/BBO/012/MS12945
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Please note that there are other records relating to Ramsey and Millington charities in the Christ's Hospital collection, mainly relating to property: see CLC/210/G/BRB and CLC/210/G/BMF. For additional property records relating to Ramsey, Barnes and Stretchley Gift's see CLC/210/G/BRB, CLC/210/G/BBG and CLC/210/G/BSK.

See also: Almshouses, Occupational pensions.

CITY PAROCHIAL FOUNDATION (CLC/119)

The City Parochial Foundation was established in 1891 to administer the charitable endowments of 107 of the parishes of the City of London (five large parishes continued to perform their own charitable works). The Foundation inherited a number of valuable estates inside, and outside, the City of London, which enabled it to acquire funds for a number of projects, as empowered by the 1883 'City of London Parochial Charities Act'.

The work of putting the Act into effect fell to the Charity Commission. It devised a Central Scheme, approved by 1891, which amalgamated the funds of charities governed by the Act into the Central Fund for non-ecclesiastical charities and the City Church Fund for the remainder. Together these two funds constituted the City Parochial Foundation. The Foundation was governed by trustees known collectively as the Central Governing Body, supported by a number of committees.

The Central Scheme ordered that the Foundation should have a Pensions Committee to administer the pensions provided by the Foundation.¹ The committee was made up of the nominees of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, Cripplegate Foundation and Bishopsgate Foundation. The Charity Commissioners had reduced the number of pensions being provided by the Foundation and implemented a cap of £500. Drawing on the recommendations of the 1895 Royal Commission on the Aged Poor and the annual report of Charity Commissioners, the Pensions Committee argued for an increase in the number of pensions provided, and the Central Scheme was amended in 1897. Recipients had to be deserving poor persons over the age of 60 (unless disabled by accident, infirmity or sickness) who had lived or worked in London for at least five years and had not been in receipt of poor relief for five years: they would be expected to be of good character, with clean homes and to have demonstrated evidence of thrift. They would be provided with pensions of between 5 and 10 shillings a week.

Pensioners were selected by the district committees of the Charity Organisation Society (COS). Adverts resulted in 876 applicants, of whom a quarter were investigated by the COS committees and 170 selected. The operation of the Foundation's pensions was looked at by the Royal Commission of the Poor Laws, and the Pensions Committee admitted that character traits were a key factor in selecting the pensioner, including the cleanliness of the home. Initially trustees had to re-advertise for new applicants every 3 years, until they were allowed to fill the vacancies as they occurred. Annually the Foundation spent around £5000 on these pensions.

¹ All information from this point in the introduction onwards is from V. Belcher *City Parochial Foundation 1891-1991*, pp. 156 – 163.

When the state pension came into force the Foundation's pension schemes were reassessed: the Pension Committee decided that the state pension was inadequate by itself and therefore the Foundation would continue to provide pensions to supplement it. By 1934 there were only 3 Foundation pensioners remaining.

Against the backdrop of the depression and the piecemeal pension provision of the state, the Charity Commissioners drew up a new scheme in 1935, under the same terms as the 1897 scheme but with a maximum of 25s per week. The first advertisement led to 1500 applicants with 74 pensioners selected by two investigators and an additional 255 selected the following year. With the new Pensions Act of 1940, most of the Foundation's pensions did not need to be renewed and only 28 remained. The Pensions Committee was amalgamated with the Finance and General Purposes Committee in 1986.

Five signed minute books of the Central Governing Body: Pensions Committee	1891 - 1952, 1891-1907, 1907-1914, 1915-1924, 1925-1936, 1936-1952	CLC/119/MS08969 (5 items in subseries)
Central Governing Body: Special Pensions Committee signed minute book	1900 - 1935	CLC/119/MS08970
Register of applications for pensions under clause 41 to the Central Scheme (City cases)	1916 - 1946.	CLC/119/MS10901
Records of six FWA areas in London and their predecessor district committees of the Charity Organisation Society which administered the pension schemes of the City Parochial Foundation.		A/FWA/GL, A/FWA/HF, A/FWA/KW, A/FWA/LS, A/FWA/TH, A/FWA/WA

Please note: Additional records relating to the City Parochial Foundation are included in the Family Welfare Association/Charity Organisation Society collection, as the Charity Organisation Society's district commissioners administered the Foundation.

CORN EXCHANGE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (CLC/134)

The Corn Exchange Benevolent Society was established in 1862 to relieve need, hardship or distress amongst those who were or had been engaged in the corn or grain trades.

Record of pensioners from 1864, compiled c. 1935 and revised to 1953	1935 - 1953	CLC/134/MS30564
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CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE (CLC/526)

In addition to its role as pilotage and lighthouse authority, Trinity House operates as a charitable organisation for the relief of mariners, and in this role provided pensions for retired seamen. In 1815, for example, it supported 7012 out-pensioners and 144 almspeople. Until 1854, the Corporation was able to extend assistance to mariners and their families throughout the UK (independent of any previous connection with Trinity House) because some of the large income from light dues was channelled to charitable purposes. The Corporation also raised money from estates left by elder brethren and other benefactors.

To receive a Trinity House pension or enter an almshouse, it was necessary to apply to the Corporation with full particulars of his or her circumstances. These forms of application were known as "Petitions". Printed forms were used and had to be accompanied by testimonials of sea service,

good character and poverty, as well as marriage and baptism certificates, where appropriate. These accompanying papers do not always survive. Successful Petitions were endorsed with a sum of money (e.g. 4s 6d) and a date which signified that the petitioner was granted that sum monthly from the date stated. At some point in the 18th century Petitions had been registered, given a serial letter A and numbered from 1 to 10,000. They were entered into Pension Pay Books where rates of pay etc. were recorded. No Petitions have survived from Series A, and the Pay Books (from 1775, containing details of petitioners from A2547 on) were destroyed in 1940. All the Petitions until B4001, registered on 19 July 1787, have also disappeared. (A few survive from 1784-6 which were only registered in 1787 or later years.)

The Petitions were originally filed in yearly bundles in numerical order. In 1934 they were given by the Corporation of Trinity House to the Society of Genealogists where they were opened out, placed in rough alphabetical order and bound into 102 volumes (CLC/526/MS30218A/001-102, covering the years 1784-1854). For some unknown reason, a group of Petitions was put to one side at the Society and not found until 1970 when they were also bound into eleven volumes (CLC/526/MS30218B/001-011, covering the years 1786-1854). The Society of Genealogists calendared and indexed the Petitions, retaining the rough alphabetical order.

The calendar also includes a group of miscellaneous papers, consisting mainly of baptism and marriage certificates which seem to relate to pension and almshouse applications made to the Corporation of Trinity House between about 1790 and 1890 (CLC/526/MS30218C/001-002). These papers seem to have been removed from files relating to pension and almshouse applications made between 1790 and 1890. The great majority relate to applications made in the period 1830-80, with 30% made in the 1870s, though the certificates themselves go back to the middle of the eighteenth century. In some cases the petitions and related documents have survived and are attached. In others it is clear that only a fraction of the formerly existing records has been retained. It is not known why this particular selection has survived. Some of the earlier papers do tie up with petitions in the main and second series.

LMA Information Leaflet number 51 gives more information about the records held in the Corporation of Trinity House collection.²

Rental of Corporation of Trinity House pension and corporate estates with a list of investments and lists of books, paintings and silver sent for safe storage	1939	CLC/526/MS30215
Pension committee agendas	1823 - 1980	CLC/526/MS30216 (54 items)
Registers of Corporation of Trinity House almspeople and annuitants, giving date admitted, name, age and reason for assistance	1729 - 1868 1894 - 1995	CLC/526/MS30218/001-008
Trinity House Petitions Please note that both series of petitions are indexed in a volume "Trinity House Petitions" on the open shelves in the Information Area at LMA	1784 - 1854 1786 - 1854	CLC/526/MS30218A (102 items) CLC/526/MS30218B (11 items)
Miscellaneous almshouse and pension papers	1790 - 1890	CLC/526/MS30218C/001 and CLC/526/MS30218C/002

² <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visiting-the-city/archives-and-city-history/london-metropolitan-archives/Documents/visitor-information/51%20Records%20of%20the%20Corporation%20of%20Trinity%20House.pdf>

CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE (continued)

Registers of people applying to be registered as a Corporation of Trinity House pensioner.	1850 - 1852	CLC/526/MS30220 (2 items)
Registers of grants to annuitants: annual registers amounts given to seamen, pilots and their widows and children	1963 - 1994	CLC/526/MS30220A/001-002
Pension committee journal: shows moneys coming in from estates and going out to annuitants, almspeople and charities	1940 - 1970	CLC/526/MS30225
Pensions, estates and charities ledger. Includes pension account, accounts of bequests contributing to pensions, and accounts of Corporation of Trinity House staff pension scheme	1957 - 1979	CLC/526/MS30227
Rentals ledger - pension and corporate estates. Records rental income from property, presumably invested from pension fund accounts	1964 - 1970	CLC/526/MS30228
Pension and Trinity Homes nominal ledger. Includes pension account, accounts of bequests contributing to pensions, investment accounts and what seems to be a record of contributions for nursing staff's pensions	1961 - 1975	CLC/526/MS30230
Elder brethren's pension fund: trust deeds, actuary's reports and correspondence	1908 - 1931 1943 - 1950	CLC/526/MS30236 (2 items)

See also: Almshouses, Occupational pensions, Widows' and Orphans' Funds.

DIOCESE OF LONDON: DR. RICHARDS'S CHARITY FOR THE RELIEF OF SUPERANNUATED AND OF INFIRM CLERGYMEN (DL)

Dr. Richards's Charity for the relief of superannuated and of infirm clergymen was set up in 1850 to provide financial assistance to clergymen who were unable to perform their clerical duties.

Trustees' minute book	1850-1952	DL/A/G/MS31831
Trustees' account book	1850-1942	DL/A/G/MS31832
Papers, including prospectus, blank application form and accompanying letter	1839-1876	DL/A/G/MS31833
Alphabetical register of pensions and grants	1940-1972	DL/A/G/MS31834
Application lists including names and other details of individuals to whom assistance was given	1960-1972	DL/A/G/MS31835
Applications for assistance, including correspondence	1960-1972	DL/A/G/MS31836

See also: Individual pensions, Occupational schemes.

DOCTOR SPURSTOWE'S CHARITY, HACKNEY (ACC/1845)

Shortly before his death in 1666, the Reverend Dr William Spurstowe, Vicar of Hackney, built six almshouses near Church Street, Hackney, for six ancient widows from the parish. This was augmented by further endowments from Henry Spurstowe and Henry Baker. The almshouses and land were transferred to the charity's trustees by a deed of gift in 1667.

A scheme for the management of the charity was made by a decree of the Court of Chancery in 1835 in the case "Attorney General v. Watson and others". Fifteen non-official trustees were named by

the Court and the Rector and churchwardens of the Parish of Hackney were made ex-officio trustees. The scheme laid down the procedures for the future election of trustees and almswomen.

In 1877 the Charity Commissioners approved a new scheme for the administration of the charity, which allowed for the surplus income to be applied to the following objects: out pensions were to be paid to not more than 20 poor ancient widows or unmarried women resident in the Parish of Hackney; pensions were granted to the ten poor widows resident in Bishop Wood's Almshouses; and convalescent treatment was to be provided for poor deserving inhabitants of Hackney.

Spurstowe's Almshouses were demolished in 1966 and replaced by new almshouses situated in Navarino Road, Hackney.

Bishop Wood's Almshouses and Chapel, situated in Clapton Road, were founded by the will of Dr Thomas Wood, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, dated 11 November 1690. In 1906 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme for the Bishop Wood's Almshouses to be administered by the trustees of Dr Spurstowe's Charity. Bishop Wood's Almshouses and Chapel still exist.

Please note that there is also material relating to both these charities in the archive of the parish of Saint John at Hackney, which is included in the list below.

Trustees and Sub-committee's minute books	1832-1928	ACC/1845/001-008
Register of Spurstowe's annuitants and Bishop Wood's almswomen Records name, address, referees, when elected, age and date of decease	Jun 1878 - Jun 1927	ACC/1845/031
Volume containing duplicates of notices of election sent to Spurstowe's out-pensioners	Jun 1878 - Dec 1940	ACC/1845/032
List of addresses of almswomen and out-pensioners who had been evacuated	19-Sep-39	ACC/1845/033
Receipts from Spurstowe's out-pensioners and Bishop Wood's Almswomen	Mar 1938-Dec 1940	P79/JN1/353

EMANUEL HOSPITAL (CLA/071)

Emanuel Hospital was founded in 1600 after a bequest by Lady Anne Dacre who directed her executors to buy land at Tothill Fields, Westminster, and build a hospital or almshouse for 20 poor people and 20 poor children. The hospital would be supported by revenue from Brandesburton manor and estates in Yorkshire. The executors were to appoint the governors of the hospital during their lifetimes, after which the responsibility would fall to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London. The hospital was rebuilt in 1701 and extended in 1728. In 1794 an Act of Parliament was obtained by the Lord Mayor to increase the number of people who could benefit from the hospital.

In 1892 the trustees of Emanuel Hospital sold the building, and subsequently in 1894 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme to use the proceeds of the sale to provide pensions of £25 for 20 men and 20 women, the 'Lady Dacre's pensioners'.³

Applications for Lady Dacre pensions The first set CLA/071/PS/01/001 is successful candidates	nd, c. 1895 - 1930,	CLA/071/PS/01/001, CLA/071/PS/01/006/ A - K
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³ 'Social history: Charities for the poor', *A History of the County of Middlesex: Volume 12: Chelsea* (2004), pp. 195-201, available at <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=28714> [accessed October 2012].

EMANUEL HOSPITAL (continued)

Pensions pay sheets Split into 'ineligible applicants', 'alive', and 'dead or unknown'	c. 1949 - 52, c. 1942 - 53, c. 1943 - 54.	CLA/071/PS/01/002, CLA/071/PS/01/003 and CLA/071/PS/01/004
Lady Dacre pensions register of applicants	1894 - 1986	CLA/071/PS/01/005
Printed list of candidates for pensions	1937	CLA/071/PS/01/007
Applications for admission to pensions	1 Jul 1844 - 22 Sep 1882	CLA/071/PS/01/008
Registers of out-pensioners and children added to the Hospital	5 May 1795 - 29 Sep 1843, 14 May 1844 - 1 Jul 1870	CLA/071/PS/01/010, CLA/071/PS/01/011
Alterations owing to appointments, deaths and removals of In and Out Pensioners	1825 - 1840	CLA/071/PS/01/014
Papers regarding admission of in-pensioners and out-pensioners	1825 - 39	CLA/071/PS/01/015
Occurrence Book, giving lists of men and women in-pensioners (names, age, parish, election, alderman, admitted, remarks); men and women out-pensioners (names, age, parish, election, alderman, & remarks); boys and girls; apprentices; and deaths or expiration of period (name, expiration of period, death, remarks)	1831 - 43	CLA/071/PS/01/016
'Emanuel Hospital Lady Dacre Pensioners Visit Books'. The first volume contains pensioners elected from July 1894-May 1945 to a full pension and to Mar 1944 for minor pensions. The register records: the application number; applicant's name; whether they were from Westminster, Chelsea or Hayes; dates of election and death; address (with later removals, often dated); dates of visit (with annotations regarding periods in hospital, attendance at United Westminster Schools to receive pension etc.) The second volume covers elections from Mar 1944 (minor pensions) or May 1945 (full pensions) to June 1973 and contains similar details. From 1952 typescript lists are pasted in volumes, and give the pensioners age	c. 1894 - 1945 and c. 1944 - 1973	CLA/071/PS/01/017 and CLA/071/PS/01/018
Dacre pensioners and receipts	Jan 1901 - Mar 1908, Jan 1911 - Dec 1920, Jan 1921 - Aug 1930, Jan 1934 - Dec 1937	CLA/071/PS/02/001 - CLA/071/PS/02/004

EMANUEL HOSPITAL (continued)

<p>Lady Dacre pensioners receipt book. Volume contains sheets headed 'Emanuel Hospital Lady Dacre Pensioners' for Jan 1974 - May 1975 (in reverse chronological order). Monthly sheets are arranged alphabetically (men and women separately) for Westminster, Chelsea and Hayes. Information given includes: name, signature for receipt of pension, plus the amount given</p>	<p>1974 - 1975</p>	<p>CLA/071/PS/02/005</p>
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See also: Almshouses, Occupational schemes.

FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION: FORMERLY CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY (A/FWA)

The Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity (known as the Charity Organisation Society) was founded in 1869 as a result of concern that the overlapping work of charities in London was contributing to pauperisation and represented a waste of resources. Its founders sought to promote a more scientific approach to charity based on the principle that relief should only be given after a thorough investigation of the applicant's circumstances and character and that relief should be sufficient to prevent him becoming a pauper. Its objects included promotion of co-operation between charitable agencies and Poor Law authorities. It was later known as the Family Welfare Association (FWA). The collection includes records relating to various charities that operated almshouses and provided pensions.

<p>Ministry of Pensions: memorandum on the scheme of War Service Grants</p>	<p>post 1939</p>	<p>A/FWA/C/D/008/001</p>
<p>Files of correspondence and papers relating to various charities associated with providing pensions or support to in old age, including: the Domestic Servants' Benevolent Institution; Friendly Female Society, later the Friendly Almshouses; Governesses' Benevolent Institution; Royal London Friendly Society later Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Ltd; Universal Beneficent Society; Aged Pilgrims' Friend Society; Protestant Blind Pension Society, later Royal Blind Pension Society; Homes for the Aged Poor, later Harrison Homes; National Benevolent Institution; Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution; Society for the Relief of Distressed Widows; Trained Nurses Annuity Fund; Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society; South London Home for Aged Deserving Poor; National Pension Fund for Nurses, later Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses (includes Junius S. Morgan Benevolent Fund); National Old Age Pension Society, Quarterly Dividends Ltd., and National House Purchase Ltd.; William Whitley's Homes for the Aged Poor. The series A/FWA/C/D may include further material of interest to researchers looking into provision for old age in the past, and includes a series of 'begging letters' from individuals</p>	<p>1873 – 1965</p>	<p>A/FWA/C/D/032, A/FWA/C/D/042, A/FWA/C/D/046, A/FWA/C/D/047, A/FWA/C/D/058/001-003, A/FWA/C/D/075/B/001, A/FWA/C/D/080, A/FWA/C/D/090, A/FWA/C/D/091, A/FWA/C/D/101, A/FWA/C/D/103, A/FWA/C/D/131/001, A/FWA/C/D/136/001, A/FWA/C/D/146/001-002, A/FWA/C/D/172/001-002, A/FWA/C/D/280/001, A/FWA/C/D/291/001</p>

FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION (continued)

City Parochial Foundation (case 21017): correspondence and papers concerning investigation by Charity Organisation Society of applicants for pensions from the City Parochial Foundation	1913 - 1933	A/FWA/C/D/269/001
Aged Poor Society (file no. 418R); correspondence concerning mutual registration of assistance	Aug 1912- Oct 1919	A/FWA/C/E/02/001
'Old Age Pensions. The case against old-age pension schemes. A Collection of short papers' publication	1903	A/FWA/C/H/06/061
Papers relating to the amalgamation of nine charities to form the Family Welfare Association Relief in Need Charity for the Aged (R.I.N.C.A.) with the FWA as trustee, including a copy of the Charity Commission Scheme. Includes papers relating to the News Chronicle Pension Fund and the Ernest Frederick Schiff Pension Trust who were two of the charities included in the amalgamation		A/FWA/C/J/02/001-021 (21 items)
Papers relating to the amalgamation of fifteen charities to form the Family Welfare Association Greater London Relief in Need Charity (L.O.R.I.N.) with the FWA as trustee including a copy of the Charity Commission Scheme. Includes papers relating to the City of London General Pension Society, the Finsbury Pension Fund, the Heaton Pension Fund, the Pritchard Pension Fund and Tower Hamlets Pension Fund		A/FWA/C/J/03/001-019 (19 items)
Records of Overman and De Bosset Pension Charity (administered by the FWA) Records include: Trustees' minute books; registers of almswomen and annuitants; applicants' address book; deed of trust and plan of site of almshouses; statement of objects of the charity and the present state and investment of Trust property; Charity Commissioners' orders and copy of Charity Commission Scheme; correspondence; papers relating to registration as a charity; clerk's correspondence; application form and rules and regulations for pensions	1771 - 1990	A/FWA/C/J/11/001-011

See also: Almshouses, Occupational schemes, entry for the City Parochial Foundation (this section).

FISHMONGERS' AND POULTERERS' INSTITUTION (CLC/006)

The Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Institution provided, and continues to provide, pensions and assistance to people connected with the processing, wholesale and retail onshore fish and poultry trades in reduced circumstances. To this end it maintained almshouses at Wood Green, Middlesex from 1850 until after World War II.

Records include annual reports; Committee minutes; papers relating to property; historical notes; photographs; posters; papers relating to social events; correspondence and financial records	1835 - 1999	Whole collection
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GARDNER'S TRUST FOR THE BLIND (ACC/3006)

Income from the Trust is used to give educational and other grants and pensions, to blind persons of all ages.

Minutes; agendas; annual reports; letter books; correspondence; legacies and bequests; applications for assistance; lists of grants; lists of pensioners; papers relating to scholarships; financial accounts; newspaper cuttings; journals and pamphlets; and photographs.	1876-1992	Whole collection: see below for specific records related to pensions
Edith and Norman Lord pensions: register of applicants	1915-1937	ACC/3006/B/02/001
Ledger and cash book for Edith and Norman Lord pensions	1915 - 1953, 1915 - 1955	ACC/3006/D/04/001, ACC/3006/D/04/002
Two lists of grants. ACC/3006/B/03/001 includes list of persons receiving pensions of 5s a month from the Gardeners Trust through the Christian Blind Relief Society and pensions from the Gardeners Trust through the Blind Female Annuity Society, along with other charitable grants. ACC/3006/B/03/002 includes a list of pensioners (name, no of case, age, almoner's address, pension dates from and ceased and general remarks) receiving £20 per annum from the income of Miss Annie Goff's legacy of £1000 in 1915, the Harper pensioners receiving £26 per annum from a bequest from Miss A.B. Harper in Nov 1929 and the Rashdale Pensioners (women only) receiving £10 per annum, along with other charitable grants	1882-1939	ACC/3006/B/03/001, ACC/3006/B/03/002
Four lists of pensioners	1882-1939	ACC/3006/B/04/001, ACC/3006/B/04/002, ACC/3006/B/04/003, ACC/3006/B/04/004
Beneficiaries: Correspondence - review of pensions (1939) and papers related to pension for Mr and Mrs Standford (1992)	1939-1992	ACC/3006/B/06

HARROW BOROUGH PREDECESSORS: HARROW PENSIONS CHARITIES (LA/HW)

Harrow Pensions Charities was a parish charity which provided one pension annually, with the pensioner selected by election. The charity was supported by (amongst others) the Mercers and Clothworkers companies.

Statements of account with bill advertising election and application forms	1897-1910	LA/HW/320
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See also: Poor Law.

LLOYD'S PATRIOTIC FUND (CLC/120)

In 1803, Lloyd's Patriotic Fund was established at a general meeting of the subscribers of Lloyd's. It was known as the "Patriotic Fund" until the 1850s when the title Lloyd's Patriotic Fund was adopted. The Fund was governed by a Committee, later known as the Trustees, and administered by a Secretary. The Fund has extensive connections with Lloyd's, but is an independent charity.

Its original purpose was to provide relief for men wounded in military action (with both the army and the navy), to support the widows and dependents of men killed, and to grant honorary awards in recognition of bravery. These awards usually took the form of swords or vases, although recipients could choose to accept money instead. A total of 153 swords and 66 vases, many of which survive today, were commissioned by the Fund between 1803 and 1809, when honorary awards ceased.

In addition, the Fund took a keen interest in the education of children of men who had been killed in battle. Financial assistance was provided to a number of educational establishments. Most notably, in 1806, a grant was made to the Royal Naval Asylum (also known as Greenwich Hospital School and the Royal Hospital School), at Greenwich, and later at Holbrook, in Suffolk, which allowed the Trustees to nominate children to attend the school. The Fund's association with the school continues today.

The Fund was closed to new cases from February 1825 as it was considered that the Fund had fulfilled its original purpose. Following military action in 1841, however, the Fund was re-established on a broader basis and cases were once more heard. By 1918, the Fund had expended over £1 million. Lloyd's Patriotic Fund continues to this day to provide financial assistance to former servicemen and women, their widows and dependants.

Minutes of the Trustees	1803 – 1993	CLC/120/MS31590/001-003
Domestic letter book: copy out-letters (1803 – 1812), Foreign letter book - copy out-letters (1803 – 1812) and Foreign and domestic letter books - copy out-letters (1848 – 1870)	1803 – 1870	CLC/120/MS31592 CLC/120/MS31593 CLC/120/MS31594/001-002
Annuitants' ledger, giving brief details of each case and recording half-yearly payments	1838 - 1856	CLC/120/MS31595
South African Fund annuitants' ledger, giving brief details of each case and recording quarterly payments Indexed up to p.56. The Transvaal War Fund, later known as the South African Fund, was a Lord Mayor's appeal launched in 1899 to provide for men wounded in the Boer War. Its administration was taken over by Lloyd's Patriotic Fund and it continued in existence until 1976	1905 - 1937	CLC/120/MS31596
Annual reports and accounts	1915 – 1986	CLC/120/MS35168
List of officers and relatives of officers who received plate or swords (or money in lieu) 1803-9, with a list of the numbers of men wounded or killed 1803-10 taken from the London Gazette	1803 – 1810	CLC/120/MS35169
Printed reports of trustees' meetings, giving full transcripts of letters read at the meetings	1804 - 1808	CLC/120/MS35166/001-005

LONDON AGED CHRISTIAN SOCIETY (A/LAC)

The London Aged Christian Society was founded in 1826 for the permanent relief of the “decidedly Christian poor” of both sexes, aged 60 or over who resided within seven miles of Saint Pauls Cathedral.

Two committees were established, the main (gentlemen's) committee and a ladies' committee. Members of the former were "monthly to visit and relieve the poor pensioners in their own habitations", such members were known as almoners, while members of the ladies' committee visited and interviewed applicants, who, if approved, went on the gentlemen's rotas. The ladies were known as visitors. Subscribers were entitled to recommend pensioners. In 1892 the two committees were amalgamated.

For many years the Society relied on the support of individual contributors but from 1854 to 1888 West Street Episcopal Chapel maintained an association in aid of the Society's funds and in the Society made its first public appeal. The Society welcomed the Old Age Pensions Act in 1909 but maintained its belief that there was still a need for its work. In 1885 the idea of an almshouse was first proposed and the provision and maintenance of almshouses became a large part of the Society's work.

In commemoration of Mr J.T. Morton (a benefactor) the Society provided pensions of £5 per annum, paid in quarterly instalments. These were known as the 'Morton' Pensions. The selection and election of these pensioners was vested in the committee.

<p>Early minutes of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' committees and later joint committee minutes; annual reports; cash books and accounts; correspondence relating to pensions and pensioners, the Charity Commission, fundraising appeals and grants; pensioners' cases; and some historical notes and rules of the Society.</p> <p>Pensioner case records include case files for the Morton Pensions (cases 0140-0316, 1917-1955), a pensioners' register (including Morton Pensioners at back of book) and Almoners Register (A/LAC/08/001-005)</p>	<p>1826-1990</p>	<p>Whole collection</p>
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MARY WESTBY TRUST (ACC/1835)

<p>Mary Westby's Pension Charity: bank book, cheque book stubs and returned cheques; notice from Trustees inviting applications for election of pensioner</p>	<p>1887 - 1894 and 1889</p>	<p>ACC/1835-5 - ACC/1835/030 and ACC/1835/031</p>
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NATIONAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF WATCH AND CLOCK MAKERS (CLC/125)

The society was formed in 1916 by an amalgamation of the Watch and Clock Makers' Benevolent Institution (established 1815); the Watch and Clock Makers' Pension Society (established 1817) and the Clock and Watch Makers' Asylum (of Waterfall Road, New Southgate).

<p>Records of the Society of Clock and Watch Makers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - memoranda, receipts etc. relating to the administration of the Society and payments made from its funds (1767-1791) with accounts of payments made (1846-1857) 	<p>CLC/125/MS21338</p>
<p>Records of the Watch and Clock Makers' Benevolent Institution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - annual reports and accounts (1849 – 1910); - centenary fund receipt book (1915); and - printed form for appealing to the City livery companies for funds (c. 1885) 	<p>CLC/125/MS21339 - CLC/125/MS21341</p>

NATIONAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF WATCH AND CLOCK MAKERS (continued)

<p>Records of the Watch and Clock Makers' Pension Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - annual reports (1869 – 1910); - balance sheets (1911 – 1914); and - ballot paper for election of annuitants, giving name, age, trade and other details of candidates; also contains notice of annual general meeting (1905) 	<p>CLC/125/MS21342 - CLC/125/MS21344</p>
<p>Records of the Clock and Watch Makers' Asylum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - annual reports (1854-1914) and accounts (1853-1914); - auditor's statement of receipts and payments (1859); - committee and general meeting minutes (1874 – 1902); - various papers relating to erection of new building ; - papers relating to various bequests and gifts to the asylum (1896 – 1915); - legal opinion regarding the management of the asylum's funds held in trust (1910); - papers relating to the election of inmates (1853, 1875 – 1876); - poster and ticket for fund-raising dinner (1915); - visitors' book (1878 – 1909); - notice of meeting regarding amalgamation of asylum with Benevolent Institute (1897); and - list of persons interested in attending a general meeting of the clock and watch trade to erect and maintain almshouses (1850s) and subscription list for the Clock and Watch Makers' Asylum (1854) 	<p>CLC/125/MS21345- CLC/125/MS21360, CLC/125/MS29894</p>
<p>Records of the National Benevolent Society Of Watch And Clock Makers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - annual reports and accounts (1915 – 1946); - notice about the formation of the society and an appeal for funds (1917); - house committee minutes (1921 – 1929); - two lists of the endowed houses at New Southgate (1930, nd); - papers relating to fundraising; - series of voting papers for election of individuals to receive pensions (includes name, age, trade and number of years practised, whether they were a subscriber to the Society and for how long, their income, and remarks which typically include marital status, length of widowhood and details of injury or ill-health) (1933-7 and 1939); - cards soliciting votes on behalf of candidates to receive these pensions, addressed to donors and subscribers and including names of sponsors (1916, 1936 – 1939); - certificate of entitlement to a pension, with name, address, date elected, amount (1919); and - annual reports and accounts of other benevolent societies (1891 – 1943) 	<p>CLC/125/MS21361 - CLC/125/MS21373</p>

PARMITER'S FOUNDATION (ACC/1844)

PARMITER'S ALMSHOUSE AND PENSION CHARITY

By his will dated 29 February 1682, Thomas Parmiter, silk merchant of Bethnal Green, directed that, after the death of his wife, his property should be vested in trustees who were to build six almshouses and a free school on the waste of Bethnal Green. Several additional bequests allowed for the erection of the almshouses and school and the first almsmen were admitted in 1722. The original school and almshouses were compulsorily purchased by the Eastern Counties Railway in 1838. A new school and almshouses designed by Sir William Tite were built in Gloucester Street, later renamed Parmiter Street.

In February and March 1913 fresh schemes for Parmiter's Foundation were approved by the Board of Education and the Charity Commission. These split the Foundation into three: the School Branch, the Almshouses and Charities Branch, and the Estates Branch. The trustees of the Estates Branch were representatives of both the other two sections and, as before, two thirds of the income was to be paid to the school and one third to the almshouses and pensioners.

When the school moved to Approach Road in the 1880s, the almshouses in Parmiter Street remained in use. The old school house was converted to an additional almshouse. From the early nineteenth century pensions were given to elderly residents of Bethnal Green as well as to the occupants of the almshouses. At one time only men were admitted to the almshouses and, on the death of their husbands, widows were forced to leave and lost their pensions. To alleviate this hardship Mrs Jemima Thomas left £200 in 1854 to establish a Widows Fund.

The almshouses were destroyed by a V2 bomb in February 1945 and the site was sold to the London County Council in 1959. Pensions continued to be paid, and in 1952, the trustees of Parmiter's Almshouse and Pension Charity were made responsible for administering the Bethnal Green Philanthropic Pension Society (see below).

Two out-pensioners' receipt books	May 1950 - Apr 1951, Dec 1952 - May 1954	ACC/1844/D/12/001 and ACC/1844/D/12/002
Papers concerning entertainments and meals given to almspeople and pensioners to mark the coronation of Edward VII 1902, the coronation of George V 1911, and the silver jubilee of George V 1935; includes copies of invitations and souvenir cards	May 1902 - Jul 1935	ACC/1844/D/13/001-008
Order in Council: Charity Commission Scheme amending schemes governing certain endowed schools with regard to pensions, including Parmiter's School and Almshouse Foundation	4 Nov 1901	ACC/1844/A/01/006
Charity Commission Scheme for Parmiter's Almshouse and Pension Charity	18 Mar 1913	ACC/1844/A/01/008
Register of almspeople and pensioners	Mar 1913 - Feb 1939	ACC/1844/D/07/001
Duplicate notices of election to almshouses and pensions	Sep 1916 - Nov 1945	ACC/1844/D/08/001
In-pensioners' receipt book	Feb 1918 - Oct 1944	ACC/1844/D/09/001

PARMITER'S ALMSHOUSE AND PENSION CHARITY (continued)

In-pensioners' receipt book; most of volume unused	Nov 1944 - Feb 1945	ACC/1844/D/09/002
Duplicate notices of election to pensions	Sep 1916 - Feb 1947	ACC/1844/D/10/001
Admissions signed by out-pensioners on their election	Dec 1907 - May 1944	ACC/1844/D/11/001
Trustee's minutes books, register and finance committee book)	1913-1952	ACC/1844/D-1 (4 items in sub-series)
Ledgers and cash books	1913-1952	ACC/1844/D-2 (6 items in sub-series)

BETHNAL GREEN PHILANTHROPIC PENSION SOCIETY

The Society was founded by subscribers in 1822 to make weekly grants to the elderly. In 1952, the trustees of Parmiter's Almshouse and Pension Charity were made responsible for administering the Society.

Directors' Monthly Meetings minute book. Contains printed lists of candidates for pensions with details of name, address, age, occupation and income, with number of votes cast for each; and papers concerning celebrations of George V's coronation in 1911 and victory and peace in 1919	Jan 1911 - Dec 1922	ACC/1844/E/01/001
Directors' Meetings minute book	Apr 1937 - Dec 1951	ACC/1844/E/01/002
Annual reports including financial statements and lists of subscribers and pensioners, collected by the secretary P Kennedy and bound in a volume; contains 15th, 20th, 30th-37th, 39th-47th, 49th and 51st-52nd annual reports and copy of rules approved 10 Nov 1844	1837 - 1875	ACC/1844/E/02/001
16th annual report for 1837-1838	1838	ACC/1844/E/02/002
Rules and lists of subscribers	1844 - 1929	ACC/1844/E/03 (4 items in one sub-series)
Two cash books, a balance sheet and statement of accounts, and two registers of payment of subscriptions	Jan 1875 - May 1878, Sep 1939 - Jan 1960, 31 Dec 1946, Jan 1921 - Feb 1938 and Mar 1938 - Jan 1949	ACC/1844/E/06/001, ACC/1844/E/06/002, ACC/1844/E/07/001, ACC/1844/E/08/001 and ACC/1844/E/08/002.
Samples of Secretary's stock of blank stationery consisting of cards of appointment, letters to inform successful candidates of their election, forms used by visitors to report on candidates, and return of sums received for cinematograph entertainments	post 1908	ACC/1844/E/11/001-004

BETHNAL GREEN PHILANTHROPIC PENSION SOCIETY (continued)

Four cards of appointment issued to pensioners on their election	1928 - 1944	ACC/1844/E/10/001
Six applications for pensions	Apr 1944 - Mar 1945	ACC/1844/E/10/002
List of pensioners	4 Feb 1952	ACC/1844/E/10/003
Certified copy of rules of Bethnal Green and East London Housing Association Ltd	09-May-05	ACC/1844/E/12/001
Correspondence and papers concerning bequests, appointment of trustees; benevolent society annual returns; Counsel's opinion on rules of the Society; proposed registration as Friendly society; sale of property and war damage; and accounts	1927 - 1953	ACC/1844/E/04/001-010, ACC/1844/E/05/001-005

PARISH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING BY THE TOWER: CITY OF LONDON (P69/ALH1)

Lists of people who have received donations (1866 - 1888) and annuities (1866 - 1901). Gives name of person with signature and amount received. Contains loose receipts	1866 - 1901	P69/ALH1/I/03/002
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PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, CHELSEA (P74/TRI)

Holy Trinity with St. Jude Parochial Relief Association Regulations (including Pension Fund Regulations)	1908	P74/TRI/058
Pension Book, with printed qualifications of Holy Trinity Relief Committee pensions, a list of Extra-Parochial Pensioners, regulations of Pension Fund (1908), a list of monthly pension payments and contributions (1912 - 1916) and other letters	1912-1916	P74/TRI/060

See also: State Pension.

PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW UNDERSHAFT: CITY OF LONDON (P69/AND4)

Index to pensioners, arranged according to charity. Mostly blank	1830-1832	P69/AND4/D/025/MS24409
Trust pension book, listing recipients of pensions	1831-1837	P69/AND4/D/026/MS04125
Lists of pensioners and amounts of money due from parish and trust rentals	1877	P69/AND4/D/027/MS24412
Register of pensioners	1884-1889	P69/AND4/D/028/MS24410

See also: Poor Law.

PARISH OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, MOOR LANE: CITY OF LONDON (P69/BAT2)

Volume five of account books relating to parish charities and poor: Record of weekly payments to pensioners (1863-83)	1860-1892	P69/BAT2/D/002/MS06202/005
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PARISH OF SAINT SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN: CITY OF LONDON (P69/SEP)

The parish of Saint Sepulchre oversaw a number of charities, including:

- United Charities
- John Ashton's Gift: an annuity granted to the poor of the parish of St Sepulchre, payable by the Fishmongers' Company from a bequest from John Ashton in 1433. The age of the recipients of the annuity is unclear.
- James Bull's Charity: In 1735 James Bull assigned to the parish an annuity of £5 for the benefit of 10 poor parishioners, six in the City division and four in the Middlesex division. The age of the recipients of the annuity is unclear.
- Edward Cottle's Charity: In 1658 Edward Cottle, loriner, bequeathed to the parish poor an annuity of £30 issuing from property in Sharps Alley. 15 Cottle's pensioners were paid 10s quarterly. The property itself was bought by the parish as a site on which to erect the parish workhouse. The annuity of £30 continued to be distributed.
- Thomas Kifford's Charity: The charity originally gifted 40s to "twenty of the poorest decayed Housekeepers (not beggars, or such as receive weekly relief from the said Parish)". The Charity Commission scheme of 1884 stipulated that pensioners should be: "poor persons of good character, who shall have resided in the Parish of St. Sepulchre ... for not less than five years ...or who shall at any time for a period of not less than seven continuous years have been employed in the said Parish, who shall not during those periods respectively, have received Poor Law relief, and who from age, ill health, accident or infirmity shall be unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions, with a preference for those persons who, being otherwise qualified as aforesaid, shall have become reduced by misfortune from better circumstances". The 1884 scheme set down that the pensioners would receive a stipend of £15 to £20 per year.

Please note that there are other deeds and other papers relating to Edward Cottle's and Thomas Kifford's charities in the collection not included in this list.

United Charities: volume two of the Trustees' account book (includes some pension accounts, 1930-76)	1927-1976	P69/SEP/D/062/MS36896/002
United Charities: copy applications for pensions	1912 - 47	P69/SEP/D/065/MS36899
United Charities: lists of pension applications and forms. With some supporting papers	1912 - 35	P69/SEP/D/066/MS36900
United Charities: lists of pensioners	1912 - 24	P69/SEP/D/067/MS36901
John Ashton's Gift: correspondence and related papers with the Charity Commission	1897	P69/SEP/D/071/MS36905
James Bull's Charity: correspondence	1892 - 1928	P69/SEP/D/072/MS36906
Edward Cottle's Charity: minute books of the trustees of Edward Cottle's Charity (the Sharps Alley estate) and Charterhouse Lane charity estate	1837-1887	P69/SEP/D/078/MS09092/001-002 (2 items)
Edward Cottle's Charity: minute book of the trustees of the Sharps Alley estate	1887-1930	P69/SEP/D/079/MS09124
Edward Cottle's Charity: trust account book	1906-1930	P69/SEP/D/080/MS36912
Edward Cottle's Charity: papers relating to investments and Charity Commissioners scheme	1863-1910	P69/SEP/D/082/MS36913
Thomas Kifford's Charity: particulars of the charity, including Charity Commissioners schemes. Includes lists of trustees 1701-1863 and 1889-1910	1863-1910	P69/SEP/D/084/MS36916

PARISH OF SAINT SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN: CITY OF LONDON (continued)

Thomas Kifford's Charity. Trustees' combined minute and account book	1700-1829	P69/SEP/D/085/MS09119/001-002, P69/SEP/D/086/MS09121 (3 items)
Thomas Kifford's Charity. Trustees' minute books, 1830-1912; also minutes of the St Sepulchre (Middlesex) United Charities, 1912-61	1830-1961	P69/SEP/D/087/MS09122/001-008 (8 items)
Thomas Kifford's Charity: Trustees' account books, 1816-1912; also accounts of Kifford's Trust as part of the St Sepulchre United Charities, 1912-32	1816-1932	P69/SEP/D/088/MS09123/001-003 (3 items)
Thomas Kifford's Charity. Rough account book	1753-1799	P69/SEP/D/089/MS09120
Thomas Kifford's Charity: treasurer's account book of Stonehouse Farm, with details of distributions made to pensioners on St Thomas's Day	1830-1862	P69/SEP/D/090/MS09120A
Thomas Kifford's Charity: copy applications from parish paupers for pensions from the charity	1885-1912	P69/SEP/D/092/MS24464
Thomas Kifford's Charity: forms detailing candidates for the annual distribution of the Kentish Gift	1889-1905	P69/SEP/D/093/MS24464A

See also: Poor Law, Widows' and Orphans' Funds.

PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HORNSEY (ACC/2203)

Hornsey Parochial Charities provided pensions and gave grants to dispensaries, hospitals, nursing associations, convalescent homes, and provident clubs, and to individuals preparing for a trade or in temporary distress.

Chair's minutes and agendas; Trustees' minutes; reports; financial accounts; property registers; rent demands; charity schemes; conveyances; gifts and legacies; correspondence; valuations of investments, and other administrative papers	1662-1991	Whole collection
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PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL, LAMBETH (P85/MIC)

Walcot Charity: Payments to Pensioners, Cash Book and Cash Book and Pensioners' Receipts	Aug 1853-Mar 1927, Mar 1896-Jan 1918 and Jan 1927-Mar 1941	P85/MIC/060, P85/MIC/061 and P85/MIC/062
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POULTERERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION (CLC/148)

The Poulterers' Benevolent Institution was similar to the Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Institution, making cash donations to "decayed masters and infirm and meritorious journeymen".

Minute book of the Poulterers' Benevolent Institution, 1835-41, also containing articles of the institution.	1835 - 1841	CLC/148/MS16800
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ROYAL SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION (CLC/126)

The Royal Scottish Corporation housed pensioners in the 'Scottish Hospital' until the building's sale in 1874, when they provided pensions to help subscribers to the Corporation in their home. The Corporation also administered a number of pensions funded by bequests: the Kinloch Bequest

supported disabled Scottish servicemen throughout the UK with pensions, and the Allan William Freer bequest was intended "for the aid of subscribers who in later years have become reduced through ill-health or business reverses".

The collection includes:	1820	Whole collection
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. copy charters, byelaws and grant of arms (Ms 35760); minutes and related papers 1831-4, 1877-1990 (Ms 35761-4); annual reports and accounts and other financial records 1935-2002 (Ms 35765-72); correspondence 1936-93 (Ms 35773-80); seal register 1935-92 (Ms 35781); papers re subscribers and legacies 1894-1969 (Ms 35782-5) for the Royal Scottish Corporation; 2. Minutes, financial papers and register of pension payments of the Kinloch Bequest 1877-1992 (Ms 35793-801); 3. Minutes, financial records and correspondence of the Freer Trust 1915-62 (Ms 35802-8) 	- 2002	

SARAH RACHAEL TITFORD'S CHARITY (ACC/2896)

Under the will of Sarah Rachael Titford of Walworth, who died in 1843, a trust was established to pay charitable pensions to 'poor widows' and 'poor maiden women' residing in London, Westminster and Southwark. A bequest from Miss Rutt of Upper Clapton in 1907, for similar charitable purposes, was also administered by the trustees.

Minutes, legal documents, correspondence, financial accounts, papers relating to pensions (detailed below), and memoranda	1843 - 1991	Whole collection: items of particular significance to pensions are highlighted below
Register of payments of pensions recording number, name of pensioner and amounts paid out	Jun 1909 - Jun 1929	ACC/2896/010
Volume recording pensions paid	1962 - 1974	ACC/2896/011
Sample bundles of voucher retained for audit	1969 - 1985	ACC/2896/012, ACC/2896/013, ACC/2896/014
Cash account of pensions paid under Miss Ellen Rutt's bequest	1908 - 1957, 1957 - 1975	ACC/2896/015, ACC/2896/016

SION COLLEGE (CLC/198) and SION HOSPITAL (CLC/127)

Sion Hospital was formally separated from Sion College by Act of Parliament in 1875, to administer charitable payments to pensioners from the revenues of the College's estates. Sion College had formerly maintained a number of almspeople at its buildings on London Wall, but these had been removed in 1845 because of poor conditions. Plans for re-establishing them came to nothing. Sion Hospital's supporting estates comprised some of the College's estates in Essex and Hertfordshire and one quarter of the London property. It was run by 12 Trustees, consisting of eight Fellows or ex-Fellows of Sion College and four appointees of the Charity Commissioners. Meetings were held at Sion College. Candidates for pensions were nominated by various bodies. Sion Hospital was wound up in 1957.

Papers, consisting of petitions, presentments, bonds and admittances, relating to almspeople	1656 - 1692	CLC/198/SICD/001/MS10527
Receipts from almspeople for pensions	1673 - 1693	CLC/198/SICD/002/MS10528

SION COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL (continued)

Pension book: signatures of almspeople receiving pensions due from Tylers Causeway Farm near Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire	1762 - 1815	CLC/198/SICD/003/MS33487
Minutes, lists of trustees and pensioners, deeds and legal papers, accounts, correspondence, and related items	1871 - 1958	Whole collection (CLC/127): items of particular significance to pensions are highlighted below
Receipts for pensions from Sion Hospital	1894 - 1896, 1945, 1957 - 1958	CLC/127/010/MS33566
Lists of trustees and pensioners giving their addresses and other notes. Also details of some unsuccessful candidates at the end	1922 - 1955	CLC/127/020/MS33573
Lists of pensioners, including details of dates of appointment, amounts of pensions, age, vacancy	1879 - 1949	CLC/127/021/MS33574
Petitions and nominations for pensions	1880 - 1947	CLC/127/022/MS33575
Nominations, certificates and related correspondence of nominating bodies for pensioners to Sion Hospital	1880 - 1888	CLC/127/023/MS33576
Questionnaires to prospective pensioners regarding pension provision	1939, 1947	CLC/127/024/MS33577
Doctors' certificates for pensioners' illnesses or disabilities.	1939 - 1940	CLC/127/025/MS33578

SUTTON'S HOSPITAL, CHARTERHOUSE (ACC/1876)

In the late 16th century Thomas Sutton, merchant and "richest commoner in England", decided to found a charitable institution to provide shelter for elderly gentlemen in reduced circumstances and an education for poor boys. The institution was founded at a former Carthusian monastery near Smithfield, Charterhouse. Sutton's Hospital was granted letters patent by James I in 1611, under its full title "The Hospital of King James founded at Charterhouse in the County of Middlesex, at the humble petition and only costs and charges of Thomas Sutton Esquire".

The rules of the charity were that any single or widowed gentleman, of good character and over the age of 60 (later 50) years, could apply to one of the governors for nomination if he was no longer in a position to support himself financially. Once nominated and accepted by the hospital, the pensioners, known as 'Poor Brothers', would be given a room in Charterhouse, meals and a small pension.

Please note: The register covering admission of the first scholars and pensioners is kept at Charterhouse.

Collection includes: general accounts, manciples' accounts, receivers' accounts, registrars' accounts, deeds, estate records, founders papers, governors' papers, lawsuits, general, maps and plans, manorial records, pensioners' and scholars' records.	1611-1993	Whole collection: Items of particular relevance listed below.
Two ledgers of pensions awarded to poor brothers	1916-1920, 1937-1939	ACC/1876/AG/01/006, ACC/1876/AG/01/007
Ledger of advances awarded to pensioners	1905-1938	ACC/1876/AG/01/010

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Two petty cash books: payments to pensioners and staff	1946 Oct- 1948 Nov, 1948 Dec- 1951 Apr	ACC/1876/AG/01/024, ACC/1876/AG/01/025,
Warrants granted by governors for the admission of pensioners and scholars, volumes 1-4	1739 - 1893	ACC/1876/PS/01/001-004
Register of deaths of pensioners, scholars and officers	1748 - 1780	ACC/1876/PS/01/007
Lists of nomination and admission of pensioners	1759 – 1803, 1780 – 1820, 1788-1827, 1833-1841, 1833-1894	ACC/1876/PS/01/008 - 011, 013
Details of applicants for pensioners' places: short life history and personal details, remarks by Charterhouse officials, with result of application. Indexed	1933 – 1940	ACC/1876/PS/01/015/001-002, ACC/1876/PS/01/016
Letters regarding nomination rights of various members of the Royal Family and nobility and requests to register nominations	1680 – 1822	ACC/1876/PS/02/001-013, ACC/1876/PS/02/034-036, ACC/1876/PS/02/041-042
Extract from the assembly minutes regarding nomination of pensioners who are blind or unable to help themselves	1863 Jul	ACC/1876/PS/02/029
Sketch of an order concerning timing of nominations for pensioners and scholars	1823 May	ACC/1876/PS/02/030
List of pensioners' and scholars' certificates not entered in the register	1829 Oct	ACC/1876/PS/02/031
List of scholars and pensioners nominated by governors	1833 May - 1835 Apr	ACC/1876/PS/02/032
Draft index of pensioners and scholars	1829 - 1836	ACC/1876/PS/02/033
Regulations respecting the admission and conduct of pensioners	1917 - 1937	ACC/1876/PS/02/052
Lists of pensioners, possibly drafts for a register: includes name, age at admission and date, age at death and date	1800 Jan - 1894 Jan	ACC/1876/PS/02/053
Certificates of residence for pensioners and ex-staff living away from Sutton's Hospital	1846 - 1853	ACC/1876/PS/02/056
Certificates of Mary Scarborough, ex-servant of Sutton's Hospital?, to pay her pension to a third person	1847 - 1853	ACC/1876/PS/02/057
Copies of letters, petitions, bills and legal matters relating to pensioners, scholars and staff in general	17-- - 18--	ACC/1876/PS/02/059
Correspondence concerning the application of Michael Wills as a pensioner	1957	ACC/1876/PS/02/070
Order from the governors to pay pensions to named poor brothers	1613	ACC/1876/PS/03/001
Various petitions of the pensions, including petitions for increase in pensions and complaints		ACC/1876/PS/03/002-016 (15 files)
Governor's nominations and some notifications of death and petitions. Arranged by pensioners' surname.		ACC/1876/PS/03/017-020, 022-039 (22 files)

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John Davis, author and Charterhouse pensioner: correspondence with the Department of English, University of Maine concerning details of his life. Also proof of his baptism and nomination for a pensioner's place	1843 - 1924	ACC/1876/PS/03/021
Pensioners' Private papers (private papers of Horatio Honnewill Hammick, Henry Novra and James Burrows, pensioners at Sutton's Hospital)	1792-1916	ACC/1876/PS/05 (Series)

TRAINED NURSES ANNUITY FUND

Founded in 1874, the Trained Nurses Annuity Fund offered a £15 annuity for trained nurses who were 50 or over, had worked in nursing for at least 15 years, and could produce testimonials as to their good character.

The main archives of the Fund, which is still in operation today, are at Kings College London's College Archives, in the Royal British Nurses' Association Collection, but LMA holds some material relating to the Fund in the Saint Thomas' Hospital Group collection (H01).

Trained Nurses Annuity Fund collecting card	1874?	H01/ST/NC/18/021/073
A letter from the Fund's Honorary Secretary R. Gofton Salmond to Miss E. Vincent. Summary of content: With the cooperation of nurses they could modify the rules and increase the annuitants. If her nurses subscribe even a trifle it will be an encouragement	04 Mar 1887	H01/ST/NC/18/021/074
Printed report of the Trained Nurses Annuity Fund	1886	H01/ST/NC/18/021/081

For other record relating to the Trained Nurses Annuity Fund see the entry for the Family Welfare Association (this section).

For more entries relating to nurses' pensions, see the entries for the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses and Guy's Hospital Group (Occupational Schemes section).

UNITED SYNAGOGUE (ACC/2712)

The Act of Parliament which established the United Synagogue stipulated that the Great Synagogue's Decayed Members' Fund, Hambro Synagogue's General Purposes Fund and New Synagogue's Privileged Members' Fund ("being certain funds belonging to the Great and New Synagogues respectively, heretofore applicable for the relief of privileged members and their families, and certain funds belonging to the Hambro' Synagogue, heretofore applicable to the general purposes thereof") should be used to form a Privileged Members' Fund which would be applied "to the relief, in such manner as the vestry shall determine, of privileged members of the United Synagogue, and of such classes of relations and connexions of privileged members of the United Synagogue as the vestry shall, consistently with this scheme, direct."⁴

⁴ An Act for confirming a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the Jewish United Synagogue, available at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukla/1870/116/pdfs/ukla_18700116_en.pdf [accessed 3 Apr 2013].

Please note: most records of the United Synagogue are available for consultation with the written permission of its Chief Executive. Some, however, are closed to public inspection. Closures are noted against individual entries.

Hambro Synagogue - Ledger including accounts of various congregational charities and pensions.	1844-1860	ACC/2712/HBS/027
Great Synagogue - Minutes of Decayed Members' Fund	1828 - 1864	ACC/2712/GTS/362
Great Synagogue - Decayed Members' Fund Cash Book	1832 - 1870	ACC/2712/GTS/363
New Synagogue - Minute book: Privileged Members' Fund	1824-1852	ACC/2712/NWS/020
New Synagogue - Monthly poor list and pensioners in Privileged Members' Fund	1841	ACC/2712/NWS/714
New Synagogue - Offerings to Privileged Members' Fund	1825-1870	ACC/2712/NWS/719

See also: Occupational Schemes.