



## The Poor Law, Small Bills and Petty Finance, 1700–1834 Project

**Launch Date:** Saturday, 21 April 2018, 10.00 am–1.00pm

**Location:** Carlisle Archive Centre, Lady Gillford's House, Patteril Bank Road, Carlisle, CA1 3AJ

Working in association with Cumbria Archives, Keele University is launching a three year project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, to investigate the provision of goods and services needed to keep the poor alive under the Old Poor Law.

Parishes provided food, clothes, housing and medical care generating receipts or 'vouchers' in the process. For the most part, these lie uncatalogued in county archives, unused by researchers, yet collectively they form an enormously rich source of information for family and local historians.

The project is seeking archival volunteers to unfold, read and enter the contents of the overseers' vouchers into a searchable database. Volunteers will be provided with on-going support during the project and opportunities to contribute to its outputs including writing blog entries, developing study and research skills and learning from each other's knowledge and experience.

If you would like to find out more about the project or are interested in volunteering, a **launch event** detailing the aims and scope of the research, alongside presentations and a small exhibition is taking place on 21 April at the Carlisle Archive Centre.

The event is **free** but if you wish to attend please contact

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/archivecentres/cac.asp> or email [carlisle.archives@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:carlisle.archives@cumbria.gov.uk) to reserve a place.

If you are unable to attend the launch event but would like further information please email Dr Peter Collinge at [p.r.collinge@keele.ac.uk](mailto:p.r.collinge@keele.ac.uk)