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USER GUIDE 18

RATE BOOKS

This user guide lists rate books available here and is arranged by the 5 present-day metropolitan areas which constitute Tyne and Wear - Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council, South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council and Sunderland City Council.

Within each of these sections the rate books are arranged by the name of the originating authority eg Newcastle Corporation, Walker Parish etc. A note has also been made of the type of rate book available eg poor rate, water rate etc.

Please note that it is not normally possible to produce unlisted collections for consultation in the Search Room.

Rate books

Rates and Rating

A rate is a levy for local purposes based on an assessment of the yearly value of property. Rates of various kinds were levied spasmodically in different places of the country from at least the 14th century. Compulsory rating throughout the country had its origins in the 1601 Act for the Relief of the Poor. Once the principle of compulsory rating had been introduced, its use was extended to a variety of purposes eg repair of the highways, repair of gaols etc.

Rate books contain lists of householders and/or owners with an assessment of the value of their properties and the amount to be collected from them. They can be a useful source of information for local historians and also family historians especially before the first census becomes available in 1841 and also after 1901, the year of the last available census.

GATESHEAD MBC

Birtley

Poor rates 1848, **(CP.BI)**

Blaydon UDC

General rates, 1919, 1921, 1924 **(T315)**

Boldon UDC

General rates, 1914-15, 1927-28, 1932, 1939, 1942, 1946, 1952, 1962 **(UD.BO)**

Dunston

District and general rates, 1946 **(T213)**

Gateshead CBC

General rates, 1883-1934, 1939-1942, 1945-1962, 1967-1968, 1973-1974 **(T340 unlisted)**

Gateshead Civil Parish

Poor rates, 1860 **(CP.GA)**

Gateshead High Ward

Poor rate assessment, 1749 **(3415/cj/1/19)**

Gateshead Poor Law Union

see Whickham District, Gateshead Poor Law Union

Heworth

Valuation list **(CP.GA)**

Marley Hill

see Whickham UDC

Ryton UDC

Poor and general, 1914, 1918, 1920-21;
General, 1930, 1941-42, 1946-47, 1951-52, 1960-61, 1969-70, 1972-73 **(UD.RY)**

Stella Ecclesiastical Parish

Special cemetery rates, 1899-1935 **(T213)**

Swalwell

see Whickham UDC

Whickham Civil Parish

Poor rates, 1828-1834 **(CP.WH)**, 1677-1759, 1759-1817, 1835-1837 **(MF901-902)**; Whickham Highways, surveyors accounts including rate assessments, 1845-51 **(CP.WH)** 1860-1875 **(T213 + MF)**

Whickham District, Gateshead Poor law union

Poor rates, 1851-52, 1854-80, 1882-93, 1895-96, 1898-1905 **(T213)**

Whickham UDC

General district rates, 1876-79, 1881-92, 1894-1905, 1941
general and poor rates, 1906, 1911, 1914, 1921, 1926
district and poor rates, Whickham, Swalwell and
Marley Hill, 1946, 1951 **(T213)**

Winlaton Parish

Poor rates, 1853 **(T214)**

Winlaton Township

Poor rates, 1911, 1914, 1918, 1927;
general rates, 1961-62, 1966/67, 1969/70, 1973/74 **(T214)**

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

All Saints Parish

Poor rate assessment books, 1767-1774, 1779-1796,
1801-1803, 1810-1811, 1829-1830, **(183)** and
1805-1811 **(465)** and 1788, 1793-4, 1798, 1803-04, 1810,
1830 **(466)**; Church repair rates, 1787-1797 **(465 + MF)**

Pandon Ward, overseers accounts, 1797-1808; poor rates,
1802, 1805, 1811-1812, 1830-1831; church rate, 1809-1810;
Lamp and watch rates, 1808, 1815, 1820-1821 **(183)** and
1830-1832 **(IC.LW1)**

Pilgrim ward, lamp and watch rates, 1815, 1820-21,
1823-24 **(183)** and 1806, 1830-1831 **(IC.LW1)**
rate assessments, 1861, 1880 **(183)**

Quayside ward, Overseer's accounts, 1796-1812;
poor rates, 1797-1801;
church rate, 1802 **(183)**

Sandhill ward, lamp and watch rates, 1815, 1820-21,
1824 **(183)** and 1830-1832 **(IC.LW1)**; poor rates, 1821,
1829, 1830; rate assessments, 1831-1833, 1838-41,
1850-51, 1853, 1860-61, **(183)**

Arthur's Hill Ward see Newcastle Corporation

Benwell see also Newcastle Corporation
Assessments, 1870, 1880-81, 1900 **(183 + MF)**

Byker see also Newcastle Corporation
Assessments, 1731-1819, 1826-31, 1840-41, 1849-51,
1860-61, 1870-71, 1880, 1890-91 **(183)**
(St Anthony's district) 1905-06 **(205/158)**

Coxlodge

Poor rates, 1880-84, 1890-91, 1901 **(UD.NB)**

Dene Ward see Newcastle Corporation

Eastern Division

Lamp and watch rates [within], 1815-16,
1820-24, 1830-34 **(IC.LW2)**

Elswick

Assessments, 1850, 1860-61, 1880; Self-
contained tenements, 1870 **(183)**

Rate book 1880-81, poor rates 1890 **(205/163,160)**

Southern District, poor rates, 1906 **(183)** 1914-15 **(542)**

Northern District, poor rates, 1906 **(183)**

Fawdon

Poor rates, 1891-1896 **(UD.GO)**

Heaton see also Newcastle Corporation

Assessments, 1860-61, 1890 **(183)**

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General, 1880-1881 **(593 + MF)**;

assessments, 1851, 1861, 1870-71, 1877,
1880-81, 1900 **(183)**

poor rates 1890 **(205/159)**

Gosforth UDC

General rates, 1882-84, 1888-91, 1901, 1931-32,
1938-39, 1945-46, 1951-52, 1961-62;

General and poor rates, 1911, 1921, 1928 **(UD.GO)**

Newburn UDC

General rate books, 1913-14, 1919, 1921, 1936, 1938,
1941, 1945, 1951, 1959, 1961-63, 1971 **(UD.NB)**;

Rating valuation lists, 1935, 1939-47 **(T656 unlisted)**

Newcastle Corporation

Rates ledger 1895-96 **(205/162)**;

General rates, 1942-43 **(T597 unlisted - MF only)**

rates, 1926-57 including Arthur's Hill, All Saints, Benwell,
Byker, Dene, Heaton, Jesmond, Stephenson, St Andrew's,
St Anthony's, St Nicholas', and St Thomas Wards **(542)**;

Rates cess, Newcastle Gaol, 1830 **(183)**

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Pilgrim Ward see All Saints Parish

Quayside Ward see All Saints Parish

Sandhill Ward see All Saints Parish

St Andrews Parish see also Newcastle Corporation
Assessments, 1811, 1818, 1821, 1830-31, 1838-1841,
1850-52, 1860-61, 1870, 1906, **(183)**;
Lamp and watch rate [within], 1812-13, 1815-16,
1820-24, 1830-34 **(IC.LW1 + MF)**

St John's Parish

Rate assessment rough book 1808 **(205/166)**
Collection books, 1829-1831; assessments, 1838-41,
1850-51, 1854-55, 1860, 1870-71, 1880, 1889-1901,
1903-07 **(183)**;
Lamp and watch rate, [within] 1815-16, 1820-34 **(IC.LW1 + MF)**

St Nicholas Parish

Poor rate assessment, 1754 **(43)**; collection books, 1742,
1747, 1752-54, 1756-58, 1760-62, 1765-1777, 1779-88,
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1745-51, 1753, 1758, 1762, 1766, 1768, 1773, 1777,
1799-1800, 1810, 1815, 1820-21; assessments, 1801-02,
1829-30, 1870, 1880, 1904-05, 1910-11, **(183 + MF)**;
Lamp and watch rates [within], 1808-11, 1815-16, 1820-24,
1830-34 **(IC.LW1)**

St Nicholas Ward see Newcastle Corporation

South Gosforth

Poor rates, 1883-84, 1887-93, 1900-01 **(UD.GO)**

Stephenson Ward see Newcastle Corporation

Walker Parish

Highways rates, 1858-65; 1866-1882, 1866-69, 1870-79;
Private improvement rate, 1868-71 **(183)**

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Lamp and watch rates [without], 1815-16,
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NORTH TYNESIDE MBC

Camperdown Parish

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Chirton

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Cullercoats Township

Poor rates, 1890-92, 1900-01, 1905-07 **(T22)**

Longbenton UDC

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poor and general/general, 1914-16, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1927-29, 1931-32, 1935-36, 1938-39, 1939-40, 1961-62, 1967-68 **(643)**;
general and water rates, 1938-40, 1941-42, 1945-46, 1951-52 **(T279, 643)**

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Poor rates, 1816-1848 **(T171)**; 1819, 1841-44, 1847-50, 1860, 1870-71, 1880-81, 1890, 1900 **(T22)**, 1847 **(T45)**

Preston Township

Poor rates, 1860, 1869, 1880-82, 1890-91, 1900-01, 1909 **(T22)**

Tynemouth Township

Poor rates, 1813-1847 **(T171)**; 1819, 1835-36, 1842, 1844, 1847-51, 1860, 1870-71, 1880-81, 1890-91 1900-01 **(T22)**; 1835, **(T45)**;
general rates, 1852-53, 1860-61, 1870, 1880-81, 1890-91 **(T22 + MF)**

Wallsend

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Weetslade UDC

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Whitley Bay

General rate books, 1956;
Water rate books, 1910-11, 1938-47 **(MB.WB)**

SOUTH TYNESIDE MBC

Boldon Parish

Poor, lighting and special expenses, 1914-15, 1920-21; general rates, 1927, 1928, 1932, 1938, 1941, 1945, 1952 **(UD.BO)**

Boldon Colliery Parish

Poor, lighting and special expenses, 1914 -15; general, 1927, 1928, 1932, 1938, 1941, 1945, 1952 **(UD.BO)**

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Poor, lighting, general expenses, c1920, **(UD.BO)**

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Hedworth, Monkton and Jarrow Township

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Jarrow

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Westoe Township

Poor rates, 1879 **(T180)**

Whitburn Parish

Poor, lighting and special expenses, 1914-15, 1920; general, 1927, 1928, 1932, 1938, 1941, 1945, 1952, 1962 **(UD.BO, CP.WHB)**

SUNDERLAND CITY

Bishopwearmouth

Poor rates, 1844, 1850, 1860-61, 1870, 1880, 1890;
borough rates, 1860, 1870; rural police rate, 1860/61 **(T26)**;
lighting and paving rates, 1828 **(209)**

Bishopwearmouth Parish

Poor rates, 1802-05, 1812-1831 **(209)**

Chester-le-Street RDC

Water rates, 1913-15 **(RD.CS)**

East and Middle Herrington Civil Parish

Lighting and watching rates, 1910-1922 **(CP.EMH)**

Ford

Poor rates, 1847-49, 1851-53, 1855-57, 1859-60,
1862, 1865, 1867, 1869-70 1872, 1874, 1876, 1879-80,
1882-83, 1886, 1888-94, 1904, 1914, 1938/39, 1948/49;
poor rates, 1903, 1913 **(T12)**

Great Eppleton Civil Parish

Poor rates, 1914-1915 **(CP.GE)**

Herrington

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Hetton

Poor rate assessment, 1837 **(T18)**

Houghton-Le-Spring Civil Parish

Poor and water rates, 1914 **(CP.HS)**

Houghton-le-Spring UDC

General rate books, 1961-62 **(UD.HS)**

Hylton

General rates, 1903, 1904, 1913, 1914,
1924, 1938/39 **(T12)**

Little Eppleton Civil Parish

Poor rates, 1862-1866 **(CP.LE)**

Monkwearmouth

Poor rates, 1860, 1890/91 **(T26)**

Monkwearmouth Shore

Poor rates, 1842/43, 1844-46, 1850, 1860,
1880, 1890/91 **(T26)**

Monkwearmouth Township

Poor rates, 1781-1834, 1837; overseers accounts and poor rates, 1776-86, 1799-1806 **(209)**

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Poor rates, 1821-37 **(T18)**

Newbottle Civil Parish

Poor, lighting and special, 1914 **(CP.NE)**

Offerton Civil Parish

Poor rates, 1914 **(CP.OF)**

Ryhope

Poor, general and special, 1884-1894, 1903-1904, 1914, 1924 **(T12)**

Silksworth

General rates, 1938/9, 1948/9 **(T12)**

Silksworth Civil Parish

Poor rates, 1914; special purposes, 1914 **(CP.SI)**

Southwick Parish

Poor rates, 1837-38 **(209)**

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Poor rates, 1779-81, 1789?-92, 1797-1802, 1805-07, 1814-18 **(209)**

Sunderland near the Sea

Poor rates, 1838, Jan 1850, March 1850, 1851, 1860, 1870, 1890/1 **(T26)**

Sunderland RDC

General rates, 1953-54, 1958/9, 1963-64 **(T12)**;
poor and general, 1900, 1905/6, 1910, 1914-15, 1920, 1924, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1931/32, 1936-39, 1941/42, 1945/46, 1949/50, 1961/62 **(T26)**

Tunstall

Poor and special rates, 1851, 1873-74, 1878-82, 1884-88, 1890-91, 1893-94, 1904, 1914, 1924; general rates, 1902, 1938/9 **(T12)**

Usworth Civil Parish

Highways rates, 1858-1864 **(CP.US)**

Warden Law

Poor rates, 1913-1915 **(CP.WL)**

Washington UDC

General rates, 1950-52, 1960-62 **(UD.WS)**

West Herrington Civil Parish

Poor, lighting and special, 1914 **(CP.WHG)**

West Rainton Civil Parish

Poor and special expenses, 1914, 1926 **(CP.WR)**

OUTSIDE TYNE & WEAR

Durham

Highways and county rates, 1704-1752 **(3415/cj/2)**

List of licensed premises in Sunderland, Blackhill,
Middlesbrough, Spennymoor and Stockton with poor
rate assessment and excise license duty 1909-10 **(1210)**

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