

## Pauper lives project

The Lives of the Poor in the West End of London, 1724-1867

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This ESRC funded project aimed to reconstruct the lives of the London poor using poor law records. We studied the relationship between the lifecycles, poor relief and survival strategies of the labouring poor in Europe's largest city between 1724 and 1867. To make this practical, we confined our research to the parish of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Westminster. This area had a population of over 50,000 at the start of this period and had particularly good records. It was a joint project between the Universities of Birmingham and Newcastle, the principal investigators being Dr Leonard Schwarz at Birmingham and Dr Jeremy Boulton at Newcastle. It employed two research fellows: Dr John Black and Dr Peter Jones. The project was funded by the ESRC.

- [The ESRC Westminster Pauper Biographies Project](http://www.staff.ncl.ac.uk/j.p.boulton/esrcframeset.htm)