

Adherents of the Rawdon Protestant Episcopal Church © 1841 & 1842 subscription lists

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Below are two lists of the names of the heads of the families who 'belonged' to Christ Church of England and Ireland in the Township of Rawdon and who had subscribed their support of that body. These families used that church for baptisms, marriages and burials. In official documents, it was the Protestant Episcopal Church, which included the Church of Scotland.

Part One: 1841 Subscription List with payments to 1845

this list was closed 30 August 1841, coincident with the posting of a contract to repair the parsonage

The Rawdon Vestry was stirred to action after listening to the Bishop's Letter to the Church Wardens that was read to the congregation in church on April 12, 1841. Vestry resolved "to wait upon inhabitants of the respective districts and ascertain that subscriptions can be raised" for the maintenance of the parsonage, the church and cemetery, and to support the work of the church. The secretary was to provide the Select Vestry with blank lists on which they were to enter the name of the head of each of the families belonging to the church and opposite each the amount of subscription and the date they expect to be able to pay. This list does not have a due date, but the date paid is recorded under remarks. I have added additional information as a comment in green font. Vestry here means either at this date or preciously. they were yearly appointments.

Some of the names that are unpaid may have been supporting the Presbyterian church that was trying to establish a presence at this time. See [Burton's Church, An Irony of Rawdon History – did it become Presbyterian?](#) In the earliest years, the Protestant Episcopal church was the only religious option to n on Catholics and I have commented if the family had other affiliations before and after settling at Rawdon.

Others may have left the community - it was a time of transition. Others, known to be Anglican, such as John Parkinson and his sons are not on this list. The Bagnall and the Hobbs families are not on this list. Also missing is Vestryman William Brown – Gawn Brown his elder brother, a vestry member, perhaps was already beginning his 1842 move to Montreal. Notably unpaid on this list is Lt. Col. Griffith. I cannot explain why this is. Another list was started in 1842 and follows, below; lists for 1843 and 1844 are in the Minute Book.

The amount pledged and collected is in shillings, or in shillings and pence. One shilling was 12 pence and 20 shillings made 1 pound. Those marked RHB on the 1841 list indicate that Rev. Rowland Hill Bourne had acknowledged payment; it would seem that the list in the Minute Book was his copy, those without his initial are marked paid in several different styles of handwriting.

1841

Name	Amount	Remarks	comment
Thomas Griffith	5		Minister's Warden
Rob't Eveleigh	5	pd RHB 9 May 1842	
James Robinson	5	pd RHB 15 Sept 1841	
James Brown	5	pd RHB 9 Mar 1842	Vestry
Henry Smith	5	pd 2 Oct 1842	Vestry
William Macgowan [sic]	5	pd RHB 19 Sept 1841	Vestry
John Eveleigh	5	pd RHB 15 Sept 1841	Vestry
Pat Cassidy	5	pd 2 Aug 1842	
Mr. Geo. Swift	5	pd by transfer of Bell subscription ¹	
John Holmes	5		Presbyterian; Vestry
Thos. Scales	5	pd RHB 28 May 1842	Vestry
George Copping Sen.	5	pd RHB 8 May 1842	Vestry
Henry Copping	5	paid in shingles	
George Copping Jr.	5	pd RHB 17 Jan 1842	Vestry
Hezekiah Burbidge	5	pd 1 Aug 1842	
Sam'l Smiley Sen	5	pd RHB 18 Dec 1841	Vestry
Wm. Copping	5	pd 21 Jan 1841	
Wm. Marling [sic]	5	pd RHB 24 May 1843	
John Booth	5	in work settled since 19 Sep '43	see 1837-1842 Minutes
Jacob Manchester	5	29 May 1843 paid	
James Armstrong	5		
John Burns	5	pd 28 April 1843	cannot say which John Burns this is
Elias Burbidge	5	pd RHB 7 June 1842	Vestry

¹ There are several payments with this remark but there is no explanation. Probably, there had been a separate subscription list to pay for the church bell and these pledges were being transferred into the new subscription ,inspired by the Bishop's challenge to the Church Wardens.

John McCurdy	5	pd 14 June 1842	
Francis Morgan	5	paid to RHB	
Rich'd Boyce	5	pd 9 April 1842	
Thomas Brennan	5		
George Johnston	5	to be paid in Dec.	
William Holtby	5	left Rawdon ²	
Alfred Holtby	5		Methodist
Wm. Cunningham	5		
Andrew Thompson	5	dead	this remark was added later, he is on 1843 militia list
Hugh Torney	5	pd RHB 28 Nov 1841	Vestry
George Constable	5	pd 28 Mar 1842	Vestry
Mr. Darwin [sic]	1/15/0	paid in boards	
William Robinson	5	pd RHB 9 Dec 1842	Vestry
Edward Tighe	5	pd 7 May 1843	Vestry
William Tighe	5		
James Grey Sen'r	5	pd 22 June 1842	
Thomas Torney	5	"some misunderstanding about this"	Vestry
William Scroggie	5	paid by transfer of Bell Subscription	
David Scott	5	pd 5 th Sept 1842	
George Hobs	5	pd. 27 Aug 41	Vestry
Sam'l Coultra	5	pd 28 Mar 1842	
John Edghill	5		
William Tinkler	5		
Henry Dawson	5		
Hugh Moore	5		
Philip Holmes	5		Presbyterian & Methodist

² Is this William Holtby Senior who I have presumed was deceased c. 1833. The comment is not in the hand of William Holtby Junior who was the secretary of Vestry. Very mysterious.

John McEwen	5	pd RHB	Presbyterian
James Henry Pigott	5	pd 25 Sept 1842	Vestry
Robert Johnston	5	2/6 on acct, balance 24 Mar '45	
Henry Smith (tailor)	5		one time bailiff
William Smiley Sen'r	5	pd RHB 8 Dec 1841	
Michael Rourke	5	pd in potatoes to W. Bagnall	son of Major R. Bagnall
Henry Peyton [sic]	5	pd RHB 15 Sep 1841	
Russell Twiss	10	pd transferred from Bell Subsc.	clock maker family
John Rourke	5	pd RHB 8 Dec 1841	
W. Burns	5	pd RHB 10 Jan 1842	
Mitchell Sadler	2/6	pd RHB 17 Jan 1842	Vestry, later a Methodist ³
James McEvoy	5	pd RHB 20 Jan 1842	Vestry
Thomas Mason	2/9	pd RHB 8 Feb 1842	
Samuel Anderson ⁴	5	pd by Wm. McGowan	
Dean Burns	5	pd RHB 16 May 1842	Vestry
Richard Torney	5	pd RHB 16 May 1842	Vestry
John Robinson (4 th Range)	5	pd RHB 8 April 1842	Vestry
Jas. Swift	2/6	pd RHB 3 Aug 1842	
James Croaker	5	pd 3 Jul 1842	
William Smiley, Jr	5	pd 18 August 1842	Vestry

³ The story of his life is at *the Reverend Mitchell Sadler: "Endeared to All"*

⁴ Samuel Anderson, with Robert McGowan, the father of William Magowan [sic] and others, established the Rawdon Wesleyan Church, see *Up To Rawdon* page 618. Robert McGowan was a member of this Vestry and on 1842 list but is not on this list.

Part Two: Subscription List 1842 with payments to 1844

This list was entered as a response to a second Bishop's letter requesting community support of a new parsonage and for his plan standardize congregational support for the SPG in the diocese by church members.

I have estimated the support from the districts which were outlined in *Christ Church Vestry Minutes, 1837 – 1842* that are found at *additional material / Supplementary information about families*. As with the 1841 list, I cannot explain the names of the Anglican families whose names are not included on this list.

#1 District			list of Robert McGowan
John McCurdy	5	pd 11 Feb 43	
George Robinson	7 / 6	pd 1 Aug 42	Vestry
Robert Rogers	2/6	pd 7 Jan 43	
Edward Brittain	5	bd 23 Oct 42	
Robert McGowan	5	paid 14 June 42	Vestry
Alexander Hannah	5	left Rawdon	
Henry Smith (cons)	7 / 6		the tailor
Henry Hunt	5/ 5	paid 14 June 42	not identified
A friend	5	paid 14 June 42	
James Kirkwood	2 / 6		Presbyterian
Andrew Kirkwood	5		Presbyterian
John Allen	7 / 6		Presbyterian
Zilliam Burns	5	5 paid in oats	
Dean Burns	5		Vestry
Thomas Robinson	2 / 6		
Richard Torney	5		Vestry
#5 District			list of Wm. Smiley junior
Maj. Robert Bagnall	10	pd. in lumber, settled	Vestry
William Bagnall	10	"	
Henry Pigott	5	pd 25 Sept 42	Vestry
Henry Smith	5	pd 26 Mar 43	Vestry
Philip Holmes	2 / 6		Presbyterian
John Edghill	5		
William Cunningham	2 / 6		
Samuel McIntyre	2 / 6		
Martin Hobbs	5	pd 12 Sept 43	Vestry
John McNown	2 / 6		
Sam'l Smiley Senr	5		Vestry
William Smiley Senr	5	pd 31 Mar 43	
William Smiley Jr	2 / 6	pd 31 Mar 43	Vestry

Districts 2 & 7

lists of William Robinson & Hugh Torney

Alexander Connolly	5	pd 2 July 42	
James Croaker	5	pd 27 Aug 43	
Thomas Torney	5	pd 24 July 42	
Henry Burton	2/6	pd 1 Aug 42	pd by E. Burbidge
John Robinson	5	pd 11 Feb 43	Vestry
Thomas Robinson	5	pd 11 Feb 43	
Patrick Cassidy	5	2/6 on account 2 Aug.	
		pd in oatmeal & some mistake about ?	
William Robinson	5	pd 11 Feb 43	Vestry
James Robinson	5	pd 28 June 43	
John Burns	5	pd 11 Feb 43	
John Booth	5	in work settled June 19	
William Nightingale	5		Vestry
Hugh Torney	5	pd 7 th April 43	Vestry
George Constable	5	pd 18 Apr 43	Vestry
George McGowan	5	pd. 27 Feb 43	
James Foster	5	pd 27 Feb 44, 4 bu. wheat	
Joseph Fairley	2/6	dead	
John Nulty	5		
John B. Foster	5	27 June 44. Order on ?	
Arthur Hamilton	5		
Thomas Hannah	5	left Rawdon	

District 3 or miscellaneous

list of George Copping junior

George Copping jr	5	pd in shingles by G. C. Sr	Vestry
John Mitchell	2/6	pd 8 th April 44	
James Booth	5	pd. 29 Dec 42	
Henry Peyton	5	pd 5 April 43	
William Steele	2/6	pd 14 April 43	
Samuel Anderson	5		a founder of Rawdon Methodist Church
Mrs. ? Putman	2/6		not known
Hezekiah Burbidge	5	pd. 1 Feb 43, 1 ¾ bu. Wheat	
Hugh McMaster	7 / 6	pd 10 Dec 41	
John Eveleigh	5	pd 16 Dec 42	Vestry
Wm. Wade	5	2/6 on account Dec 42	pd 2/6 in potatoes to W. Bagnall
Henry Copping	5	pd. in shingles	
Thomas Grey	2/6	pe 16 March 1843	
George Copping sen'r	5	pd. in shingles	Vestry
Andrew Irwin	5		
George Sharp 2 ½ oats	2/6	pd 14 April 1843	
Thos. Sharp 2 ½ oats	2/6	pd 14 April 1843	
Frank Morgan 1 ½ oats ½ ?	2/6	pd 14 April 1843	
Richd Boyce 2 ½ bu. peas	5	pd 14 April 1843	
W. Delahunt 2 ½ oats	2/6	pd 17 April 1843	

P. Melrose	2/6	pd 24 April 1843
J. Pollock	2/6	pd 26 June 1843
William Copping	5	pd 2/6 June 1843 balance 27 Dec.
J. Sadler sen'r	2/6	pd 15 June 1843
J. Jeffries	5	pd 12 July 1843
J. Lindsay	2/6	pd 21 Sept 1843
James Gray sen'r	5	pd Jan. 1844
John Gray	2/6	pd credited 11 Jan 1844
Geo. Swift	5	pd 4 Feb 1844

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