The Parish of Southcoates 1846-1862

Historical Background: Parishes had various local government functions but only two of these were transferred directly to the Corporation. The longstanding duties of parishes in relation to highways were confirmed by the Highways Act of 1825 (5 & 6 Geo IV c.50) which permitted populous parishes to exercise their powers through a highways board. These powers were transferred to boards of health when they were established. The overseers of the poor lost their powers to relieve the poor under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 (4 & 5 Will. IV c.76) but they retained their rating powers and became the main rating authorities for their areas levying rates for the corporation and the board of health as well as the guardians. During the nineteenth century the overseers came effectively under the control of the corporation but it was not until 1929 that the rating function was formally transferred by the Local Government Act (19 & 20 Geo. V c.17). The parish and manor of Southcoates, on the eastern side of the River Hull, had once been part of Drypool and grew to become a relatively substantial area. The parish was created in 1837 and absorbed into the Parish of Sculcoates in 1894.

Custodial history: These records were transferred to Hull City Archives by the City Treasurer's Department c. 1970.


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