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Abactor	Cattle thief
abbot (abbess)	one who presides over a religious community at an abbey (convent). prior
Abigail	Lady's maid
abram	a medieval beggar who pretended to be insane
acater, acatour	obs a purchaser of provisions, a purveyor; a provider or purveyor of cates (=delicacies); a cater or caterer. (=Achatour came to be restricted to the official title of the officer of the Royal Household.)
Accipitry	Falconer
Accomptant	Accountant
Accoucheur	Assisted women in childbirth (midwife)
Accoutrement Maker / Accoutre	Supplier or maker of Military Clothing and Accessories
Ackerman/Acreman	Ploughman or Oxherd
Actuary	Accountant - public business account keeper
Actuary	more broadly, any novice or attendant in any ceremony, secular as well as ecclesiastical.
adherent	a supporter of a party, person, etc.
adjutant	Mil an officer who assists superior officers by communicating orders, conducting correspondence, etc.
adjutant	an assistant
Adjutant General	a high-ranking Army or National Guard administrative officer.
Administrator	Court appointee who settled affairs of the estate of the deceased
Advertisement Conveyancer	Sandwich Board Man
advocate	(~ of) a person who supports or speaks in favor.
advocate	a person who pleads for another.
advocate	a professional pleader in a court of justice.
Advocate Depute	Scottish Law Officer - Public Prosecutor
Advowee	Usually a Nobleman who had the right to present a clergyman to a benefice

advowson	Brit eccl one who possessed the right of recommending a member of the clergy for a vacant benefice, or of actually making such appointments. In mediæval times, the advowson was frequently given to a Monastery or a Nunnery, which then took the role of rector and was empowered to appoint a vicar to serve the parish.
Aeronaut	Balloonist or Trapeze Artist in circus or Music Hall
Affeeror / Assessor	Also Assessor. Manorial Court Official - assessed monetary penalties & collected taxes & dues
Agister	Official of Royal Forests. In the New Forest, In charge of the ponies
Alabasterer	Worked with Alabaster!
Alblastere	Crossbowman
Alchemist	Medieval Chemist, claiming ability to make gold from base metal
alderman (~woman)	a co-opted (appointed by invitation of extant members) municipal councilman, next in dignity after the mayor.
Ale Draper	Seller of Ale
Ale Tunner	Filled the Ale casks (tuns) in Breweries
Ale-Conner / Ale Founder	Official who tested quality and measure served in Public Houses. (Pubs)
Alewife	Woman who kept an Alehouse or Tavern
All Spice	A Grocer
Almanac Man	Official of the Court of Sewers – warned of abnormally high tides in the Trent River area
almoner	a giver of charity to the needy
Almoner	1) In charge of an Almshouse. 2) Giver of charity to the needy 3) Hospital employee who assists patients with personal matters arising from their stay in hospital
Almsman	Receiver of Alms
Alnager / Aulnager	Official - examined quality of woolen goods & stamped them with the town seal of approval
amah	Ind. a nurse, or wet nurse;
amah	a caretaker of children
Amanuensis	Secretary or stenographer
ambassador	one sent by or to a sovereign or public body as an envoy;
ambassador	a commissioner, or representative.

Amber Cutter	Cut and polished Ambergris for jewellery
Ambler	Officer of the Royal Stables who broke in the horses
Amen Man	Parish Clerk
Anchor Smith	Made Anchors
Anchoress	Female hermit or religious recluse
anchorite	a person who has retired into seclusion for religious reasons. (=from the Greek: to retire or withdraw)
Anchorite	Male hermit or religious recluse
Angle Smith	A blacksmith skilled in forging angle irons, beams, etc., into various forms used in shipbuilding
Anilepman	Smallholder - tenant of the Manor
Ankle Beater	Young person who helped to drive cattle to market
Annatto Maker	Made dyes for paint or printing trades
Annuitant	Receiver of an Annuity - An annuity is income paid to a beneficiary at regular intervals, for a fixed period or ascertainable period (usually the lifetime of a nominee) in return for a lump sum payment having been previously made into the scheme by a subscriber - i.e. a spouse, benefactor or employer
Antigropelos Maker	Made waterproof leggings
Anvil Smith	Maker of anvils and hammers for the smithy trade
Apiarian	Beekeeper
apostate	one who leaves religious orders after making solemn profession. It is considered a serious crime in the eyes of the church, being not only a breach of faith with God but also with the founders and benefactors of their religious house.
Apothecary	Prepared and sold medicines and drugs. Pharmacist
Apparitor	Official who summoned witnesses to the ecclesiastical courts
Apposer	Examiner; officer of the Court of Exchequer
apprentice	a person who is learning a trade by being employed in it for an agreed period, usu. at low wages.
apprentice	a beginner, a novice. cf: tyro.
Apprentice	Trainee bound to a skilled (Master) worker or Company for a specified time to learn the Trade
Aproneer	Term used in London for a Shopkeeper

Apronman	Engineer or mechanic
Aquarius Ewar	Waterman
Aquavita Seller	Seller of Alcohol
arbiter	one chosen or appointed to judge or decide a disputed issue; an arbitrator.
Arbiter	Arbitrated in disputes
arbitrator	=arbiter
arborist	a specialist in the care of woody plants, esp. trees.
arch-	chief; highest; most important; e.g. (e.g. archenemy), (e.g. archbishop).
arch-	extreme or most characteristic of its kind; e.g. (e.g. archconservative)
archdeacon	eccl a church official, as in the Anglican Church, who is in charge of temporal and other affairs in a diocese, with powers delegated from the bishop.
archer	one that shoots with a bow and arrow.
Archiator	Physician
Archil Maker	Made a purple dye from lichens - used in the textile industry
ard-righ	IR High King
aristocrat	a member of the nobility or aristocracy (=a member of a class holding hereditary titles)
Arkwright	Skilled craftsman making "Arks" (wooden chests or coffers)
Armiger	Squire who carried a Knight's armour. Entitled to bear heraldic arms
armiger abbr: arg., ar.	a bearer of armor for a knight; a squire.
armorer sp: Brit: armourer	a manufacturer of weapons, esp. firearms
armorer sp: Brit: armourer	a maker or repairer of arms or armor.
armorer sp: Brit: armourer	an official in charge of a ship's or a regiment's arms.
Armourer	Made armour for wear or for buildings, ships etc. and now used to include armaments generally
arriviste /áreeveest/	an ambitious or ruthlessly self-seeking person
arriviste /áreeveest/	a person newly arrived in social status, wealth, etc. cf: parvenu, nouveau riche.
Arrowsmith	Forged arrowheads

arsonist	one who commits the crime of arson (=the crime of maliciously, voluntarily and willfully setting fire to another's property, or to one's own property for improper purpose, as to collect insurance)
artificer	an inventor
artificer	a craftsman, esp. a skilled or artistic worker
Artificer	A military mechanic who does repairs
Artisan	One who is employed in any of the industrial arts; a mechanic, handicraftsman, artificer.
ashery worker	a worker at a place where potash or pearlash is made, viz at an ash pit. These places often also made lye from the potash.
Ashman	Dustman - today called a "Cleansing Operative/Engineer" !!
Assay Master	Determined the amount of gold or silver in coins
Assayer	Determined the proportions of minerals in ore
Assisor	Scottish juror
assistant	civ a member of the Upper House of the General Court (Legislature).
atheling Also: etheling, ætheling	Obs. exc. Hist. A member of a noble family, a prince, lord baron; in O.E. poetry, often used in plural for 'men'; in later writers, often restricted as a historical term to a prince of the royal blood, or even the heir apparent to the throne.
attendant	one who attends or waits on another.
Auger Maker	Made carpenters' augers, used for boring holes in wood
Aulnager	See Alnager
Aurifaber	Goldsmith
Avenator (Plantifene)	Hay and forage Merchant
avener	an officer in charge of obtaining provender for horses
Avowry	Lord of the Manor
Axel Tree Maker / Turner	Made axles for coaches and wagons

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bachelor	a journeyman
bachelor	a craftsman who has not yet achieved master status

bachelor	junior members of guilds or fraternities without their own business
Back Tenter	Employed at the back of the weaving looms, clearing away debris. Tenting was a term for watching items or a process. Small children were commonly employed in this dangerous job as they were small enough to work underneath the working loom machinery.
Back Washer	Cleaned wool in worsted manufacture
Back-Boy	Kitchen servant - from Back House Boy
Backmaker	Made "Backs" - vats, tubs - a Cooper
Backsmann / Backster / Beck / Becker	Baker
badger	one who buys commodities and carries them elsewhere to sell; an itinerant dealer who acts as middleman between producer and consumer; a cadger, hawker, huckster.
Badger	1) Licensed pauper - wore a badge with "P" on it and was restricted to working a defined area (origin of "Badgering") 2) Corn Miller or Dealer 3) Itinerant food trader
Badgy Fiddler	Military boy trumpeter
Bag Stitchers	In the Cheshire salt industry, Usually women, who closed the tops of filled bags of coarse salt ready for transport.
Bagman	Travelling salesman
Bagniokeeper	Keeper of a bathhouse or brothel. (From French, baigner, to bathe)
Bailie / Bailie / Baillee / Bailiff	Bailiff - Sheriff's Officer, land steward acting for the landowner/landlord. In Scotland, a magistrate of the Burgh - also looked after fishing rights on some rivers
bailiff, bailie	civ. an officer of the court
bailiff, bailie	Brit. a sheriff's officer who executed writs and processes
bailiff, bailie	Brit. the agent or steward of a landlord
bailiff, bailie	Brit. hist. the sovereign's representative in a district, esp. the chief officer of a hundred (=a subdivision of a county or shire, with its own court).
Bairman / Bareman	Pauper or beggar
baker	one who bakes and sells breads, cakes, etc., esp. professionally. (bake=To cook by dry heat in an oven or on a hot surface without direct exposure to a flame.)
Bal Maiden	Female mine worker employed on the surface (Pit Brow Lass)
Balancer	Employed in coal mines to operate a system of hauling coal tubs (Balance)
Baler	1) Baled hay 2) In the mills, one who baled wool or cotton goods
Balister	Archer. Most commonly, a crossbowman

Ballad Monger	Street seller of printed ballad sheets
Ballard Master	In charge of ballasting vessels
Ballast Heaver	Loaded ballast in ships - commonly stone. Necessary when ships were not carrying cargo
Baller / Baller Up	Potter's assistant - measuring out the balls of clay. Also see Cotton Baller
Balloon Blower (India)	Made rubber balloons - (rubber was known as India rubber)
Band Filer	Metalworker in gun making
Bandsman	Worked on the ropes and pulleys (bands) in coal pit hoisting arrangements
Bandster	Bound wheat sheaves after harvesting
Bang Beggar	Parish Officer who controlled how long strangers could stay in the Parish
Banker	<u>1) Dug drainage trenches/ditches, banking up the diggings along the edges. 2) General surface worker in coal mining.</u>
Banksman / Bank Manager / Browman	<u>In charge of the cages at mine pitheads - sometimes known as a Bank Manager.</u>
banneret	a knightly rank, often granted in the field for conspicuous valour
Barber, Barber/Surgeon	Cut hair and also a surgeon. In the 18th Century, an Act was passed, limiting Barbers to hair cutting, shaving, dentistry and bloodletting
barber-surgeon	one who shaves faces or heads and performs light surgery
bard	a minstrel or poet who glorifies the virtues of the people and chieftains
Bard	Poet or Minstrel
Bareman	Beggar or Pauper
Bargee / Bargeman	Owned or worked on canal barges
Barilla Manufacturer	Made Banilla, obtained from burning saltwort, the resulting sodium salt used in glass & ceramics
Barkeeper	Tollkeeper - on toll roads
barker	obs A tanner. (=from the use of tree bark in the process). One that removes bark from trees or logs or prepares such for use in tanning.
barker	An employee who stands before the entrance to a show, as at a carnival, and solicits customers with a loud, colorful sales spiel.
Barker / Barkman	1) Tanner of leather using tree bark 2) Fairground cryer
Barleyman / Bylawman	Manorial Court official who enforced the court orders

Barm Brewer	Made yeast
barmaid (~man)	one who sells food and drink at the bar of a tavern or hotel.
barman	obs a pleader at the bar; a barrister.
barman	one who prepares bars, esp of metal for the manufacture of wire.
Barmaster	Lead Mine arbiter. In charge of the standard measure for the lead ore
barmaster Also: barge~, bergh~, bargh~	a local judge among miners.
barnard Also: bern~	a member of a gang of swindlers who acts as a decoy.
barnard Also: bern~	a lurking scoundrel; a sharper. (=a variant of berner)
baron	Brit a member of the lowest order of the British nobility; a similar member of another nationality.
baron	an important businessman or other powerful or influential person (e.g. lumber ~, newspaper ~)
baron	hist A person who held lands or property from the sovereign or other powerful overlord.
Baron of the Exchequer	Brit Title of the judges of the Court of the Exchequer, the president being Chief Baron. (=Barons of the Exchequer were so called because Barons of the Realm used to be employed in that office.) (Exchequer=That office or department of state managed by the Treasurer, the Justiciary and other judges of the King's Court and certain Barons appointed by the King. Collection and administration of royal revenues with judicial determination of all causes relating to revenue. Later split into 2 branches, judicial and administrative.)
barons of the cinq ports	the civic officers of the jurisdictional liberty known as the Cinq Ports, who provided ships for the king's service in return for their privileges. (cinq ports=Sandwich, Dover, Hythe, Winchelsea and Hastings)
Barrel Filer	Employed in gun making
barrister	Brit one called to the bar and entitled to practice as an advocate in the higher courts (=barristers were gentlemen who did not accept pay (but received honoraria by courtesy))
Barrow Man	Pushed barrows of coal from pit face to the shaft
Bartoner / Barton	In charge of a monastery farm or barton
Basil Worker	Worked with skins of sheep and goats
Basketman	1) Make wicker baskets & furniture 2) Emptied coal baskets into barges
Bass / Bast Dresser	Dressed fibre for matting
Bathing Machine Proprietor	Owned and hired out changing huts used by bathers at the seaside
Batman	Army officers' servant - still current

Batt Maker	Made the wadding (batts) used in quilt and mattress making
Battledore Maker	Made the wicker beaters used on clothes & carpets to beat out the dust. Later made the paddles used in early washing machines
Bauer	A Farmer
Baven Maker	Made bavens - split and curled wood pieces used for kindling
bawd	a woman who runs a brothel.
baxter	a baker
Baxter	Baker
bayman	a boatman of a particular locale or bay, as Chesapeake Bay, or Cape Cod Bay.
Bayweaver	Wove "Bay"(baize) a fine woollen felt like fabric
beach bum	informal a person who habitually loafs or idles on beaches
beach comber	a vagrant who lives by searching beaches for jetsam (=articles of value that wash up)
beach comber	a seaside vacationer
Bead Piercer	Made the holes in bead making
beadle	Brit hist a minor parish officer who dealt with petty offenses.
beadle	Brit a ceremonial officer of a church, college, etc.
beadle	Sc a church office attending on the minister
Beadle / Bedel / Bedell	Town crier and parish officer who kept order
Beadman / Beadsman / Bedesman	1) Manorial tenant employed for a specific purpose 2) Inhabitant of a Poorhouse, Almshouse or Hospital 3) Employed to pray for his employer
beadsman pl: ~men	hist a pensioner provided for by a benefactor in return for prayers.
beadsman pl: ~men	an inmate of an almshouse.
Beamer	Drew the warp yarn through and onto the long heavy beam of a loom for weaving textiles
Bearer	Carried coal to the pit shaft and placed it in containers for lifting to the surface
Beater / Fuller	Cleaned and thickened cloth by treading it in water with Fuller's Earth
Beaterman	Managed the Hollander Beater (invented in the 16th century in Holland) in a paper mill. A beater beats and crushes raw material, bruising and driving water inside the fibres

beatitude	eccl a title given patriarchs of the Orthodox Church.
Beatster	Made or mended drift nets used in fishing
Beaver	Made felt for hat making
bedel Also: bedell	Brit a university official with chiefly ceremonial duties. (=beadle)
bedellus	see beadle
Bedman	Sexton
Bedral	Minor Scottish church official
Bedwevere	Made webbing for bed frames and also wove quilts
beefeater	a warder of the Tower of London; a Yeoman of the Guard
beekeeper	see apiarist
Beer Seller	<u>Sold Beer and Cider in Beerhouses under the 1830 Beerhouse Act. More Info</u>
Beeskep Maker	Made beehives
Beetler	Operated the Beetling Machine, used for embossing textiles. The Beetling Machine was also used to give a Shiny effect to cloth as the pressure of the wooden rollers during the squeezing (mangling) of the Cotton Cloth added lustre
beggar	a person who begs, especially one who lives by begging. Beggars commonly employed different, well-defined tactics toward ensuring success, and were called by different names as with more legitimate pursuits: abram, dummerer, palliard, ruffler.
Belhoste	Tavern keeper
Bell Hanger	Hung bells in church towers
Belleyetere / Belter / Billiter	Bellfounder - bell maker
bellhop Also: bellboy Also: bellman	a hotel (usually liveried) porter who helps patrons with their luggage during check-in or check-out, but may also provide concierge-like services.
Bellman	1) Watchman or town crier 2) Worked for the Post Office, collecting mail by walking the streets ringing a bell Coaches then transported the mail
Bellowfarmer	Maintained the church organ (which was bellows operated)
Belly Builder	Built and fitted piano bellies or interiors
Belly Roller	Operated a machine which rolled and compacted fibres on the belly of cattle hides
Beltman	Changed and maintained the drive belts used in factory machinery

bencher	Brit. law a senior member of any of the Inns of Court.
bencher	Brit. Parl an occupant of a specified bench (e.g. backbencher).
Benchman	In chairmaking, cut out the seat portion
Bender	1) Leather cutter 2) Bent wooden chair parts
Benedictines	monastic order founded by St. Benedictine. Monks take vows of personal poverty, chastity and obedience to their abbot and the Benedictine Rule.
benefactor	one who gives support, esp financial, to another or to a cause.
beneficiary	one who receives benefits, esp under the terms of a will, insurance policy, etc.
beneficiary	the holder of a benefice (=an income from a church office.)
berner	one who waited with a relay of hounds to intercept a hunted animal.
Besom Maker	Broom maker, usually of birch twigs
Besswarden	Appointed by a parish to look after its animals
Biddy	Female servant - usually Irish
Bill Poster	As today, put up notices, signs and posters
Billier / Billyman	Operated a Billy Roller, used to prepare cotton for spinning
billy piecer	a clothier, (esp woollen) mill worker who collects broken yarn and joins it.
Binder	Bound books, hats etc.
Bird Boy	Scared away birds from crops
Bird Catcher	Caught birds for sale
Birlyman	Scottish ground officer or parish arbiter
bishop	eccl. a senior member of the Christian clergy, empowered to confer holy orders and usually in charge of a diocese. See table at Ecclesiastical hierarchy.
Black Borderer	Made black edged funerary stationery
black canons	common name for Augustinian Canons, derived from the color of their robes.
black monks	common name for members of the Benedictine Order derived from the color of the habits.
Black Saddler	Maker of cart and carriage saddlery and harness, and generally work with black leather

Black Tray Maker	Made black (Japanned) trays
Blacking Maker	Made boot polish (usually using soot)
blacksmith	a smith who works in black metal. (=iron)
Blacksmith	Worked (still does) iron with forge and hammer.
Blackworker	Embroidered "blackwork" using black silks on, commonly, white fabric
Bladesmith	Made swords, knives etc.
Blaxter / Bleacher / Bleacherer	Bleached cloth or wood pulp for paper in a "Bleachery"
Blemmere	Plumber
blender	a cloth-worker who blends various lots of raw wool together as a stage in cloth-making.
Blentonist	Water diviner
blessed	eccl worthy of worship; holy.
blessed	held in veneration; revered.
Blessed	RCC used as a title before the name of one who has been beatified. (=Formally declared worthy of public veneration. A step (usually) leading to canonization (sainthood).)
Blindsman	Dealt with incorrectly addressed mail for the Post Office
Block Cutter / Blocker	1)Made wooden blocks for hat making 2)Laid the blocks for laying of a ship's keel in shipbuilding 3)Cut designs into wooden blocks for printing fabrics 4)Quarryman, whose job was to cut stone into useable blocks
block maker	a maker of pulley blocks (=a wooden holder of a set of one or more pulleys which, when threaded with a rope, make a block and tackle used to lift heavy loads, esp. aboard ship.)
Block Maker	1) Engraved or set up the blocks used in block printing 2)Made pulley blocks 3) Made hatmakers' blocks.
Block Printer	<u>Printed paper or fabrics by the use of inked and carved or engraved wooden blocks. (Block Printing)</u>
Bloodman / Bloodletter	Used leeches to let blood, thought to be the cure for many ailments. Now being looked at again!
Bloomer / Bloom Smith	Produced iron from iron ore
Blower	1) Glass blower; 2) Operated a "blowing machine" to clean and separate textile fibres 3) Operated the blacksmith's bellows
Blowfeeder	Fed the fibres into a blowing machine
Blue Dyer/Maker	Used/made blue dye for whitening fabrics in manufacture or washing
Blue Slater	Split blue roofing slates from rock from the Welsh hills

bluejacket	nav. US & Brit. an enlisted seaman
bluejacket	a member of the West Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry
bluestocking	a female writer
Bluestocking	Female writer. From the Blue Stocking Society, formed in the 1750s and who wore blue stockings
Bluffer	Innkeeper or pub landlord
Boarder	Term used for a Lodger - usually dined with the family, whilst a Lodger did not
Boarding Officer	Port official who inspects ship's papers on port entry - still exists
Boardman	1) Truant officer for checking school attendance 2) Manorial tenant who paid rent by maintaining the manor house table
Boardwright	Carpenter. Made tables and chairs
boatman	one who works on, deals with or operates boats.
Boatman	1) Worked on river and canal boats 2) Boat repairer
Boatswain / 'Bosun'	Petty officer in charge of the ship's crew, also the ship's rigging and deck maintenance, responsible to the Chief Officer. Still in use today
boatswain Also: bo's'n, bos'n, bosun	nav a warrant officer or petty officer in charge of a ship's rigging, anchors, cables and deck crew.
Bobber	1) Metal polisher 2) Unloaded fishing boats
Bobbin Carrier / Bobbiner	<u>Supplied the looms with bobbins in spinning and weaving</u>
Bobbin Ligger	Placed the spools for spinning
Bobbin Turner	Made (lathe turned) the wooden bobbins used in the textile mills
Bobby	Police constable - still used today. (Colloquial)
Bodeys / Body Maker	Made the bodices for women's garments
Bodger	A skilled craftsman who made wooden chair legs and spars using a lathe set up in home made workshops in deep woodlands. His work was often produced for chair factories
Boiler Plater	Made rolled steel/iron plate for steam engine boilers etc.
Boilermaker	<u>Industrial metalworker.</u>
Boll	Power loom attendant
Bolter	Sifted meal

bombardier	mil. an air crew member of a bomber, responsible for sighting and releasing bombs.
bombardier	Brit. a non-commissioned officer in the artillery.
bon vivant, ~viveur	a person indulging in good living, a gourmand.
Bondager	Bonded female farm worker
Bondman	As for Apprentice - bonded to his Master to learn a skill or trade
bondman (~woman, bondservant)	a person obligated to service without wages
Related terms:	
	a serf bound to the land
	servant
	slave
	a servile tenant to the lord of the manor
	a person in thrall to another
	vassal
Bondsman	Stood the bond or surety for a bonded person
bondsman	a person who provides bond or surety for another
bondsman	a male bondservant
Bone Lace Maker	Made pillow lace
Bone Mould Turner	Made the moulds for button making
Bone Picker	Rag & Bone Man. Collected rags and bones (originally) later any discarded articles / metals
bones	naut. a informal form of address for a ship's doctor. cf sawbones
bonesetter	med. a person who sets broken or dislocated bones, esp without being a certified physician.
Bonesetter	Set broken bones
boniface	an innkeeper
Boniface	Innkeeper
Book Edge Marbler	Decorated the edges of pages in bound books
Book Gilder	Gilded book bindings with gold leaf
Book Keeper	As today, looked after business accounts

Bookholder	Theatre prompter
bookkeeper	one who keeps the accounts of a mercantile concern, public office, etc.
bookkeeper	rare a hoarder of books; a book-miser
Bookman	Student
Boonmaster	Surveyed, maintained and repaired roads
boor	a person with rude, clumsy manners with little refinement.
boor	a peasant.
Boot Catcher	Servant at an Inn who pulled off travellers' boots
Boot Clicker	<u>See Clicker</u>
Boot Closer	Stitched the shoe uppers to the soles
Bootbinder	Operated machines in shoemaking, binding uppers to soles
bootblack	a person who polishes boots and shoes.
Boothman	Corn Merchant
bordar Also: bordarius, bordarii	a bondman
bordar Also: bordarius, bordarii	Brit Hist an unfree peasant with less land than villans.
Borler / Boreler	Maker of borel - cheap coarse woollen cloth
Borsholder	Kent regional name for a police constable
Botcher	Tailor or cobbler
Bottiler / Bottler	A person who made leather containers for holding liquids eg wine flasks or water bottles. From the turn of the 17c it would more likely refer to a worker in a bottling factory for beer, soft drinks, water etc.
Bottle Boy	Pharmacist's assistant
Bottom Knocker	Sagger Maker's assistant - See Sagger Maker's Bottom Knocker.
Bottom Maker	Moulded the bottoms for Saggers in the pottery industry
Bottomer	Adzed out the finished seat from the rough shape in wooden chair making
Boundary Setters / Layers	Employed by the Board of Ordnance (Ordnance Survey) for setting out and plotting important boundaries used in map-making.

Bowdler	Worked with iron ore
Bowker	Bleached yarn. Also in parts of Lancashire, a butcher
Bowler	1) Maker of bowls and dishes 2) Made the bowls of spoons before casting
Bowlman/woman	Crockery dealer
Bowlminder	In charge of vats in which raw wool were washed before processing
bowman1 /bo'm?n/	an archer
bowman2 /bou'm?n/	naut a seaman who oars, rows or paddles at the bow of a boat.
bowyer	one who makes or sells bows for archery.
bowyer	archaic an archer
Bowyer / Bower	Made archery bows
boxer	sports one who fights with the fists as a sport.
boyar	Rus. nob. a member of the old Russian nobility. (=grandee)
Bozzler	Parish constable
Brabener	Weaver
Brachygrapher	Shorthand writer
Braider	Made cord by twisting cords or leather
Brailer	Made girdles
brakeman	one who operates, inspects, or repairs brakes, esp a railroad employee who assists the conductor and checks on the operation of a train's brakes (=stopping mechanism).
Brakeman / Brakesman	1) Operated pithead winding gear 2) Operated brakes on trains or trams
Brancher	Colliery worker who cuts at the coal face, particularly a new seam or 'branch' from the road
Brasiater	Brewed Ale
Brasiler	Dyer
Bratman	Made rough garments
brazier	one who works with brass

Brazier	Worked with brass
Breakman / Brickman	Bricklayer
Breech Maker	Made the breeches for guns
Brewster	Brewer
brewster (brewer)	a beer manufacturer; in medieval times, often a woman
Brick Burner	Maintained the firing temperature in a brick kiln
Bricksetter	Worked in a brick works. He worked in the kilns, stacking or 'setting' the bricks ready for firing
Bridewell Keeper	In charge of a lock-up or jail
Bridgeman / Bridger	Toll bridge keeper
bright	Norse "brýti"; see steward
brightsmith	a metal worker cf Whitesmith
Brightsmith	Metal worker
Brimstone Refiner	Refined sulphur, one of the components of gunpowder
Broad Cooper	Go-between for breweries and innkeepers
Broadcloth Weaver	Wide(broad)loom operator
Broderer/Browderer	Embroiderer
brogger	a wool trader
Brogger	Wool merchant
Broker	Essentially a salesman or middleman to a supplier for arranging sales.
Broom Dasher	Broom dealer
Broom Squire	Broom Maker
Brotherer/Broiderer/	Embroiderer
Brow Girl	Female employed at the pithead
Brown Saddler	Maker of riding saddles
brownsmith	see greensmith

Brownsmith	Worked with copper or brass
Brush Drawer	<u>Fixed the bristles into the stock or handle of a brush.</u>
Brush Stock / Stale Maker	Made the handles for brushes
buccaneer	naut a pirate, esp one who preyed upon Spanish shipping in the West Indies in the 17 ^o century.
Buck Washer	Laundress
Buckle Tongue Maker	Made the pointed part of a belt buckle
Buckler / Bucklesmith	Made belt buckles
Buckram Maker	Made buckram - used for stiffening lapels, collars, cloth belts etc.
Buddleboy	Used and maintained ore-washing vats in lead and tin mining
Buddler	Women and children employed washing ore
Bullwhacker	Oxen driver
Bum Bailiff	An officer of the court who went to a convicted person's home or business premises and siezed goods in lieu of payment of a fine, in default
Bumboat Man	Seller of goods and foodstuffs from boats to ships at anchor (Typically Suez Canal)
Bummaree	Fish market middlemen - between wholesalers and retailers
Bummer	Army deserter
Bunter	Female rag & bone collector
bureaucrat	civ an official of a bureaucracy.
bureaucrat	an official inordinately fixated on procedure.
Bureler	Maker of Borel, a rough woolen cloth
burgess	a (esp. vested) citizen of a town or borough.
burgess	Brit Hist an urban dweller, usually from the upper section of townsmen, whose tenure was based on a financial payment.
burgess	a holder either of land or a house in a borough, with special judicial privileges and a part to play in running the borough.
Burgess	Represented a borough official at functions
burglar	one who commits burglary. (=the act of entering (e.g. a premises) with the intent to commit a theft.)
burgonmaster (burgomaster (Du.), burgomeister (G.))	civ a mayor of a city

Burgonmaster / Burgomaster	Mayor
burler	a worker who picks knots and other defects from cloth
Burler	Clothing quality inspector
Burleyman / Byelawman	Manorial court official who enforced the court orders
Burmaiden	Chambermaid or lady in waiting
burn-crust	joc. a baker
Burneman	Carrier of barm or water for brewers
bursar	an official in charge of funds, as aboard ship, at a college, etc.; a treasurer.
Burye Man	Grave digger - (bury man)
bus boy	a restaurant employee who clears away dirty dishes, sets tables, and acts as assistant to a waiter or waitress.
Bushel Maker	Cooper
Busheler	Tailor's helper
busker	a street musician or public entertainer, esp. one who solicits money during the performance.
Busker	Hair Dresser
Buss Maker	Gunsmith
butcher	a person whose trade is dealing in meats
butcher	one who slaughters animals for food, in former times often itinterantly
butcher	a person who kills or has people killed indiscriminately or brutally
butler	dom a domestic servant with widely diverse duties commensurate with the size of the household, such as house steward, head waiter, or personal assistant to the householder.
butler	See also the International Guild of Professional Butlers.
Butner	Button maker
Butter Carver	Prepared butter for sale
Butty	Supplied labour to mines and negotiated contracts
buzzard	an avaricious (=greedy) or otherwise unpleasant person

bwana Swahile polite form of address in parts of Africa.

by-bidder a person who bids at an auction to raise the price, usually for the owner of the item up for bid.

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Cab Driver / Cabbie / Cabman Driver of a horse-drawn passenger vehicle for hire. The first two are still in current use for a taxi driver

cabbie a cabdriver (=one who drives a taxicab for hire.)

Cad Fed and watered horses at coaching inns

caddie sports one hired to serve as an attendant to a golfer, esp. by carrying the golf clubs, but also to give advice on how to play.

caddie Scots a boy who does odd jobs.

Caddie Messenger or errand boy

Caddy Butcher Butcher dealing in horse meat

cadet mil a student at a military school or academy in training as an officer

cadet a younger (or youngest) son or brother

cadet slang a pimp

cadger a begger

cadger obs a peddler

Cadger 1) Beggar 2) Medieval hawk carrier. Attended hawking party, carrying hawks perched on a square frame around his waist and slung from his shoulders. Origin of 'cadge a lift'

Cafender Carpenter

Caffeler / Caffler Rag & Bone man

Cainer Walking stick maker

Caird Tinker

caitiff a despicable coward; a wretch.

Calciner Made powdered lime from burning bones

Calculator 18c term for a mathematician engaged in computing tables, such as the annual Nautical Almanac used by navigators in the calculation of astronomical observations. An extremely laborious occupation!

Calender	A person who listed documents (filing?)
calenderer	an operator of a calendering machine (=which presses cloth between rollers to produce a smooth and glossy, or textured, surface.)
Calenderer / Calenderman	"Calender" operator. A machine used to press and finish fabrics or paper between rollers.
Calico Printer	Dyed, coloured and printed calico
caliph	a male leader of an Islamic polity.
call boy (~ girl)	one who tells performers when it is time to go on stage
call boy (~ girl)	a bellhop
call boy (~ girl)	a prostitute hired by telephone
caller	one that calls, esp. one placing a telephone call.
caller	a person paying a short social visit.
caller	one who calls out numbers or directions, as at a bingo game or a square dance.
Cambist / Cambrist	1) Dealer in bills of exchange - financial expert. 2) Banker
Cambric Maker	Made cambric, a fine cotton or linen fabric
camerarius	see chamberlain
Camerist	Lady's maid
Camister	Minister of the cloth
Camlet Merchant	Sold "camlet" - cloth used in making petticoats and cloaks
Canal Porter	Loaded and unloaded canal barges
Canal Puddler	During canal construction, 'puddled' layers of clay on the sides and bottom of the canal to waterproof it
canceler	see chancellor
Cancellarius	Chancellor - from Latin
Candler	Candle maker
candlewaster	joc. a hack writer
Caner / Chair Bottomer	Made woven cane chair seats
Cannaller	Canal boat worker

canon	eccl. hist. a clergyman (including clerks in minor orders) living with others in a clergy-house (claustrum), or (in later times) in one of the houses in the precinct (close) of a cathedral or collegiate church, and ordering his life according to the canons or rules of the church. This practice of the canonica vita or canonical life began to prevail in the 8° c.; in the 11° c. it was, in some churches, reformed by the adoption of a rule (based on a practice mentioned by St. Augustine) that clergymen so living together should renounce private property; those who embraced this rule were known as Augustinian (Austin) or regular, the other were secular canons.
canon	From the 'regular' canons, came in the 12° c. those who followed the still stricter rule of Norbert of Premontr�, thence called Premonstratensian Canons. These two groups of 'canons regular' were distinguished by the colour of their habits as Black Canons and White Canons. As these vied, in strictness of living, the difference between a canon regular and a monk, became in the later Middle Ages (as now in the RCC) so slight that the one is often confounded with the other.
cantator (~trice)	a professional singer
Canter / Cantor	1) Beggar 2) Religious speaker, chanter
Canting Caller	Auctioneer
cantor	J the Jewish religious official who leads the musical part of a service.
cantor	the person who leads a church choir or congregation in singing. A precentor
Canvasser	Canvas maker
capellanus	see chaplain
Caper / Capper	Cap maker
Capillaire Maker	Made orange flavoured syrup
Capitalist	Investor, providing capital for commerce
carabineer, carabinier	mil. a soldier armed with a carbine (a lightweight rifle with a short barrel)
Card Maker	1) Made the combs and implements for carding (combing) wool
Card Master	In charge of the carding room in a cotton/wollen mill
Card Nailer / Nailorer	Maintained the teeth (nails) on the carding machine used on wool & cotton before weaving
card sharp	a professional card player who makes a living by cheating at card games.
carder	[L. carduus = a thistle] a cloth-worker who untangles shorter fibers with a wire brush or similar instrument prior to spinning as a step in cloth-making, a/k/a scribbler.
Carder	<u>Carded (combed - a skilled job) wool or cotton</u>

Cardroomer	Worker in the carding room of cotton/woollen mills
Carman/Charman/Carrier/	Driver of (horse-drawn) vehicles for transporting goods. Carmen were often employed by railway companies for local deliveries and collections of goods and parcels. Modern day van driver. A Carter typically drove a light two wheeled carriage. Also sometimes someone who drove horse-drawn trams was called a Carman.
Carnifex	Butcher
Carpentarius	Carpenter - from Latin
Cart Wheeler	Cart wheel maker
Carter	Carrier of goods by wagon
Cartographer	Mapmaker - as today
Cartomancer	Fortune teller using cards
Cartwright	Made carts and wagons
Case Hardener	Heat treats steel to harden its surface
Cashmarie	Fish seller - usually in inland markets
castellan	a governor of, or holder of, a castle.
Caster / Castorer	Made small bottles for sprinkling salt, pepper, sugar etc.
castrato (pl. ~i)	hist a male singer castrated in childhood to preserve his soprano or alto voice range.
Castrator / Gelder	Castrated farm animals
Catagman	Cottager (phonetic)
catamite	slang a boy or youth who is in a sexual relationship with a man.
catchpole	a sheriff's officer, esp one who arrests debtors.
Catchpole / Catchpoller	Bailiff or Sheriff's assistant
catechist	eccl one who instructs catechumens.
Catechist	Religious teacher - from catechism
catechumen	eccl one who is being instructed in basic principles, esp of Christianity.
cater, caterer	one who supplies provisions for a household, club, etc.
cater, caterer	one who provide the viands at an entertainment, fête, etc.

cater, caterer	the earlier form, cater now obsolete. cf acater
Cats Meat Man	Sold meat from a barrow for cats and dogs
cat's paw	a person used a a dupe or tool by another.
Cattle Jobber	Bought and sold cattle
caulker	one who filled up cracks or seams (e.g. in windows or ships' hulls) to make them watertight by using tar or oakum (=hemp fiber produced by taking apart old ropes).
Caulker	Filled up cracks in ships, casks, windows or seams to make them watertight by using tar or oakum hemp fibre produced by taking apart old ropes
cavalier	a Royalist supporter of Charles I during the English Civil War, opposed to the Parliamentarian supporters of Cromwell.
cavalryman	a soldier of a cavalry regiment, i.e. on horseback or in armored vehicles.
Ceiler	Installed ceilings
celebrity	a famous person.
celibate	one who abstains from sexual intercourse, esp. by reason of religious vows.
celibate	one who is unmarried.
cellarer	a person, as in a monastic community, responsible for maintaining the supply of food and drink.
Cellarman	As today, looked after beer & spirits & its dispensing equipment in pubs or warehouses
Cemmer	Hand combed yarn prior to weaving
ensor	a person authorized to examine works (books, films, etc.) to remove or suppress what is considered objectionable.
ensor	mil an official, as in the armed forces, who examines personal mail and dispatches to expunge material considered secret
Ceramist	A craftsman who shapes pottery on a potter's wheel and bakes it in a kiln
Chaff Cutter	Cut straw to make chaff
Chafferer	Dealer in chaff
chainman Also: ~-carrier	a surveyor or surveyor's helper (=From the use of a surveyor's chain in measuring lengths; A Gunter or U.S. Survey chain is 66 feet long and has 100 links; One chain= 22 yards, or 4 rods; There are 10 chains per furlong, and 80 chains per mile; Invented by Edmund Gunter [1581-1626]. A Ramden chain, 100 feet long with 100 links, is used in engineering.)
Chair bodger	Travelling chair repairer
Chair Turner	Turned the legs and spindles used in chair making often turned on rough "bodgers" - lathes - as a cottage industry- common in Buckinghamshire

Chairman	One of two persons who carried a sedan chair
Chaise Driver	Drove a chaise - a two-wheeled open horse-drawn carriage for one or two persons
chaisemaker	a carriage maker
Chaisemaker	Carriage or cart maker
Chaloner	1) Dealer in Shalloon – a fabric from Chalons in France 2) Blanket maker. Chalon or Shalloon - a woollen blanket or coverlet for a bed (from its original place of manufacture, Chalons-sur-Marne, in France)
Chamber Master	Shoemaker working from home or selling to the public
chamberlain	The manager of the household of a sovereign or great noble.
chamberlain	originally in charge of the King's bedchamber and wardrobe, he also took charge of all personal staff including personal grooms and lords in waiting. Other duties included organizing ceremonies (including religious ones) and local travels, such as to the theater. cf Lord Chamberlain of the Household Lord Great Chamberlain of England
Chamberlain	Steward in charge of administration of the household of royalty or nobility. One of the four main officers of the court, he controlled access to the King
chambermaid	a housemaid, esp. at a hotel
chancellor	civ. a high official
chancellor	head of government in some European countries;
chancellor	president of a chancery (equity) court.
chandler	a dealer or trader
chandler	one who makes or sells candles
chandler	a retailer of groceries, ship supplier
Chandler	1) Dealer or trader 2) Maker or seller of candles 3) Retailer of groceries - esp. to ships
Chanty Man	The leader in singing sea shanties aboard ship
Chapeler	Hat maker and seller - from French "chapeau"
chaperon	a person, esp an older or married woman, who accompanies a young unmarried woman in public
chaperon	an older person who attends and supervises a social gathering of young people
chaperon	a guide or companion whose function is to ensure propriety or to restrict activity
chaplain	a clergyman attached to a private chapel, institution, ship, regiment, etc.

chapman	Brit a peddler, esp of chapbooks (=small books or pamphlets containing poems, ballads, stories or religious tracts)
Chapman / Copeman / Ceapman	1) 13c - 16c Itinerant Trader/Peddler. 2) Merchant - in the 17/18c, before the advent of factories, a Chapman would invest in the raw materials of the cotton, woolen or silk trade, put out the work to spinners and weavers at home on piece-rates, and sell the product for profit - the term later became used for an itinerant peddler of goods in the 19c
Charcoal Burner	Made charcoal from burning, usually on the site of felling the trees
chargé d'affaires	dipl a diplomat who temporarily assumes the responsibilities of an absent ambassador or minister.
chargé d'affaires	dipl a diplomat of the lowest rank, accredited by one government to the minister of foreign affairs of another.
Chartmaster	Negotiated mining contracts and supplied the labour
chartulary	a keeper of the archives; one who had charge of keeping records.
Charwoman	A woman hired by the day to do odd jobs, usually cleaning, in a house - as still used today and in use as early as 1596. The word "chare" or "char" was used to describe an odd job
Chaser	An engraver
Chatelaine	Mistress of the house
Chaunter	Street entertainer (singer)
cheapjack	a peddler or dealer of cheap goods.
Check Weaver	A weaver who used a loom that used more than one shuttle, each of which had a different coloured bobbin in order to produce checked cloth. Cheese dealer
Cheese Factor / Monger Cheeseman	
chevalier	Fr. [= horseman] A member of certain orders of knighthood, and of modern French orders, as the Legion of Honor
chevalier	hist. a knight
chevalier	Eng. hist. the title of James and Charles Stuart, pretenders to the English throne
Chevener	Embroidered fine silk stockings, popular with the Victorians.
chiffonnier	a wig maker
Chiffonnier	Wig maker
chimney sweep	a person employed to remove soot from chimney flues to reduce the fire hazard. a/k/a "sweep"
Chimney Sweep	Chimney cleaner
chimney viewer	civ an officer of the town appointed to inspect chimneys to insure that owners obeyed the law regarding regular cleaning thereof.

Chinglor	Tiled roofs with wooden shingles (shingler)
Chippy	Carpenter - esp. Ship's carpenter or shipwright
Chirugeon / Chirurgeon	Apothecary or surgeon
chirurgeon /literally, 'hand work' /	a doctor or surgeon
choirboy (~girl)	see chorister
chorister	a singer in a choir (=an organized company of singers), esp. a choirboy or choirgirl
chorister	a leader of a choir
Chowder	Fishmonger
chronicler	a writer or compiler of a chronicle; a recorder of events.
Chronologist	Recorder of important historical events
-cide	denotes a person who has killed another, as homicide (a man, or simply any person), regicide (a king or queen), uxoricide (his wife), genocide (a people)
Cinder Wench	Female who collected cinders from factories for sale door to door
City Meter	Weights and Measures inspector's assistant, checking both the weights of goods as sold and the accuracy of the metal weights used. Some specialised - such as in Coal Meters, etc.
Claker	Magician / Astrologer
Clapman	Town Crier
Classman	Unemployed labourer
Claviger	Servant
Clay carrier	Assistant to the shot firer in the pits
Clay Puddler	Made the waterproof clay lining used on canals and dams. Mixing water with clay, they worked it with their feet until it became smooth and waterproof.
Clayman / Cleyman	1) Prepared clay for brick making 2) Rendered buildings with clay to waterproof them
Clergyman without cure of Souls	A clergyman without his own parish (without cure - care - of souls). Getting a Parish with sufficient income when there were more Clergy than Parishes wasn't always possible
clericus	see clerk
Clericus	Clerk - from Latin
Clerk	Medieval clergyman or cleric

clerk, clark	a person employed to keep records or accounts
clerk, cleric	a person employed to keep records or accounts
clicker	the servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers by clicking a noisemaker;
clicker	printing one who received the matter in the galley from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing;
clicker	one who made eyelet holes in boots using a machine which made a clicking sound.
Clicker	1) Foreman printer who looked after the typography and layout; 2) Shoe-maker who cut out the leather for making the uppers. 3) The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite in customers
Clipper/ on/off	Attached coal carts to the line hauling them from the coal face to the lifts
Clod Hopper	Ploughman
Clogger	1) Made wooden shoes "clogs" - in England they were usually leather with thick wooden soles More Info 2) In the Cheshire salt mines, inserted ribs in the base of a salt tub which supported the raised perforated base plate, thereby facilitating drainage
Cloth Dresser / Cropper	Worked in the woollen industry, cutting the cloth surface after it had left the fulling mill
Cloth Lapper	Moved the yarn from the carding machine to the next process in weaving
Cloth Layer	In garment manufacturing, laid out cloth in layers on a long table, checking for evenness and for defects.
Cloth Linter or Picker	Removed surplus thread and lint from the finished woven cloth
Cloth Looker	An inspector of finished woven cloth. Also remedied slight defects and applied 'padding' to remove oil spots
clothier	one who makes or sells cloth or clothing.
clothier	one employed in one of the many tasks and trades in the cloth-making industry.

Steps in the making of cloth

sorting
 scouring
 blending
 picking
 carding, combing
 spinning, twisting, winding
 weaving
 mending, shearing
 finishing
 fulling
 drying, tentering

Related terms:

brogger, burler, calendering, clothier, dyer, fustian cutter, mercer, napper, tucker, ullnager, yeoman clothier

Clothier / Clothesman / Clothman	Made or sold clothing
cloth-worker	See clothier
Clouter / Clower	1) Nail maker 2) Shoe maker
Club Collector	The "Club Man" called door to door on a weekly basis to collect payments for clothing, burial or Christmas Clubs
Coach Trimmer	Finished of the building of a coach with painting, upholstery etc.
Coachstand Waterman	Watered horses at a coach or cab stand and looked after them in the absence of the drivers
coadjutor	eccl an assistant to a bishop in the RC or Anglican churches, esp. one who is designated to succeed the current diocesan bishop.
coadjutor bishop	eccl a coadjutor who is already a bishop.
Coal Backer	Carried coal from barges to the coal wagons - on their backs.
Coal Burner	Charcoal maker
Coal Dealer / Merchant	Dealer and seller of coal - mainly to domestic customers. Still used today
Coal Drawer	Moved coal carts in the mine
Coal Heaver	Unloaded coalmine carts on the surface
Coal Runner	Attended coal carts in the mines
Coal Whipper	Unloaded coal from ships using baskets
Coalman / Coal Higgle	Sold coal to householders, usually by horse & cart
Coalmeter	Measured the coal
Coast Waiter/Surveyor	Customs Official attending unloading of ships
Cobbleman	Fisherman using a cobble - flat bottom boat
cobbler	one who mends shoes, esp as a trade. cf shoemaker and cordwainer, both of whom make shoes. (=Cobblers were often prohibited from making shoes.)
Cobbler	Shoemaker/repairer - as today
Cockfeeder	Looked after fighting cocks
Cocus	Cook - from Latin
Cod Placer	Placed fireproof containers, holding pottery being fired, into the kiln

cognate	a different form of a name, esp in another language (e.g. Joseph:Jose).
cognate	a blood relation; kin.
Cohen	Priest
Cohen sp: also Kohen; pl. Cohanim, Kohanim	H eccl a priest, esp a Jewish priest.
Cohen sp: also Kohen; pl. Cohanim, Kohanim	A direct male descendant of the Biblical Aaron, brother of Moses.
Coiner	Mint employee making coins
Coke Drawer	Drew the finished coke from the retort in which coal was heated to produce coke.
Collegeman	Works on 'colleges' - flat bottomed barges
collier	a coal miner.
Collier	Coal mine worker or coal barge worker. Term still used today
Colliery Doorkeeper	Doorkeepers or "trappers", opened and closed the ventilation doors to let coal pass. Often young boys were employed in this position.
Colonus	Farmer or husbandman - from Latin
Colour Man	1) Mixed textile dyes 2) House painter's assistant
Colourator / Colorator	Worked with dyes
colporteur	a book peddler, esp one selling Bibles and religious writings.
Colporteur	Peddler of religious books
Colt	Worker who has not served an apprenticeship. Particularly applied to women and children in the knitting trade during the 1811-1812 Luddite troubles
Comb Maker	Comb maker for 1) textile industry 2) hair
comber	one who combs longer fibers in the making of cloth, cf carder
Comber / Combere	Combed wool or cotton
commandant	mil. commanding officer of a military organization, e.g. the US Military Academy at West Point, NY
commander	nav. the master of a ship
commando	mil a unit of amphibious shock troops; a member of such a unit.
commando	mil a party of men called out for military service; a body of troops

commis /kómee/	Brit a junior waiter or chef
commissar	hist an official of the former Soviet Communist party responsible for political education and organization.
commissar	the head of a government department in the former USSR before 1946
Commission Agent	Salesman who derives his income solely from commission on sales
Commissionaire	Uniformed doorman at an hotel, theatre, etc. Member of the Corps of Commissionaires, a 3,500 strong team of professionals including many drawn from the military, police and emergency services - still in use (in 2002)
commissioner	civ a person appointed by a commission to perform a specific task, e.g. a municipal police commissioner, etc.
commissioner	civ a person appointed as a member of a government commission, e.g. Civil Service Commissioner
commissioner, railroad	an appointee of a town or other locality to oversee the sale of bonds to help finance construction of a railroad in return for a promise regarding the route it was to take. Mid-to-late 1800's. A position of responsibility and trust.
commodore	nav a naval officer above a captain and below a rear admiral.
commodore	nav a commander of a squadron or other division of a fleet of ships.
commodore	the president of a yacht club.
commodore	naut the senior captain of a shipping line.
commoner	one of the common people, as opposed to the aristocracy.
commoner	a person who has the right of common.
commoner	Brit a student at a university without a scholarship; a pensioner; a gentleman commoner;
commoner	cf scholar
commoner	cf sizar
companion	a person who accompanies, associated with, or shares with another.
companion	dom a person, esp an unmarried or widowed woman, employed to live with and assist another.
Companion	a member of the lowest order of some orders of knighthood; (e.g. Companion of the Bath)
Compositor	Set type for printing - as today, but now giving way to the computer
Computer	A person employed in computation of accounts, data etc.
con man	originally(=conder)

con man	nowadays =confidence man: a person who swindles by means of deception or fraud. Also: con artist (or: grifter scammer sharper sharpie sharpy chiseller swindler)
concierge	F an employee who lives on the premises of apartment buildings and serves as a general caretaker.
concierge	hist an officer of the King who was charged with administering justice, with the help of his bailiffs.
concierge	in a hotel, a concierge helps guests with various minor tasks like making restaurant reservations, procuring tickets, etc. "A concierge is often expected to 'achieve the impossible,' dealing with any request a guest may have, no matter how apocryphal or strange, relying on an extensive list of personal contacts with various local merchants and service providers." naut one who steers the boat, or gives directions for this. (con=To direct the steering or course of (a vessel).)
conder	
Conder / Conner	1) Gave steering instructions to helmsman 2) Directed inshore fisherman towards fish shoals from ashore 3) Conner - Inspector or tester
conductor (~ress)	one who directs the performance of an orchestra, choir, etc.
conductor (~ress)	an official in charge of a train; one who collects fares on a bus, train, etc.
conductor (~ress)	a guide or leader
conductor (~ress)	a manager or director
Coney Catcher	Rabbit catcher
confectioner	one who makes confections, candies, sweetmeats, cakes, light pastries, etc.
confectioner	a compounder of medicines, poisons, etc.
confectioner	nowadays a candy-maker, esp. for sale at retail.
Confinement Nurse	An attending woman during the first month after childbirth. Also known as 'Monthly Nurse'. May also have the initials S.M.S. (Subsidiary Medical Services. i.e. not a doctor, but trained in some
congressman (~woman)	civ a legislator who is a member of the U.S. Congress, especially of the House of Representatives.
constable	civ the chief officer of a community, appointed to keep the peace and act as marshal of the early militia; responsible for the village or parish "Watch and Ward". (=the Watch at night and the Ward during the day)
cook	dom one who prepares food for eating, in a restaurant or similar business, or as a member of household staff.
cooper	one who makes or repairs vessels made of staves and hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.
Cooper / Cuper	Made or repaired vessels made of wooden staves & hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.
Cop Fitter	Fitted "cops" to the looms. A cop is a cone onto which the yarn is wound after spinning, ready for weaving on the loom
Copeman	1) Dealer in stolen goods 2) Dishonest horse dealer

Coppice Dealer	Woodsman supplying coppice wood to local craftsmen.
Coprolite Digger	Coprolite is fossilised animal dung and was found in Cambridgeshire, between Soham and Royston, and mined out between 1850 and 1890. Ground down and treated with acid, it made an excellent fertiliser.
copy boy (~ girl)	a person employed by a newspaper or broadcast news office to carry copy and run errands.
copyholder	an assistant who reads manuscript aloud to a proofreader.
copyreader	one who edits and corrects newspaper copy for publication.
Coracle Maker	Made small round wicker and fabric inshore boats called Coracles
cordwainer	a shoemaker; originally any leather worker using leather from Córdoba, Spain. See cobbler, shoemaker
cordwainer	For an excellent dissertation on the meanings of the words cordwainer, cobbler, and shoemaker see this page http://www.thehcc.org/backgrnd.htm on the site of the Honorable Cordwainers' Company.
Cordwainer / Cordiner / Corviner / Corvisor	Shoemaker. Originally, a leather worker using high quality Cordovan leather from Spain for such things as harness, gloves and riding boots. By the 19c it had reduced to a shoemaker - as distinct from a cobbler, who repaired shoes
cordwinder	a rope maker
Core Maker	Formed sand moulds and cores for the production of metal castings
Core Maker	Used 'greensand', a mix of clay and wet sand, to form basic moulds for brass casting.
Cork Cutter	Worked with cork; mainly stoppers for bottles - in England from the 17th to 19th Century.
Corn Chandler	Corn Merchant
Corn Factor	Middleman in corn dealing
Corn Meter	Official who weighed and weighed the corn at market
cornet	Brit. hist the fifth commissioned officer in a cavalry troop, who carried the colors.
Cornet	The lowest commissioned rank in a cavalry regiment, who carried the colours
corporal	mil. a non-commissioned officer, ranking just below sergeant
Corver	Made baskets ,known as Corves, used in coal mining
costermonger	a peddler of fruits and vegetables in the streets from a barrow.
Costermonger / Coster Wife	1) Peddler of fruits and vegetables 2) Ditto, female
Cotiler / Coteler / Cotyler	Cutler - maker or dealer in cutlery

cottager	a peasant of the lower class, with a cottage, but little or no land.
Cottager / Cottar / Cotter / Cottier	Agricultural labourer, living in a landowner's farm cottage
cottar Also: cottager	Brit Hist an unfree peasant with fewer lands than a villan.
Cotton Baller	Wound cotton thread into balls on a special balling machine. These were used in 'Ball Warping', the oldest system of warping, not much used today.
Cotton Dresser	Operator who assembled the yarns or threads prior to weaving of cloth
Cotton Feeder	Was employed feeding the cotton into a carding machine, which roughly straightened the fibres prior to spinning
Cotton Piecer	Re-connected the yarns which broke on the spinning mule.
Cotton Rover	Loaded cotton yarn onto bobbins, giving the yarn a twist, (Roving) after the Carding and Combing processes.
Cotton Singer	(Meaning singe-er) Tends a machine that singes the nap or lint from cloth
Cotton Yarn Gasser	1) A person who worked in the "gas-room" where raw cotton was de-fumigated 2) A person who applied gas to finished cotton threads to smooth them
Coucher	Worker in the paper mills
count	the continental equivalent of the English Earl
Countour	Collected rates
Couper	Buyer and seller, usually of livestock
Couranteer	Journalist - from French
Court Factor	Dealer in Courts - small carts
Court Roller	In charge of the rolls and records of the court
Court Toolmaker	Made the tools for making Courts - small carts
Courtier	Owner/driver of Courts - small carts
cousin-german Also: german cousin	the son or daughter of one's uncle or aunt; one's first cousin.
Cow Leech	Animal Doctor
Coxwain	Helmsman of a ship or boat - still in use
Crate Maker	In the S Derbyshire potteries - wove crates from hazel and willow saplings for the transport of pottery
Crepe Weaver	Wove a cloth called Crepea light, thin fabric with a wrinkled surface - in the Victorian era, crepe was worn by ladies in mourning and there was a big demand for it

crier	an officer who makes announcements in a court
crier	hist. an officer employed by a town council. etc., to make public announcements in the streets or the marketplace
crier	a town crier. Before newspapers became common, news, public announcements and proclamations were made by the town crier who walked through the town ringing a bell and reading the news.
Crier	1) Town Crier 2) Auctioneer 3) Law court officer
Crimper	Member of a Navy press gang
Crocker	Potter
Croft Bleacher	Worked bleaching cloth prior to dyeing and spreading it out in enclosed fields, or "crofts"
Crofter	1) Tenant farmer of a croft - small piece of land - still in use 2) Also connected with bleaching of textiles
Cropper	1) Tenant farmer who was paid with a share of the crop 2) Also known as a shearman, a skilled textile worker who sheared the nap from the cloth
Crossing Sweeper	Swept ahead of people crossing dirty urban streets in exchange for a gratuity, creating a path that was referred to as a "broom walk". This was an informal 19th century occupation amongst the urban poor.
crowner	civ., corrupted form a coroner
Crowner	Coroner
Cuhreur	Courier - French
culdee	a religious ascetic
culdee	Irish/Scottish preserver of old Gaelic customs
Cupper	Worked in the potteries, making cups
curate	eccl a non-hierarchical designation for any churchman entrusted with the "cure of souls", i.e. the spiritual aspects of church business, usually as an assistant to the parish priest.
curate	archaic an ecclesiastical pastor
Curer	Tobacco Curer
Curretter	Broker
currier	one who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb
currier	one who tans leather by incorporating oil or grease
Currier	1) Dressed the coat of a horse with a curry comb 2) Tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease

custodian	person responsible for collecting revenues, and accountable for their safe-keeping
Customer	Customs tax collector
Cutler	Knife maker/seller/sharpener
Cutlooker/Clothlooker	One who inspects the weaver's cut or piece of cloth as it comes from the loom.
cutpurse	a thief in medieval times who robbed by cutting the strings by which a purse was held to one's belt
Cutterman	Operated coal face cutting machinery
Cycle	Various occupations in the Bicycle Making Trade

D

Daguerreotype Artist	Early photographer - derived from Daguerre's method
Damster	Dam builder - for logging
dandy	a man who affects exaggerated elegance in dress and manners; a fop.
Danter	Female overseer in silk winding room
Dateler/Dataller/Day Man/Daytaleman/Day Labourer	Casual worker, employed on a daily basis
Dauber/Dawber	Made Wattle & Daub walls using 'Lute', a tenacious clay.
dauphin	Fr. the eldest son of the king of France, next in the line of succession.
Day-maid	Dairymaid
daysman	hist a mediator (who performed mediations called dayments)
deacon (~ess)	eccl. (Episcopal) a minister of the third order, below bishop and priest
deacon (~ess)	eccl. (esp. in certain Protestant churches) a lay person responsible for handling the secular affairs of the congregation.
Deal Porter	A specialistworker in the docks - mainly London, handling baulks of softwood or "deal" between ship and shore.
dealer	a person or business selling (esp. retail) goods.
dealer	the player dealing at cards. (=to distribute cards to other players.)
dealer	a person who sells illegal drugs.
dean	a college or university official, esp. one with disciplinary and advisory functions

dean	the head of a university faculty or department, or of a medical school
dean	eccl. the head of the chapter of a cathedral or collegiate church
dean	Brit. (usu. rural dean) a member of the clergy exercising supervision over a group of parochial clergy within a division of an archdeaconry
dean	arch. a doyen
Deathsman	Executioner - very popular!
Decimer / Dozener	Elected by householders in a street to represent them at the Court Leet
Decoyman	Decoyed wild fowl, animals, into a trap or within shooting range
Decretist	Knowledgeable in decrees (decretals)
Deemer/Deemster/	Judge
Delaine Weaver	Made delaine, a light all-wool cloth of plain weave, usually printed. From the French laine, meaning wool. De laine - 'from wool'
Delfman	Sold "Delf", which is earthenware from Delft, Holland.
Delfsman / Delphman	Worker in quarries or open pits, usually quarrying stone
Delver	Ditch digger - also a worker in a stone quarry.
Dempster/Demster	
Dental Mechanic	Made false teeth - a very skilled job (Mechanic meant a craftsman or artisan)
Depater	Refined precious metals
deputy	a person appointed or delegated to act for another or others (also attrib: deputy sheriff)
deputy	pol a parliamentary representative in certain countries, e.g. France
Deputy	Pit workers' safety officer
dispenser	Latin See steward
Devil	Printer's errand boy
Deviller	Operated a "devil" - a machine that tore rags in the textile industry
Dexter	Dyer
Dey Wife	Female dairy worker

diaconus	see deacon
Die Sinker	When forging metals, lays out, machines, and finishes impression cavities in die blocks to produce forging dies, following blueprints and applying knowledge of die sinking
Digger	1) Coal face worker 2) Day labourer in slate of stone quarries
Dikeman / Dykeman	Ditch digger or hedger
dip	sl a pickpocket (=from the action of placing hand in pocket)
diplomat	a person representing a country abroad; a member of the diplomatic corps or service.
Diplomatic corps	-Ambassador (RCC: Nuncio)
Diplomatic corps	Extraordinary, ~ at large
Diplomatic corps	Plenipotentiary, Envoy
Diplomatic corps	Ordinary, Resident, Leger
Diplomatic corps	-Counsellor, Chargé d'Affaires (RCC: Auditor)
Diplomatic corps	-Secretary
Diplomatic corps	-Consul
Diplomatic corps	-Attaché
Dipper	Glazed goods in the pottery
Dish Turner	Made wooden bowls and dishes on a lathe
Disher / Dish Thrower	Made bowls and dishes from clay
Distributor	Parish official who attended to the secular needs of inmates of the poorhouse / workhouse
docent	a teacher or lecturer in a college or university
docent	a knowledgeable guide, as in a museum
Dock Foyboatman	A shore-based seaman who worked a "foy" to give assistance to vessels entering port - running lines from the ship to shore, towing small vessels etc. Foy is a corruption of fee, which was what the boatman charged
docker	a stevedore, a dock worker who loads and unloads cargo
Docker / Dock Walloper	Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo
Docket Room Hand	Employed in a print works, processing the dockets which contain all the details, copy and pictures for a print job

Dockmaster	In charge of a dockyard
Doffer	Worked in the spinning mills, replacing the full yarn bobbins with empties on the looms.
Dog Breaker	Dog trainer
Dog Killer	Employed by the parish to round up and kill stray dogs
Dog Leech	Veterinarian
doge /doj/	hist. the chief magistrate of Venice or Genoa
Dog-Whipper	Drove dogs away from the church. The dogs would be attracted by the custom of nailing fox tails to the church door as proof for collecting bounty on them
Domesman	Judge
domestic	a domestic servant.
Hierarchy of Domestic Staff	
MALE	house steward butler valets coachmen: head ~, under ~ footmen: 1st, 2nd, etc. grooms: 1st, 2nd, etc.
FEMALE	governesses housekeeper cook upstairs maids downstairs maids head kitchen maid head laundress house maids kitchen maids laundry maids
Dominie	Cleric or schoolmaster
donee, donor	a donor conveys a donation to a donee.
Donkey Man/Boy	Passenger carriage driver
doorkeeper	one employed to guard an entrance or gateway.
doorman (~woman)	a doorkeeper at a hotel, apartment house, or other building.

doppelgänger	an apparition or double of a person. (=G. : double-goer).
Dorcas	Seamstress
Doubler	Operated a machine twisting yarn in cotton/woolen mills. The yarn on different bobbins is combined onto another bobbin
dowager ~	a widow possessed of a title or property derived from her late husband (e.g. Queen ~, ~ dutchess)
downstairs maid	dom a maid of low standing who worked "below stairs" in the celler and not in the living quarters as would an upstairs maid.
dowser	one who finds water using a rod or witching stick
Dowser / Diviner	Finds water using a rod or witching stick
doyen (=dean)	originally, chief of a group of ten (L. decanus, decem = ten)
Dragman	Fisherman who dragged a net along the sea bed (trawling)
dragoman	a guide or interpreter in places where Arabic, Turkish or Persian (Iranian, Farsi) is spoken.
Dragoman	Interpreter for Turkish or Arabic
Dragoon	Cavalryman
Dragsman	Public transport/hire coach/carriage driver
Drainer	Dug drains
draper	a dealer in dry goods
Draper	Dealer in fabrics and sewing goods - in use today. From the French "drap-de-Berry", a woollen cloth coming from Berry in France
Drapery Painter	Second-rate painters employed painting the clothes (drapery) onto a painter's subject
Drawboy	Weavers assistant - sat on the looms to lift the heavy warps
Drawer	1) Made wire by drawing the metal through a die 2) Raised the coal up the mineshaft
Drawer In	Draws the warp yarn through loom parts to arrange warp for weaving specified pattern
Drayman	Drove a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads, such as beer kegs
drayman	one who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides made for carrying heavy loads. (dray=such a vehicle)
Dredgerman	1) Collected flotsam from the Thames for sale 2) Oyster fisherman
dreng	a free peasant in Northumbria and sometimes in Yorkshire and Lancashire. The name usually implies that land is held in return for military service.

dresser	a surgeon's assistant in a hospital
Dresser	1) A surgeon's assistant in a hospital 2) Operator who assembled the yarns or threads prior to weaving of cloth 3) Assistant to a noble person, preparing clothes etc. 4) In an Iron Foundry, the person who removed the flash and unwanted bits from castings
Dressing Machine Maker	Sewing machine maker
Drift Maker	Made fishermen's drift nets
Drillman	Agricultural worker who operated a seed drill
Dripping Man	Dealer in dripping - fat from cooking meat
Driver	Literally, a slave driver
drover	one who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market
drover	a dealer in cattle
Drover	Drove cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle
Drowner	A Waterman who understood the secrets of irrigation
Drugger	Pharmacist
Drum Battledore Maker	Made galvanized drums with battledores (bat-shaped paddles), used as washing machines
Drummer	Travelling salesman (drumming up business)
Dry Salter	1) Dealt in dried meat, sauces, pickles 2) Dealt in dyes for fabrics etc.
Dry Stane Dyker (Scottish)	
Dry Stone Waller /	Builds walls with stones from the fields. The art involves no mortar or cutting, but the ability to see where the stones should fit. Served the dual purpose of disposing of the stones from the fields and building the boundary walls
Dubber	Cloth dubber - raised the nap of cloth
duffer	a peddler
Duffer	Peddler of cheap goods
dummerer	the cant name for a beggar who pretended to be dumb
Dunner	Debt collector
dyer	one who colors cloth or yarn prior to weaving

Dyer	Fabric dyer
Dykeman	Hedger or Ditcher
Dyker	(Scottish) Stonemason

E

Ealdorman	Shire Court official, acted as King's deputy and paid by the court
Earer	Ploughman
earl	see the table of nobility
Earth stopper	Stopped up animal burrows - i.e. a fox's earth before the hunt
East India Man	Employee of the East India Company - either commercially or militarily
eccentric	a person of odd or unconventional behavior.
ecclesiastic	a minister or priest; a cleric.
ecdysiast	a striptease artist; stripper (=ecdysis: Gr. a stripping off; shedding skin)
ectomorph	a body type (somatotype) of person having a lean, slightly muscular body build in which tissues derived from the embryonic ectoderm predominate.
Edge Toolmaker	Maker of knives, scythes - cutting tools
educator	one trained in teaching; a teacher.
educator	a specialist in the theory and practice of education.
educator	an administrator of a school or educational institution.
-ee	One who receives or benefits from an action: (e.g. address~)
-ee	One who possesses a certain thing: (e.g. mortgag~)
-ee	One performing a certain action: (e.g. absent~)
-eer	a suffix forming nouns meaning "person concerned with or engaged in", (auctioneer, mountaineer, profiteer)
-eer	a suffix designating armed forces employing a particular armament, (musketeer)
effendi	used as a title of respect for men in Turkey, equivalent to sir.
effendi	a educated or respected man in the Middle East.

efficiency expert	a specialist who seeks to increase the productivity of an enterprise through improvements to operational or process efficiency.
Eggler / Egg Factor	Egg / poultry dealer
egoist	an egocentric person (=devoted to one's own interests).
egoist	an egotist.
egoist	an adherent of egoism (=the ethical doctrine that self-interest is the just and proper motive for all human endeavor).
egotist	a conceited, boastful person.
egotist	a selfish, self-centered person.
elder	an older person.
elder	an older, influential member of a family.
elder	eccl one of the governing officers of a church, often having pastoral or teaching duties.
elder	LDS a member of the higher order of the priesthood.
elder statesman	a prominent, highly experienced elder person, especially a retired official in an unofficial advisory role.
elector	GB one who is legally qualified to vote in elections for members of Parliament.
elector	US a member of the Electoral College, chosen by the several states to elect the President and Vice-President.
elector	Knights ~: the four gentlemen appointed by the sheriff to serve as members of a jury, and to elect the remaining members, in the process of trial by "Grand Assize"
elector	G formerly, one of the Princes entitled to take part in the election of the Emperor.
Elephants Teeth Dealer	Ivory dealer
Ellerman / Ellyman	Sold lamp oil (oilman)
Elymaker	Oil maker
emigrant	one who leaves one country or region to settle in another, usually with reference to the place of origin. e.g. (e.g. ~ from England) cf immigrant, migrant
émigré	one who has left one's native country, esp. for political reasons. cf emigrant.
employee	one who works for another in return for financial or other compensation.
Empresario	1) Showman 2) Land broker 3) Settlement scheme promoter
endomorph	an individual whose body type (somatotype) is characterized by a relative prominence of the abdomen and other soft body parts derived from the embryonic endodermal layer.

Engine Smith	Made parts for and repaired engines using the tools of a Smith - similar work to that of a Blacksmith.
Engine Tenter	1) Oversaw the operation of the steam engine driving factory machinery. 2) Operated woolen mill machinery stretching cloth whilst drying
Engine Turner	Engraver who produced overlapping geometric (engine turned) patterns on such items as cigarette cases, ladies compacts etc
Engineman	In charge of colliery winding machinery under the direction of the Bankman
engrosser	one employed to make a fair copy of a legal document
engrosser	one who reproduces (e.g. a document) in a larger hand or format
ensign	mil. the lowest rank of commissioned infantry officer
Enumerator	Collected and recorded census data from households
envoy	dipl a messenger or representative, esp on a diplomatic mission
envoy extraordinary	dipl a minister plenipotentiary, ranking below ambassador and above chargé d'affaires.
Equerry	Personal assistant in the Royal household - originally for the horses - still exists
-er /?r/	suffix a person, animal or thing that performs a specified action or activity. (e.g. cobbl~), (e.g. execution~).
-er /?r/	a person or thing that has a specified attribute or form. (e.g. comput~), (e.g. pok~)
-er /?r/	a person concerned with a specified thing or subject. (e.g. hatt~), (e.g. geograph~).
-er /?r/	a person belonging to a specified place or group. (e.g. villag~), (e.g. New York~).
Erb-	G Designating hereditary nobles from courtesy titles, (e.g. ~graf).
Eremite	Hermit
Erite	Heretic
Esquire	Knight's companion - the term later referred to a gentleman of standing
Esquire, Esq.	A title of dignity below knight and above gentleman.
Esquire, Esq.	The title placed after the name of an attorney.
Esquire, Esq.	A title appended to a man's surname when no other form of address is used, esp. in correspondence.
Estafette	Mounted courier - from French
Eweherd	Shepherd

Exchequer	Revenue collector - Chancellor of the Exchequer is an important English Government post today, setting the National budget
Exciseman	Tax collector
exec Also: XO	informal executive officer
executant	one who performs or carries out, esp a skilled performer.
executioner	one who executes, esp one who puts a condemned person to death.
executive officer	mil the officer second in command of a military unit smaller than a division.
executive officer	nav the officer second in command of a naval unit, as aboard a ship;
executor, executrix	a person appointed by a testator to carry out the terms of his or her will
exorcist	eccl one empowered or trained to exorcise (=to expel evil spirits by or as if by incantation, command or prayer)
expatriate	one who has taken up residence in a foreign country.
Expressman	A Messenger. He would collect and deliver letters, packages or parcels that needed quick service
Eyer	Made the holes in sewing needles. Also called a Holer

F

Faber	Workman or Artisan
Factor	1) Agent transacting business for merchants 2) Sold goods on commission 3) (Scottish) Steward collecting land rents
factor agent	a merchant who works on commission
factor agent	one who acts or transacts business for another
factor agent	Scot a steward or bailiff of an estate
factotum	an employee who does all kinds of work.
Fagetter	Firewood seller - made bundles of faggots
Faker	Photographer's assistant - added hand colouring to monochrome photographs before colour film was invented
Fakir / Faker	Street salesman, seller, hawker, vendor or peddler
falconer	a keeper and trainer of raptors (=hawks and falcons).
falconer	one who hunts small game with trained raptors.

Fancy Man	A pimp
Fancy Woman	A prostitute
fancymonger	a person, male or female, who in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries used legerdemain --- clever tricks --- to deceive others, often for financial gain. One of the fancymonger's theatrics was called wolf in the breast, a highly imaginative ploy used by vagrant English women with considerable acting talent to solicit donations from the gullible. In this macabre ruse, the woman attempted to convince passersby that a small wolf was gnawing her breast from inside. [Forgotten English]
Fancy-pearl Worker	Made items, such as buttons, from mother-of-pearl
Fanner	Grain winnower
Fanwright	Made or repaired fans or winnowing baskets
Farandman	Travelling merchant
Farm Bailiff	Made sure a tenant farmer ran the farm properly and was paying the rent on time. If not the bailiff had the authority to evict.
farm hand	a hired farm laborer.
farmer	one who works on or operates a farm. (=a tract of land cultivated for the purpose of agricultural production, raising and breeding of livestock, and the like)
farmer	one who has paid for the right to collect and retain certain revenues or profits
farrier	a blacksmith, esp. one who shoes horses.
Farrier	1) A blacksmith who shoes horses 2) Horse Doctor 3) Cavalry NCO responsible for horses
faulkner	a falconer
Faunist	Naturalist
Fawkner/ Faulkner	Falconer
Fear-Nought Maker	Made thick woollen material called fear-nought for protective clothing and lining insides the powder magazines of warships
Feather Beater/Driver/Dresser	Cleaned feathers for sale
Feather Mason	Split stone using curved metal 'feathers' with wedges hammered between them.
Feather Wife	Woman who cleaned feathers for sale
Featherman	Dealer in feathers
Feeder	Herdsman

fell monger	one who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making.
Feller	Woodcutter
Fellmonger	1) Dealer in hides and skins , also recycled inedible animal parts for glue, fertiliser, offal, horn, bone, gut etc. Basically, he ran the "knacker's yard". 2) Tree cutter / woodsman
Fellowship Porter	A kind of uniformed bonded messenger, vetted for honesty etc before admission to the Guild of Fellowship Porters, to whom they were accountable. You could trust your valuables to them for transport from your London office to another warehouse, shop or office
Felter	Worked with felt - normally in the hat trade
fence viewer	civ a town official charged to inspect new fences and to insure that fences were kept in good repair.
fence viewer	civ an official employed to arbitrate boundary disputes between landowners.
Fender Smith	Made and maintained fenders surrounding fires
Fent Dealer	Dealer in "Fents" - cloth remnants, ends of bolts of cloth etc.
feoffee, feoffor	hist a feoffor conveys a free-hold estate to a feoffee via a feoffment.
Feroner	Ironmonger
Ferreter	Made or dealt in "ferret" - silk tape
ferryman	the owner or operator of a ferry. (=A transport, esp a boat, for conveying passengers, esp as a regular service.)
ferryman	cf wherryman
Ferur / Ferator	Blacksmith / Farrier
Festitian	Physician
fetch	a person's wraith or double; doppelgänger
Fettler	1) Cleaned mill machinery, removing accumulations of fibres, grease etc. and sharpened fustian cutters' knives 2) Needle maker who filed the points
Fever	Blacksmith
Fewster	Made wooden saddle trees – the "chassis" upon which a leather saddle is constructed
Fewterer	Looked after the hounds used in hunting or hare coursing
Feydur (Feather) Beater	Feather beater
Fictor	Modeller
Fiddler	Used a fiddle (small knife) to remove the flashing from cast clay forms such as bowls, creamers, cups or pitchers.

Field Master	1) Inspected hedges and fences of a parish and also impounded stray animals 2) Tended fields set aside to produce hay. Also Hayward
File Cutter	Made files by cutting rows of sharp teeth into a metal blank
Filler	Filled bobbins in textile mills
Fine Drawer	Invisible mender (clothing)
Fire Beater	Tended factory boilers
Firemen (Salt Industry)	The men responsible for stoking the furnaces so as to maintain the brine at the correct temperature during the salt making period, which might be a few hours at high temperature for fine salt or several days at lower temperatures for the coarser types. Highly skilled work.
Fireworker	18c. Maker of fireworks. A very dangerous occupation - they often actually smoked when working with gunpowder!
Firkenman	Handled casks - 'Firkins' of ale, but not supervising the content
First Hand	Silk weaver who owned his own loom. Early silk weaving was largely done in the home
Fiscere	Fisherman - Anglo-Saxon term
Fish Bobber	Landed the fish from trawlers to the quay side
Fish Fag	Female fish seller
fishwife	an ill-mannered or noisy woman.
fishwife	a woman who sells fish.
Fitter	1) Coal broker 2) Early term for a Joiner 3) From 19c. a skilled mechanic
Flagger	Lays paving stones etc. also called a Paver or Paviour
Flagger & Tiler	Laid roofing tiles and the rectangular stone flags used in some parts of the country for roofing
Flasher	Specialist worker in glass making
Flatman / Floatman	Boatman on a flat bottom boat (a flat) used in shallow waters (mainly rivers and canals) for transport. The term also came to refer to shallow-draft coastal sailing vessels.
Flauner	Confectioner
Flax Dresser	Person who breaks and swings flax, or prepares it for the spinner.
Flax Scutcher	Separated the husk from the flax fibres by holding it against rotating paddles
Flesher / Fleshmonger	1) Tannery worker 2) Butcher
Fleshewer	Butcher

fletcher	one who made bows and (esp.) arrows
Fletcher	Made arrows - from French, flèche
Floater	Vagrant
floorwalker	a person employed in a retail store to assist customers and to supervise other employees. Also: shopwalker
florist	one who deals in or grows flowers.
Flowering Muslin	Embroidery
Flusherman	Cleaned out water pipes
Fly Coachman / Flyman	1) Drove a "fly" a one horse two wheeled light carriage 2) Flyman also a term for a theatre stage hand 3) A Fly Proprietor/Master employed fly drivers for hire and usually owned the flies.
Fly Forger / Maker	A drop forger who stamped out parts of 'flyers' for textile spinning machinery.
Fly Proprietor/Master	
Flying Stationer	Street broadsheet (newspaper) seller
Fogger / Pettifogger	1) Peddler. 2) Middleman in the nail and chain trade 3) Agricultural labourer who fed cattle 4) Low class lawyer or "Pettifogger"
Foister / Foisterer / Fuyster	Joiner
Foot Maiden	Female servant
Foot Straightener	Made watch and clock dials
Footman	Male servant
footpad	a robber who went about by foot, cf highwayman
Footpad	Thief (mugger)
Foot-Post	Mail carrier (on foot)
fop	a man who is preoccupied with and often vain about his clothes and manners; a dandy.
Forester	Looked after woods, normally on gentleman's estate, or major local forest
Forgeman / Forger	1) Blacksmith or his assistant 2) In 18c Derbyshire - Coachsmith
Forkner	Falconer (phonetic)
Form Fitter	Fitted "forms" for building. ie formwork for arch building.

Fossetmaker	Made (wooden) taps for ale casks
Founder	Foundryman - casts metal i.e. iron, brass
Fower	Sweeper, street cleaner
Foyboatman	A shore-based seaman who worked a "foy" to give assistance to vessels entering port - running lines from the ship to shore, towing small vessels etc. Foy is a corruption of fee, which was what the boatman charged
Frame Spinner	Tended a machine for spinning cotton threads - a Spinning Frame -
framer	one who frames; a maker, contriver, inventor
framer	one who frames a picture, etc.
Framer	Constructed the wooden frames of buildings, also in chair making
Framework Knitter	Operated a hosiery making loom (Abbreviated FWK in census returns)
free lance Also: freelance	15 th c a mercenary soldier with no master but the one who has paid his hire (=whose lance was for hire.)
free lance Also: freelance	modern one who sells his services to employers without a long-term commitment to any.
freebooter	one who pillages and plunders, esp a pirate
Freedman	A freed slave
Freeholder	Land owner
freeman	a man not bound to the manor, i.e. not a bondman.
freeman	Brit Hist a man who was free and might hold land but who owed some services to his lord.
freeman	in New England, one formally enfranchised.
Freeman	Held the full rights of citizenship, such as voting and engaging in business, free of feudal service - a man who had served his apprenticeship and who could then work at his trade in his own right
Freemason	Stone mason
Freshwaterman	Sailed on inland or coastal waters
friar	eccl a member of a usually mendicant Roman Catholic order
Frieser	Made rough plaster known as friese, also any strip pattern which repeats itself in some way and used in castings such as are used in decorative gates, railings etc.
Friezer	Friezed cloth (i.e. embroidery with silver or gold)
Fringemaker	Made ornamental borders or fringes in cloth making

Fripperer	Bought and sold old clothes and fripperies
Friseur	Hairdresser
Frobisher / Furbisher	Cleaned and polished metal – i.e. armour
Fruitestere	Female fruit seller
Fulker	Pawnbroker
fuller	one who fulls cloth, a step in cloth-making;
fuller	one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating, and pressing;
fuller	one who cleans and finishes cloth (a/k/a lecker, walker, waulker)
Fuller / Tucker / Walker	One who "fulls" cloth; the process of cleaning (removing the natural oils and lanolin) wool in preparation for spinning and weaving, using fuller's earth. In medieval times, this involved treading the cloth in stale urine for some 8 hours.
Fulling Miller	Milled Fullers Earth for Fulling woolen cloth (above)
Fumigator	During the great plague, Fumigators were employed to disinfect houses by burning sulphur, saltpetre and urine. Presumably the smell would kill the germs!
Funambulist	Tightrope walker
fuerner	a person in charge of an oven; a baker.
Furner	Baker
furnisher	a person who sells furniture.
furnisher	one who furnishes.
furrier	a dealer in or dresser of furs.
Furrier	Fur dealer - as today
fusilier	mil. a soldier armed with a fusil (=a light musket)
fustian cutter	a worker whose job it was to cut the loops in the fabric to produce a nap in cloth such as fustian and corduroy. The process was later mechanized.
Fustian Cutter / Weaver	A person who lifted and cut the threads in the making of Fustian, formerly a kind of coarse cloth made of cotton and flax. Now a thick, twilled cotton cloth with a short pile or nap, a kind of cotton velvet. A long thin knife was inserted into the loops and the threads cut as it was pulled through, stretched between rollers. The cloth was then brushed to raise the pile. Fustian is the old name for corduroy / A weaver of Fustian
Fustian Loom Jobber	Otherwise known as a Tackler, he serviced and maintained the Fustian looms

fyrð

the Anglo-Saxon militia. Special King's Peace prevailed while travelling to, from and during fyrð service.

G

Gabeler

Tax collector

Gaffer

1) Foreman 2) Elderly man

Gaffman

Bailiff

Gager / Gauger

Collector of alcohol taxes. Measured capacity of barrels to calculate the duty

galligaskin

naut. baggy trousers worn by sailors of the 17^o and 18^o centuries and, metaphorically, the sailors themselves.

gamekeeper

a person employed to care for and protect game (=animals hunted for sport or food).

Gamester

1) Gambler 2) Prostitute

ganger

Brit. the foreman of a gang of workers

Ganger / Gangsman

Overseer / foreman - from mid 18c.

Ganneker

Innkeeper

Gaoler

A keeper of the gaol, a jailer

gaoler /jajl-er/

a keeper of the gaol (jail), a jailer

Garthman

1) Fisherman using fish traps 2) Yardman or herdsman 3) Maintained a "garth" or dam on the river for catching fish

Gas Maker

Made gas by heating coal to produce gas, which was purified to remove the tar. The coal would be turned into coke. The gas could be used for lighting, heating or powering a gas engine. The tar was used in road surfacing.

Gas Manager

In charge of detecting dangerous gases in mines

Gasser

See Cotton Yarn Gasser

Gater

Watchman

Gatherer

Glassworker. Inserted the blow iron into molten glass ready for the blower

Gatherer's Boy

Assistant who shielded the gatherer's face from the furnace with a shovel

Gatward

Goatkeeper

Gaunter

Glove maker

Gaveller	1) In the Forest of Dean - Crown officer granting "gales" - the right to work a mine 2) In Suffolk - Female (usually) harvest worker 3) Usurer
Gelder	Animal castrator
Gentleman	Gentry; Aristocrat, whose income came from his land
gentleman (~woman)	A person of gentle or noble birth, or superior social position.
gentleman (~woman)	A man of independant means who does not have to work for a living.
gentleman (~woman)	A woman acting as a personal attendant to a lady of rank.
gentleman commoner	a university student, esp one of means.
gentleman farmer	a country gentleman who farms.
gentleman usher	an usher to royalty who attended at balls and state functions.
Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod	originally the Royal Council chamber guard, he was the chief Royal usher; Now attached to the House of Lords.
gentleman-at-arms	UK one of the sovereign's bodyguard.
gentleman-in-waiting	Brit a man of gentle birth attached to a royal household.
Gentry	Families of hereditary rank - the baronets and knights in England
Geometer	Person skilled in geometry
gerefa	an administrative officer under the Old English kings. (=reeve)
gerent	one who holds an office; a manager, ruler.
-german	having the same parents, as brother-german, sister-german.
Gerund Grinder	Latin Tutor
Gigger	Operated a giggering machine - a machine for dressing woollen cloth by subjecting it to the action of teasels.
Gilder	Applied gold leaf for decoration
Gimler	Made gimp - a kind of card
Ginny / Jenny / Jenney Tenter	Minded a Ginny - a stationary engine used in coal mining to haul coal to the surface
Ginour	Engineer
Girdler	Made leather belts & girdles, mainly for the army

gladiator	a person, usu. a professional combatant, a captive, or a slave, trained to entertain the public by engaging in mortal combat with another person or a wild animal in the ancient Roman arena.
gladiator	a person engaged in a controversy or debate, esp. in public; a disputant
gladiator	sports a professional boxer (=from the Latin gladiolus, a sword)
Glass Coachman	Drove a two horse carriage for hire
glazier	a window glassman, one who cuts and fits window glass.
Glazier / Glassman	1) Window glass man / glass cutter 2) Seller of glassware
gleaner	one who gathers grain left behind by reapers.
gleeman	mus a medieval itinerant singer or minstrel.
Gleeman	Mediaeval minstrel
Glover	Glove maker / seller
Goat Carriageman	Driver of a small carriage
gob	Am. sl. (=sailor)
gobby	Brit. sl. a coastguard
goldbrick	slang a person, esp. a soldier, who avoids assigned duties or work; a shirker.
Goldsmith	1) Banker 2) Worker in gold
goliard	a wandering student in medieval Europe disposed to conviviality, license, and the making of ribald and satirical Latin songs.
goner	slang one that is ruined or doomed.
gong farmer	a privy cleaner in Tudor England.
Gong Farmer /	Emptied cesspits, ashpits and outside toilets - "middins" - usually required to work from 9pm to 5am. See also Night Soilman
Good~	a courtesy title used before the surname of man [married woman] not of noble birth.
goodman (~wife)	the male [female] head of a family.
goody	archaic goodwife
Gooseherd	Tended geese
Gorseman	Sold gorse and broom, largely for making brooms

Gossoon	Servant boy
gourmand	a glutton
gourmand	disp a gourmet
gourmet	a connoisseur of good or delicate food.
governess	dom a combined instructor and child-minder. Considered by the rest of the staff as a mere upstairs maid with leave to go about without a cap, they were, however, occasionally invited to dine with the family — when there was no company present! [QC]
Gozzard	Herder of geese
GP / General Practitioner	Local medical doctor, a term used today.
Grace Wife	Midwife
Graffer	Notary or scrivener
Grainer	Painted wood grain effect
grand master abbr: GM or G.M.	games a chess player regarded as having the highest level of ability. (=Defined by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) as having an ELO rating > 2500)
grand master abbr: GM or G.M.	a person of the highest competence or achievement in a particular field.
grande dame /däm/	a highly respected elderly or middle-aged woman.
grande dame /däm/	a respected woman having extensive experience in her field.
grandee	a nobleman of the highest rank in Spain and Portugal; used as a title for such a nobleman.
grandee	a person of eminence or high rank.
granger	the bailiff in charge of a grange (=a farmhouse or land with farm buildings, often belonging to the church)
Granger	Farmer
grass widow	a woman who is divorced or separated from her husband.
grass widow	a woman whose husband is temporarily absent.
grass widow	an abandoned mistress.
grass widow	the mother of an illegitimate child.
Graver	1) Engraver 2) Carver or Sculptor 3) Worker in a ship graving dock, cleaning and repairing ships hulls
Grazier	A person who pastures and raises cattle

greengrocer	Brit. a retailer of fruits and vegetables.
Greengrocer	Sells fresh fruit and vegetables
greensmith	a smith who works in copper. (=presumable from the green color of oxidized copper) Also: brownsmith
Greensmith	Worker in copper - coppersmith
Greenwich (Hospital) Pensioner	A long-serving ex Royal Navy man, awarded an out-pension for age, wounds or incapacity.
Greenwich Barber	Sold sand from the Greenwich pits
grenadier	hist a soldier armed with grenades (=a small bomb designed to be thrown by hand.)
Grenadier [Guard]	Brit the first regiment of the royal household infantry.
Grey Cloth Dealer	Dealer in Grey Cloth - the unfinished product of the looms before bleaching, dyeing or printing. The term is still used in the trade.
Grieve / Greave	Bailiff, Sheriff, Foreman
Grimbribber	Lawyer
Grinder	1) Used a grinding machine, mainly for knife and scissor sharpening, which was commonly done door-to-door 2) Maintained a carding machine in textile mills 3) Tutor
grocer	a dealer in food and household provisions.
groom	obs a man-child; a boy
groom	a man, a male person, e.g. (e.g. herd-groom)
groom	a man of inferior position; a serving-man; a man-servant; a male attendant
groom	dom the specific designations of several officers of the English Royal Household, chiefly of the Lord Chamberlain's department, with defining prepositional phrases, as
groom-porter	an officer of the English Royal Household, abolished under George III; his principal duties, at least from the 16th c., were to regulate all matters connected with gaming within the precincts of the court, to furnish cards and dice, etc., and to resolve disputes arising at play.
Groover	Miner
Groundsel & Chickweed Seller	Street seller of weeds to feed songbirds
guerrilla	A member of an irregular, usually indigenous military or paramilitary unit operating in small bands in occupied territory to harass and undermine the enemy, as by surprise raids.
guide	one who shows the way by leading, directing, or advising.
guide	one who serves as a model for others, as in a course of conduct.

guide	a person employed to conduct others, as through a museum and give information about points of interest encountered.
Guinea Pig	Roving (freelance) person, whose usual fee was a guinea (One pound, one shilling)
Gummer	Re-cut old saws, sharpening and improving depth of cut
Gun Filer	Removed the casting imperfections on gun barrels
Gun Stocker	Carves gun stocks from wood and fits them to the metal parts of the gun
gunsel	slang a criminal armed with a gun.
gunsel	slang a catamite.
Gyp	College servant to undergraduates

H

haberdasher	a dealer in men's clothing.
haberdasher	Brit a dealer in dress accessories and sewing goods.
Haberdasher	Seller of clothing and accoutrements
hack	one who undertakes unpleasant or distasteful tasks for money or reward; a hireling.
hack	a writer hired to produce routine or commercial writing.
hacker	a maker of hoes
Hacker	1) Woodcutter 2) Maker and/or user of hoes or other cutting tools
Hackle Setter	Set and maintained the pins in a Hackle
Hacklemaker/Heckelmaker	Made the Hackles (combs) for combing flax
Hackler / Heckler / Hackman / Hatcheler	Combed or "carded" the coarse flax, using a Hackle - a toothed implement - in linen making.
Hackney Man	Horse drawn Cab/Taxi driver - Taxis were originally called Hackney Cabs
Haft Presser	Employed in the Sheffield cutlery industry pressing bone/horn into knife handles (hafts). 19c.
hagiographer	a writer of the lives of saints
Hairweaver / Hairman	Weaver of horsehair cloth
Halberd Carrier / Halberdier	Soldier who was armed with a halberd - a combined spear and axe

halberdier	mil. a soldier armed with a halberd (=a combined spear and battleax)
Half Timer	Child who spent half the day at school and half in the mills
half-timer	a child - usually under 13 - who worked half a day in a factory or mill, and half a day at school
Hammerman	Smith, hammerman
hand	one who performs manual labor
hand	one who is part of a group or crew
Handseller	Street Vendor
Handwoman	Midwife or female attendant
Happers	Usually women and children whose job was to square off the drained lumps of salt with wooden implements, ready for drying.
harbormaster	naut one in charge of a harbor, authorizing arrivals and departures, and arranging for pilots to guide vessels in or out.
harlot	a prostitute. (=Harlot is first recorded in English in a 13 ^o century work as meaning a man of no fixed occupation, vagabond, beggar.)
Harlot	1) Vagabond, beggar, rogue 2) 14c male servant / attendant 3) 15c Prostitute
Harmer Beck	Constable
Harper	Harp player
hatcheler	one who combed out or carded flax
hatter	one whose occupation is the manufacture, sale or repair of hats; a hat maker;
See the table.	Hat-making Jobs blocker, block maker, box maker, brim ironer, carrotting machine operator, coner, dyer, colorer, finisher, flanger, former, fur cutter, fur blower, fur mixer, hardener, inspector - packer, milliner, pouncer, trimmer.
hausfrau	G a housewife
hawker	one who sells goods in an aggressive manner, esp. by calling out.
Hawker / Huckster	Peddler or street seller. Itinerant street dealer who carried his wares with him. Often used as a term of abuse.
Hayard	1) Inspected hedges and fences of a parish and also impounded stray animals 2) Tended fields set aside to produce hay Also Field Master
haymonger	a dealer in hay

Haymonger	Dealer in hay
Hayrester	Worker in horsehair
hayward	a keeper of fences
hayward	hist. civ. a civil office in early New England, charged with periodic inspections of the fences of the town and, often, their repair.
head	a person who leads, rules or is in charge; a leader, chief or director.
~hunter	one who practices the custom of cutting off and preserving the heads of enemies.
~liner	a performer who receives top billing; a star.
~man	the leader of a small primitive tribe.
	a headsman; an executioner.
~master (~mistress)	a principal of a school, esp. of a private school.
~shrinker	a headhunter who dries and shrinks the heads of victims.
	slang a psychiatrist.
~waiter	a waiter in a restaurant having charge of the other waiters, and perhaps also responsible for taking reservations and seating diners as they arrive.
headsman	hist An executioner who beheads.
headsman	A person in charge of a whaling boat.
Headsman	Executioner
Headswoman	Midwife
Heald/Heddle or Yell Manufacturer	Manufacturer of Healds, used on looms. The warp yarns are passed through loops known as Healds, which raise and lower the yarns after the shuttle has passed the weft across the width of the loom
Heck Maker	Made spinning machine guides for guiding yarn onto reels
Hedge Looker	Oversaw maintenance of hedges and enclosures. Also see Field Master & Hayward
Hedger	Hedge Trimmer and maker of "grown" hedges - a skilled art
Heelmaker	Made shoe heels
Hellier / Hillier	Roof tiler or Slater
helmsman	a person who steers a vessel Also: steersman, wheelsman, navigator (=from the helm, which is the tiller or wheel by which a ship is steered)
Hempheckler	See Hackler
Henchman / Hensman / Hinxman	1) Squire or page of honour 2) Groom, horseman 3) Chief attendant to a Highland chief

Henter	Thief
herald	an official messenger, bringing news
herald	Brit. Hist. an officer responsible for official ceremonies and etiquette
herald	Brit. an official of the Heralds College, responsible for assigning and studying arms (heraldry).
-herd	a herdsman, as a goat herd, cowherd
-herd	an owner or keeper of these animals.
hermit	a person who lives in solitude;
hermit	an early Christian recluse;
hermit	cf anchorite
Hewer	Mine face worker - hewed or cut the coal
higgler	an itinerant peddler
Higgler	Itinerant peddler. A lot of the Higgler's trade involved barter, rather than money changing hands and the name derives from the resultant haggling.
High Sheriff	The highest ranking sheriff
High Sheriff	Brit the chief executive officer of the Crown in a county, administering justice, etc.
highwayman	a robber who attacks people on the public way - usually on horseback; cf footpad
Highwayman	Robber, usually mounted, who preyed on travellers on public highways
hillier	a roof tiler
Hillier	Roof tiler
Hillman / Hillsman	A man who worked at the pithead; a colliery official, late 17th-early 20th century (Scottish)
hind	a farm laborer
Hind / Hynd	1) Domestic servant 2) A skilled farm labourer (Scotland)
Hobbler / Hobler	1) Towed river or canal boats 2) Casual dock labourer 3) Unlicensed pilot.
hod carrier	one who carries a hod (=a V-shaped open trough on a pole used for carrying bricks, mortar, etc.)
hoddie	see hod carrier
hodman	see also hod carrier

hodman	a literary hack
hodman	one who works mechanically
Hodsman	Mason's assistant - carried the "Hod" in which materials were carried
Hoggard	Pig drover
hogreeve	an officer in charge of stray hogs and other livestock; a pounder
Holder up	1) Rivetter's Mate - whilst the red hot rivet head was formed by the rivetter, he would hold a heavy hammer or dolly against the other end of the rivet.
Holer	1) Miner 2) Made the holes in sewing needles. Also called an Eyer
Holloware Turner	Operated a lathe to shape & clean up the inside of metal utensils, teapots etc & cooking pots
Hooper	A dancer
hooker	a reaper
hooker	a mediæval term for a thief who steals with the aid of a hook on a pole
hooker	one who crochets (=From the implement used: a crochet hook)
hooker	Slang a prostitute (=Not from the Civil War general, as the usage was well known before that war. It appeared in the second edition (although not the first) of John Russell Bartlett's Dicionary of Americanisms, published in 1859. Bartlett defined hooker as a strumpet, a sailor's trull>.)
Hooker	1) 16c. Reaper 2) 19c. Textile mill worker operating machinery which laid out fabric in uniform folds to required length
hooper	one who made hoops for casks and barrels
Hooper / Hoop shaver	Made hoops for casks and barrels
Horner	Made horn cutlery handles, combs
Horse Capper	Dealer in worthless horses
Horse Courser	Owner of racing horses
Horse Knave	Groom
Horse Leech	Farrier, veterinarian
Horse Marine	Towed canal barges where horses could not be used

Horse, Master of the	dom. a royal household post of importance, responsible for the care, breeding and deployment of the royal livery, including: Transport of the monarch and the court on all occasions; Supervision of the royal studs, and the purchase, training and equipping of the horses for all purposes; provision of mounts for household officials and royal messengers; Organizing and planning the royal journeys, annual and otherwise; Providing different sorts of horses for the various household members and uses: war-horses, great horse for the joust, coursers, palfreys, amblers, cobs, rouncies, mules and pack-horses, hacks and hunters; Management of the large staff of aveners, grooms, clerks, farriers, purveyors and baggage-men. In 1554 the annual payroll was £1,132/10/2½ -- a huge sum at the time. On all royal journeys, the Master of the Horse rode immediately behind the sovereign. On the first day of her reign, Elizabeth I appointed Robert Dudley (Leicester) Master of the Horse. Prepared horse hair for upholstery stuffing
Horse-hair Curler	
Horseman	Led working horses on a farm
hosier	a maker of stockings
Hosier	Retailer of hosiery - socks, stockings, gloves etc.
hosteler	one who receives, lodges or entertains guests and strangers,
hosteler	obs exc hist in a monastery or religious house, one whose office was to attend to guests and strangers
hosteler	arch a keeper of an inn or hostelry; an innkeeper
hosteler	a stableman. see hostler
hosteler	obs a student who lives at a hostel (hosteleress); a traveller who stays at hostels.
hosteler-wife	the mistress of an inn
Hosteller / Hostelier	Innkeeper
hostler	a groom who took care of horses, often at an inn; a stableman; a (=hosteler)
hostler	Also: ostler
hostler	one who services vehicles or machines when not in service, esp train engines.
hostler	the keeper of a round-house in a rail yard
Hostler	1) Stableman, groom 2) repairer of railway engines
Hotpresser	Worked in textile or paper mills, pressing product between hot glazing sheets to smooth and glaze it
House Joiner	Made the wooden frames of houses

house steward	dom the chief male domestic servant in a household, acting as a manager thereof, hiring and firing servants and keeping the accounts. He dealt mainly with the master of the house. cf housekeeper, butler, Lord High Steward.
House Wright	House builder
housekeeper	dom the chief female domestic servant, answerable to the lady of the household and dealing with the linens and cleaning, and the associated staff. She was the female counterpart to the house steward.
Howdy Wife	Midwife
Hoyman	Used a "hoy" - a small coastal vessel - to transport passengers and goods
huckster	one who sells small wares.
huckster	a slang term for a street peddler who travelled from town to town.
huckster	nowadays one who uses aggressive, showy, and sometimes devious methods to promote or sell a product.
Huckster / Huxter	1) Street seller of ale, often a woman 2) Retailer of small wares in shop or booth
hugger	a porter or carrier, esp a quarry-worker who carried stones to the surface
Huissier	Usher or door attendant
Hurdleman / Hurdler	Made wattle fencing "hurdles"
hurdy-gurdy man	an itinerant pan-handler (=begger) who played a hurdy-gurdy (=an ancient stringed instrument played by turning a crank that ran a rosin-coated wheel over the strings with a droning effect). His assistant would dance and bang her tambourine and collect money from the people in the street. Sometimes they would have a "monkey on a string" as an assistant.
Hurriers	Usually girls from the age of 5, employed hauling coal underground
husband	chiefly Brit a manager or steward of a household.
husband	arch a prudent, thrifty manager.
husband	see the table at kith.
husbandman	a farmer who cultivated the land
Husband-Man / Husbandman	1) Tenant farmer 2) Farmer dealing with animals (14th century From the Anglo-Saxon <i>husbonda</i>) - a shepherd
Hush Shopkeeper	Unlicensed beer brewer and seller

I

Iceman	Ice seller - usually delivered to the door
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-ician	Denoting a person proficient in or concerned with certain subjects, such as magician, mortician.
Idleman	Gentleman of leisure
Iggler	See Tinker
illuminator	one who decorates with gold, silver or brilliant colors, esp. manuscripts, or the initial letters of paragraphs therein.
illyphacker	Austral. sl. a professional trickster
Image Maker	A sculptor
imam	a leader of prayers in a mosque
imam	a title of various Muslim leaders, esp. of one succeeding Mohammed as a leader of Islam.
immigrant	one who leaves ones country to settle in another, usually with reference to the receiving country, (e.g. ~ to America); cf emigrant, migrant
imperator	Rom. hist. a title conferred under the Republic on a victorious general, or under the Empire on the emperor.
impresario	an organizer of public entertainments, esp. the manager of a theatrical, operatic, or concert company.
inceptor	Brit. hist. one who has taken a master's or doctor's degree at university
incomer	Brit. a person who arrives to settle a place
incomer	an immigrant
indentured ~	a person bound by indentures (contracts) to a term of servitude or apprenticeship.
Indentured Servant	Was committed to work for a fixed number of years for financial advantage. On completion of the indenture, he became a Freeman. Until that time, had few, if any, rights
indiaman	naut. hist. a ship engaged in trade with India or the East Indies
indiaman	metaphorically, a sailor serving on such.
infant	a child in its earliest term of life.
infant	Brit a schoolchild below the age of seven years.
infant	Law a minor; a person under the age of 18 years.
Infante (~a)	hist in Spain and Portugal, the eldest son (daughter) not heir to the throne. (=Usually the second eldest.)
infantryman	mil. a soldier in an infantry unit;
infantryman	a foot soldier

Infirmarian	Ran an infirmary
Inspector of Nuisances	A person appointed to look into By-Law offences, such as noisy animals, foul smells, maybe fence disputes, things of that nature
Intelligencer	Spy
Intendent	Director of public or Government business
Interfactor	Murderer
interpreter	one who translates; esp. one who translates speech orally.
interpreter	cf translator
Iron Charger	Placed the iron ore into the smelting furnace
Iron Founder	Founds or casts iron
Iron Moulder	Made moulds for casting iron
Iron Planer	Put flat (plane) surfaces onto, usually, iron castings, required for seatings etc where the castings fitted on to other parts of the structure.
Iron Puddler	Made wrought iron using the puddling process; a highly skilled and dangerous occupation which required physical strength, stamina and sustained concentration
Iron Roller	Worked a machine that rolled iron to form and shape it.
Iron Turner	Used a lathe to turn items from iron.
ironmaster	Brit a manufacturer of iron.
Ironmaster	Foundry owner / manager
ironmonger	Brit a dealer in hardware.
Ironmonger / Feroner	Hardware merchant
ironside	a person of great bravery, courage or endurance.
Ironsides	a nickname of Oliver Cromwell.
Ironsides	Cromwell's troopers in the English Civil War.
Ironsmith	Blacksmith
Ironstone Miner	Mined Ironstone, used to obtain iron and in the making of pottery and also for building material
-ist	one that performs a specific action: (e.g. lobbyist).
-ist	one that produces, makes, operates, plays or is connected with a specific thing: (e.g. novelist).

-ist	a specialist in a specific art, science or skill: (e.g. biologist).
-ist	an adherent or advocate of a specified doctrine, theory, or school of thought: (e.g. anarchist).
-ist	one that is characterized by a specific trait or quality: (e.g. romanticist).
itinerant	one who performs his trade or profession by travelling from place to place, as a tinker, butcher, minister, circuit judge, etc.

J

jack	a sailor or seaman
Jack	1) Sailor 2) young male assistant..
Jack-frame Tenter	A Jack-frame was a complicated machine that twisted textile threads and wound it onto bobbins. "Tenting" meant attending / watching
Jack-smith	Made lifting machinery / equipment
jagger	A sailing vessel which followed the fishing fleet in order to bring the fish to market; a sailor of same
jagger	A pedlar, carrier, hawker or drover
jagger	mining A man who carries ore on pack animals from the mine to the smelter;
jagger	a boy in charge of the jags or trains of ore cars in the mine
Jagger	1) Fish peddler 2) 19c. Boy in charge of "jags" or truck trains in a coal mine 3) Man attending pack-horses carrying iron ore to the smelter 4) 20c. Uniformed messenger for London businesses
Jakes Farmer	Cesspool emptier
Japanner	Applied Japanese style black hard varnish - "Japanning"
Javelin Man	Attendant at court who carried a spear or pike
jayhawker	one of the free-soil guerillas in Kansas and Missouri during the 1854-1859 border disputes.
jayhawker	a Unionist gierrilla.
Jayhawker	informal a native or resident of Kansas
Jenny/ Jenney / Ginny Tenter	Minded a Ginny - a stationary engine used in coal mining to haul coal to the surface
Jerquer	Customs Officer - shipping. Issued "Jerque Note" for clearance of vessel
Jersey Comber	Employed combing Jersey wool before spinning
jeweler sp: Chiefly Brit.: jeweller	a maker or dealer in jewels or jewelry.

Job Coachman	Drove a coach hired to nobility or gentry for long periods
Jobber	1) Dealer in goods 2) Pieceworker - paid by the job 3) In a cotton mill, a Jobber was also known as a Tackler, who maintained machinery
Jobmaster	Supplied horses, carriages and drivers for hire
joiner Also: joyner	a person who makes furniture and light woodwork.
joiner Also: joyner	a skilled carpenter.
jointress	a widow who holds a jointure (=an estate settled on a widow for the period during which she survives her husband)
Jollier	See Potter's Jollier
jongleur	a wandering minstrel, poet or entertainer in medieval England and France
Jongleur	Travelling minstrel
Journeyman	A tradesman who has served his trade apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but originally hired by the day. The name derives from the French for day - jour. Also Engineer Journeyman.
Jouster	Fishmonger. Female hawkker of fish
Jowter	Mounted pedlar of fish
Joyner / Joiner	A skilled carpenter, capable of finer work than a plain carpenter. i.e. skilled in making joints for furniture-making. The term is still very much in common usage.
judge	a public officer appointed or elected to hear and try causes in a court of justice
judge	a person appointed to decide a dispute or contest
judge	Jewish hist. a leader having temporary authority in Israel in the period Joshua and the Kings.
judge advocate general Also: JAG	mil. an officer in supreme control of the courts martial in the armed forces
Junker /yoong'ker/	G hist a young German nobleman
Junker /yoong'ker/	a member of an exclusive Prussian aristocratic party
jurist	a legal expert, lawyer, or writer
jurist	a judge or justice
justice	a magistrate.
justice	a judge, esp. of a supreme court.
justiciar	Eng. a chief legal and political advisor;

justiciar	one deputized for the King in his absence
justiciar	one entrusted with supreme control of the jurisdiction of the Law Courts of a country or large province.
Justiciar	Head of the royal judiciary and king's viceroy in his absence abroad
Juvellour	A Jeweller

K

K.G.	=Knight of the Order of the Garter
KC	UK law King's Counsel
KC	see Queen's Counsel
Kedger	Fisherman
Keeker	Colliery "quality control" man and weighman
keel-bully	Brit one of the crew of a keel (=metaphorically, a ship); a Tyneside lighterman
keeler	naut. a bargeman
Keeler / Keelman	Bargeman on Newcastle Keels - river boats carrying coal down river to ships loading off-shore.
-keeper	one who keeps or looks after something or someone, e.g. (e.g. game~), (e.g. goal~), (e.g. gate~)
Keeper of the Great Wardrobe	dom was a position in the British Royal Household. The holders were responsible for running the Great Wardrobe, an office which provided clothing and textiles to the British Royal Family. (Abolished in 1782.)
Keeper of the Privy Purse	dom in the Royal Household, the person who carried all the the sovereign's money, paid for all expenses and received monies payable to the sovereign.
Kellerman	A person in charge of the wine-cellars in a great house or castle - of German origin
kempster	a wool comber
Kempster	Wool / cotton comber
kern	hist a lightly-armed Irish foot-soldier
kern	a peasant; a boor
khan	a title given to rulers and officials in Central Asian, Afghanistan, etc.
khan	hist the supreme ruler of Turkish, Tatar, and Mongol tribes.

khan	the emperor of China in the Middle Ages.
khedive	held the title of the Viceroy of Egypt under Turkish rule [1867-1914].
Kiddier	1) Dealer in young goats and skins 2) Skinner
kiddier kidder	one who buys provisions from the producers and takes them to market to sell; a badger.
killer	one who or that which kills; a slayer, butcher.
Kilner	In charge of pottery kiln/s - limeburner
kin	one's relatives; family; kinfolk. See the tables kin (blood) and kin (marriage). cf kith and kin.
Kin: Relations by Blood	
ancestor	any (esp. remote) person from whom one is descended; reciprocal of descendant. e.g. (e.g. parents)=one's father and mother, (e.g. grandparents)=the parents of one's parents, (e.g. great-grandchild)=the children of one's grandchildren, etc.
aunt	a sister of one's mother or father. see also the table at kin (marriage)
blood	indicating a consanguineous relationship.
blood brother	a brother by birth one of two persons who vow mutual fidelity and trust by a ceremony involving the mingling of each other's blood.
brother	a male sibling.
child, pl. children	a son or daughter; reciprocal of parent. a person between birth and puberty or the age of legal majority or adulthood.
cognate relative	a consanguineous relative.
consanguineous	indicating a blood relationship; descended from the same ancestor.
cousin	a collateral relative more distant than a sibling. formerly often applied to a nephew or niece.
daughter	a female child.
descendant	any (esp. remote) person descended from one's self; reciprocal of ancestor
father	one's male parent.
grand-	a prefix indicating a removal by one generation, either up or down, e.g. (e.g. grandfather)=father of a parent, (e.g. grandson)=son of a child, (e.g. grandparent)=parent of a parent.
great-	a hyphenated prefix indicating a further removal by an additional generation upward or downward, e.g. (e.g. great-aunt)=sister of one's grandparent, a/k/a grandaunt, (e.g. great-great-grandmother). Distant removal sometimes indicated by a multiplier, e.g. (e.g. great×4-grandson)=great-great-great-great-grandson.
half	indicating a half-blood relation, e.g. (e.g. half sister)=a female with whom a mother or father (but not both) is shared.
half-blood	The relationship existing between persons having only one parent in common. Offensive a half-breed; someone with parents of different ethnic types; half-caste.
mother	one's female parent.

nephew	a son of one's sibling. see also the table at kin (marriage)
niece	a daughter of one's sibling see also the table at kin (marriage)
offspring	=child or children.
parent	one's father or mother; reciprocal of child
sibling	an offspring of one's parents (other than oneself).
sister	a female sibling.
son	a male child.
uncle	a brother of one's mother or father.
uterine	of the same mother, but not the same father; (e.g. sister uterine)=a half sister with whom a mother (but not a father) is shared, (e.g. uterine cousin)=a half cousin with whom a grandmother (but not a grandfather) is shared.

Kin: Relations by Marriage

aunt	the wife of one's blood uncle
husband	a man joined to a woman in marriage; a male spouse.
-in-law	a suffix indicating a relation by marriage, as (e.g. brother-in-law)=the brother of one's spouse, (e.g. daughter-in-law)=the spouse of one's son.
mistress	a woman who has continuing sexual relations with a man not her husband, esp one married to another woman.
nephew	the nephew of one's spouse.
niece	the niece of one's spouse.
spouse	a marriage partner; a husband or wife.
step-	a prefix indicating a relationship like the one specified, but resulting from a parent's remarriage or a spouse's previous marriage; e.g. (e.g. stepparent)=a mother's (father's) later husband (wife), (e.g. stepfather)=a male stepparent, (e.g. stepchild)=a child of one's spouse by a previous marriage, (e.g. stepsibling)=a child of a stepparent by a marriage other than with one's own parent.
wife	a woman joined to a man in marriage; a female spouse.
uncle	the husband of one's blood aunt cf the table at kin (blood)

kindred a group of related persons, as a clan or tribe.

kindred a person's relatives: kinfolk

kinfolk relatives, kindred.

King of Arms hrdl The senior rank of an officer of arms, with sole authority to grant armorial bearings (though this may be delegated to other officers).

King's Counsel see Queen's Counsel

kingsman King's man a partisan of the king; a royalist.

kingsman King's man a customs-house officer.

kinsman (~woman) a blood relation.

kinsman (~woman)	disp a relation by marriage.
kinsman (~woman)	a member of one's own tribe or people.
Kisser	Made cuishes and high armour
kith and kin	one's acquaintances and relatives
kith and kin	one's relatives See kin.
klutz	sl a clumsy awkward person; a fool.
knacker	Brit A buyer of useless horses for slaughter; a horse-slaughterer.
knacker	A buyer of old houses, ships, etc for the materials.
knacker	obs one who sings in a lively manner.
knacker	obs a trickster, deceiver.
knacker	rare a maker of harnesses and rope
Knacker	1) Harness maker 2) dealer in old and dead animals - "Knacker's yard"
knapper	obs rare a boor, a menial.
knapper	one who breaks stones, flints and the like, esp. one whose occupation is to shape flints by strokes of a hammer or striker.
Knappers / Nappers	Dressed and shaped flint as required, mainly for flintlock firearms
knave	a rogue; a scoundrel.
Kneller / Knuller	Door to door chimney sweeps
knight	mil. a medieval tenant giving military service as a mounted man-at-arms to a feudal landholder;
knight	A noble (usu.), raised to honorable military rank after service as a page and a squire;
knight	a gentleman-soldier;
knight	Brit Hist a military retainer, usually a heavily armed and trained cavalryman;
knight bachelor	Eng. a knight of the lowest order
knight errant	a medieval knight wandering in search of chivalrous adventure (=errant: traveling in search of adventure);
knight errant	a paladin
Knight of the Order of the Garter, KG	Eng. a knight of the highest order, outranking a baronet

Knock Knobler	Dog Catcher
knocker	a spirit or goblin imagined to dwell in mines, and indicate the presence of ore by knocking.
knocker-up	someone paid to knock on clients' bedroom windows in the morning - usually with a long rod or pole - to wake them for work
Knocker-up	Man who awoke factory workers with a long stick, knocking on the bedroom windows - often the Lamplighter
Knoller	Bell toller
Kron-	G Distinguishing heirs apparent from other royalty, (e.g. ~prinz).
kulak	hist a peasant working for personal profit in the former Soviet Union. (=Russ. fist, denoting a tight-fisted person)

L

laborer, labourer	a person doing unskilled, usu. manual, work for wages.
Lace Drawer	Drew out the threads in lace making. Frequently child labour
Lace Runner	Embroidered on lace
Lace Woman	Lady's maid
Laceman	Lace dealer. Commonly bought from the weavers in their homes, normally requiring them to have used his thread, and sold it at the lace markets
Lace-Master/Mistress	Employed lace workers in factories or at home
Ladle Liner	In ore dressing, smelting, and refining, a person who repairs and re-lines pouring ladles used to transport molten metals, such as iron, steel, and copper.
lady	A woman regarded as being of superior social status or as having the refined manners associated with this (cf gentleman)
lady	(Lady) Chiefly British A general feminine title of nobility or other rank; A title or form of address used by peeresses, female relatives of peers, the wives and widows of knights, etc.
lady	hist. A woman to whom a man, esp. a knight, is chivalrously devoted; a mistress
lady	(Lady Bountiful) A patronizingly generous lady of the manor. etc.
lady-in-waiting Also: ~ of the bedchamber	a lady attending a queen or princess
Lagger	Sailor
Lagraetmen	Constable - contraction of Law Rightman
Lairman / Lairsman	Looked after cattle during their brief stops at "lairages", which were the areas where cattle were temporarily housed while in transit to markets.

Lamp Exhauster	Early 20c. Removed the air from the glass envelope of electric light bulbs. This is necessary to prevent the filament from burning up.
Lamplighter / Leerie	Employed by the local council to go around the streets and light the (gas) street lamps, using a pole. Also often used to wake people up for work (as a "knocker-up")
Lamptrimmer	In either Royal or Merchant Navy, originally responsible for keeping all oil lamps on the vessel in working order, later became a general assistant to the Boatswain and Storekeeper. A Petty Officer.
lancer	Hist. A soldier of a cavalry regiment armed with lances.
Lander	Miner
landgrave (~gravine)	hist a count having jurisdiction over a territory.
landgrave (~gravine)	G the title of certain German princes.
landholder	the proprietor of land.
landloper	Sc a vagabond
landlord (~lady)	one who rents land, a building, or part of a building to a tenant.
landlord (~lady)	a keeper of a boardinghouse, inn, etc.
landlubber	naut a person unfamiliar with the sea, or sailing. see lubber
landscaper	a landscape gardener or ~ architect
landscaper	one who plans the layout of grounds or landscapes, esp for large estates.
landscapist	a painter of landscapes
landsman	a nonsailor, a landlubber
Landwaiter / Landing Waiter	<u>Customs official overseeing landed goods from ships</u>
Lappett Maker	Made machine embroidered textiles in which the design was worked into
lardner	dom. a keeper of the larder (a room or cupboard for storing food)
Lardner	Keeper of the cupboard (larder)
Laster	Shoe maker (from his use of a last)
Lath Render / River	Someone who rends/rives (i.e splits) wood to form laths
latinarius	see interpreter
Lattener/Latoner/Lattensmith	Brass worker. Latten was an alloy similar to brass

lavender	a washer-woman (lave=to wash or bathe)
Lavender	Washerwoman
lawgiver	one who gives, i.e. makes or promulgates, a law or code of laws; a legislator.
Layer	Paper mill worker - at a particular process
layperson (~man, ~woman)	eccl a person who is not a religious cleric.
layperson (~man, ~woman)	a person who is a nonprofessional.
leadsman /ledz'm?n/	naut the person using the lead line to take depth soundings.
Leather Currier	Tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease
Leavelooker	Examined market foodstuffs - a sort of quality control
lecker	a fuller
lederer	G a leather-maker (leder=leather)
Lederer	Leather maker - from German
leech	a physician (=from their use of leeches in blood-letting)
Leech	Physician
Legal terms	

While these are not, strictly speaking, occupations, they appear often enough to want definition. Other terms can be found here: legal-dictionary.tfd.com/.

amerced	punished by a fine imposed arbitrarily at the discretion of the court.
attainder	removal of a condemned's property and title, usually extending to his/her family as well. See: here
chancery	a court that can order acts to be performed.
complainant	a party that makes a complaint or files a formal charge, as in a court of law; a plaintiff.
custos	the principal justice of the peace in a county, who is also keeper of the rolls and records of the sessions of the peace.(=Custos rotulorum)
deed	the written document which transfers title (ownership) or an interest in real property to another person.
deforciant	one who keeps out of possession the rightful owner of an estate.
dower	common law right of a widow to one-third of her late husband's estate.
enjoin	for a court to order that someone either do a specific act, cease a course of conduct, or be prohibited from committing a certain act.
equity	a system of jurisprudence supplementing and serving to modify the rigor of common law.
fee simple	absolute title to land, free of any other claims against the title

fee tail	a title to real property which can only be passed to one's heirs "of his body" or certain heirs who are blood relatives
feet of fines	a part of the legal document retained by the court; see: here.
feu	Scots Law A free and gratuitous right to lands made to one for service to be performed by him; a tenure where the vassal, in place of military services, makes a return in grain or in money.
fines	a forfeiture or penalty to be paid to the offended party in a civil action. an amicable settlement of a suit over land ownership.
freehold	any interest in real property which is a life estate or of uncertain or undetermined duration (having no stated end).
leasehold	the real estate which is the subject of a lease (a written rental agreement for an extended period of time).
legator (~tee)	the receiver (giver) of a legacy or bequest.
quid pro quo	What each party to an agreement expects from the other, sometimes called mutual consideration. (=something for something)
remit	to refer (a case) to another court for further consideration or action.
seized sp: seised	having ownership
suit	generic term for any filing of a complaint (or petition) asking for legal redress by judicial action.
writ	a written order of a judge requiring specific action by the person or entity to whom the writ is directed.
legate	eccl. a member of the clergy representing the Pope.
legate	Rom. hist. a deputy of a general; a governor or deputy governor of a province.
legate	arch an ambassador or delegate.
legate a latere	a papal legate of the highest class, with full powers.
Legerdemainist	Magician
Legger	Canal boatman. (Barges had to be "legged" through tunnels by men lying flat on deck and "walking" along the roof or sides of the tunnel)
Leghorn Presser	Pressed a type of straw hat known as a Leghorn
legionnaire	a member of a foreign legion (=a body of foreign volunteers in a modern, esp French, army.)
legionnaire	a member of the American Legion (=an American patriotic organization of military veterans)
legislator	civ one who makes laws (for a people or a nation) a lawgiver; a member of a legislative body.
legist	one versed in the law;
legister	in a nunnery, one charged with the duty of reading aloud.
legman	a person employed to run errands or to go about gathering news, etc.
leige lord	a feudal superior or sovereign.

leigeman	hist a sworn vassal; a faithful follower.
Leightonward	Gardner. Leighton was the term for a garden
leister	one who spears fish with a leister (=a spear with several prongs)
Lengthsman	In rural areas, a lengthsman was a man who took pride in keeping his district neat and tidy, well swept and free from litter. On the canals, a lengthsman was responsible for patrolling his length, looking for leaks, seeing to routine maintenance, cutting back vegetation etc.
Letter Carrier	The 18c. term for a postman, started in 1722
Letter of Apartments	A person who had Apartments to let - (rent)
librettist	mus one who composes libretti, singular: libretto (=the text of a dramatic musical work, as an opera).
Licensed Messenger	Licensed couriers who delivered messages and documents.
Licensed Victualler	A Tavern or Innkeeper or Publican- term still used today for someone who runs a Pub (Public House)
liege	hist entitled to receive (of a superior) or bound to give (of a vassal) feudal service or allegiance
lieutenant ~	mil. & civ. a rank just below another, a deputy, e.g. Lt. Governor, Lt. Col.
lieutenant commanding Also: ~ commandant	nav. (Brit.) a captain of a smaller warship, = Senior Lieutenant; later, Lieutenant Commander
light horseman	mil a light-armed cavalry soldier
lighterman	one employed on or owning a lighter (=a boat or vessel, usu. a flat-bottomed barge, used in lightening or unloading (occas. loading) ships that cannot be handled at a wharf.)
Lighterman	Works (still) on lighters - flat bottomed barges
Limeburner	Burned limestone (calcium carbonate) in kilns to produce lime for farmers, quicklime for making mortar and for tanneries to remove hair from hides
lime-burner	one whose occupation it is to make lime by burning limestone.
Limner	1) Illuminator of books 2) Painter or drawer
Linener / Linen Draper	Sold linens, calicos, flannels, blankets, sheets, sheetings, bed ticks, gloves, ribbons, fancy ties, scarves etc.
Liner / Lyner	Flax dresser
Linkerboy / man	Carried a "link" or torch to guide people through the streets at night for hire. (Licensed in early 19c). Sometimes applied to general manservant
Linman	A Linman was a wholesale dealer in Flax/Hemp. The name is derived from Linen, which is made from these materials
lister	a dyer

lister	a lector (reader), as a preacher
lister	a leister
Lister / Litster	Dyer
Litterman	Horse groom
liveryman	an owner or employee at a livery stable (=a stable where horses and vehicles are cared for or rented out for pay.)
liveryman	Brit a freeman of the City of London, entitled to wear the livery of the ancient guild or city district to which he belongs and to vote in the election of Lord Mayor, chamberlain, and other municipal and honorary officers.
liveryman	obs a person in livery, especially a servant. (livery=a uniform worn by servants.)
Loaders	In the Cheshire salt industry, men who transported salt from the storage place to the canal boats (or later, railway trucks) in barrows. Highly dangerous, as they worked at high speed, and could easily fall many feet from the edge of the loading platform.
Loadsmen / Lodesman	Ship's pilot. Originally from the man "lodesman" who piloted a ship by heaving the lode (lead) to check the depth of water. Knowledgeable of the local waters, he navigated in this manner
Loblolly Boy	1) Ship surgeon's assistant 2) Errand boy
Lock Keeper	(Still) Maintains and operates canal locks
Locker	1) Employed in Customs bonded warehouses as a trusted person to keep charge of the elaborate locks [known as the King's - or Queen's] Locks 2) Fed a power driven flat lock machine with knitted fabrics etc 3) Separated and graded locks of fur in the hat trade 4) Cut and folded sheet tin before feeding it into a grooving machine 5) Worker in the mining industry
Lofters	In the Cheshire salt industry, men engaged in storing the salt in the stove house roof space, pushing the dried lumps up into the loft.
Logwood Grinder	Made a dye from logwood for the textile industry
Long Song Seller	Street seller of popular printed song sheets
longshoreman	naut. a person employed in loading and unloading ships; a stevedore (steeve = a long spar used in stowing cargo aboard ship); a docker
Looker	Someone employed to look after or inspect something. 'Looking' manufactured items or looking after sheep.
Loom Sweeper	Child (originally) or small adult employed crawling under weaving looms to clean, whilst in operation. Dangerous work
Loom Winder / Tender	Tended winding units attached to looms that automatically wind yarn onto quills
Looper	Operates a looping machine to close the opening in the toe of seamless hose or to join knitted garment parts
lord	a master or ruler

lord	hist a feudal superior, esp. of a manor
lord	UK a peer of the realm or a person entitled to use the title Lord, esp. a marquess, earl, viscount, or baron.
lord	(Lord) prefixed as the designation of a marquess, earl, viscount or baron; prefixed to the Christian name of the younger son of a duke or marquess.
Lord [High] Chancellor	UK the highest officer of the Crown, presiding in the House of Lords, etc.
Lord [High] Steward	Eng dom one of the three chief dignitaries of the Royal Household, the others being Lord Chamberlain and Master of the Horse. The original duties included having charge of the domestic staff, kitchens, servants and household accounts. cf butler.
Lord Chamberlain of the Household	Eng dom a chief officer who shares with the Lord Steward, the Master of the Horse, and the Mistress of the Robes the oversight of all officers of the Royal Household. He appoints the royal professional men and tradesmen, has control of the actors at the royal theater, and is the licenser of plays.
Lord Chief Justice	UK the president of the Queen's (King's) Bench Division of the judiciary
Lord Great Chamberlain of England	Eng dom a hereditary title, the duties of which now consist in attending upon and attiring the sovereign at his coronation, the care of the ancient Palace of Westminster, the furnishing of Westminster Hall and the Houses of Parliament on state occasions, and attending upon peers and bishops at their creation or doing of homage.
Lord Lieutenant	a crown official in charge of the local militia. In modern terms he is the equivalent of the old office of sheriff.
Lord Mayor	the title of the mayor of London and some other large cities
Lord Privy Seal	UK a senior cabinet minister without official duties.
lord-in-waiting	dom a male personal servant of the King. cf lady-in-waiting
Lords temporal	the members of the House of Lords other than the bishops
Loriner / Lorner	1) Maker of horse gear 2) Maker of small ironware 3) Wrought iron worker
lormer	a maker of horse gear or tack (shortened from "tackle")
Lotseller	Street Seller
loyalist	one who remains loyal to the legitimate sovereign, etc, esp in the face of rebellion or insurrection.
Loyalist	hist a resident of N. America who supported Great Britain during the American Revolution.
Loyalist	a supporter of Parliamentary union between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
lubber	a big, clumsy fellow; a lout. cf landlubber
Luddite	hist a member of any of the bands of English artisans who rioted against mechanization and destroyed machinery (1811-16).
Luddite	someone opposed to industrialization or new technology. (=After Ned Lud, who destroyed machinery c. 1779.) cf saboteur

Lum Swooper	(Scottish) Chimney sweep
Lumpers / Lumpmen	1) Lumpers - Dock worker unloading timber for a "Master Lumper" 2) Lumpmen/Lumpers - Makers of table salt or salt for the dairy industry
Lungs	Alchemist's assistant who fanned the fire
Lurryman	Driver of a lurry - lorry or truck today. Lurry was the former spelling.
Luthier	Made and repaired stringed instruments

M

macer	a mace bearer. (=a heavy club, usu. with a metal head and spikes used esp. in the middle ages.)
macer	Scot an official who keeps order in courts of law.
macer	a swindler (e.g. cup-and-ball macer)
machinator	one who contrives or schemes; intriguer, plotter schemer; usually in bad sense.
machinist	one who invents, makes or controls machines or machinery; an engineer.
machinist	one who works a machine, esp. a sewing machine.
machinist	a painter who works mechanically and by rule.
machinist	U.S. an engine room artificer or attendant; a "machine" politician.
Maderer	Garlic seller
magistrate	civ an officer administrating the law.
magistrate	civ a member of the Upper House of the General Court (Legislature).
magnate	a wealthy and influential person
maid	an unmarried girl or woman; a virgin.
maid	dom a female servant.
maid of honor	the chief unmarried woman attendant of a bride.
maid of honor	an unmarried noblewoman attendant upon a queen or princess.
maid-in-waiting	an unmarried woman attending a queen or princess.
Mail Agent	Government appointed Agent sailing on Royal Mail Ships (RMS) to ensure the mail was "protected and handled in a

	proper manner"
majordomo	dom the chief official of an Italian or Spanish princely household.
majordomo	dom a house steward; a butler. (=med.L. major domus highest official of the household.)
Maker-up	1) Made up garments to order 2) Chemist 3) Agent for paraffin sales
Male Maker	Maker of travelling bags - "males" - from the bags used by the Royal Mail
malefactor	a criminal; an evil-doer
malender	a farmer
Malender	Farmer
maltster	forms: maltestere, malstere, maultstere, maulster, malster, maltster
maltster	one whose occupation it is to make malt (=sprouted grain, usu barley)
maltster	a brewer.
Maltster / Malster	Brewer, Made or sold malts
-man	A suffix used to denote one engaged in a particular occupational or social rôle, e.g. (e.g. businessman), (e.g. layman), (e.g. mailman). Some object that this is sexist usage, insisting on the Politically Correct substitution of person, e.g. (e.g. businessperson), (e.g. layperson), (e.g. mailperson) —or even (e.g. personperson)!
Manchester Warehouseman	Cotton warehouseman - Manchester being the centre of the cotton industry at the time, cotton cloth was called "Manchester" cloth
manciple	a steward
Manciple	Steward
Mangle Keeper / Mangle Woman	Woman who hired out her mangle. The possession of a mangle, for the use of which a small sum was charged, was, among the poorer class of English cottagers, a common means of earning money.
Mangler	Worked a mangle for wringing out water from washing
Mango	Slave dealer
Mantle Cutter	Cut out the mantles for gas lamps
Mantle Cutter Dress/Tailor	Cut ladies' Mantles - a cape-like apparel
Mantua Maker	A specific type of Dressmaker.
manucaptor	A person who stands surety that another (esp. a prisoner) will fulfil a legal obligation to appear in court on a specified day.

Marbler	Stained paper or other surfaces to look like marble
marescal	see marshal
Marine Store Dealer	Proprietor of a store selling equipment to Mariners. There were also those who aspired to that but who were nothing but junk dealers
Mark Maker	Marked steel, silver or gold with the purity/quality of silver - where made etc
Marksman	1) Sharpshooter 2) Marked out land 3) One who makes a mark in place of a signature 4) A grade or degree of the Orange Order 5) One who ranges competitors in a race 6) One who superintended marking New Forest ponies
marquess	Also: marquis
marshal Also: marshall	US an officer of a judicial district, similar to a sheriff.
marshal Also: marshall	US the head of a fire department.
marshal Also: marshall	Mil a high-ranking officer in the armed forces of certain countries, (e.g. air marshal, field marshal)
marshal Also: marshall	Brit a high-ranking officer of state, (e.g. earl marshal)
marshal Also: marshall	an officer arranging ceremonies, controlling procedure at races, etc.
Marshal of the Royal Air Force	Brit mil an officer of the highest rank in the Royal Air Force.
Marshall	Horse doctor or shoe smith
Marshman	Employed by landowners to tend marshland and the animals grazing there
Mashmaker	Made the mash-vats or "mashels" used in brewing
mason	A person who builds (e.g. walls, buildings, etc.) with brick or stone.
Mason	Stone cutter or dresser. Bricklayer
Mason	A freemason; a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, an international fraternal and charitable organization with secret rites and signs.
Mason	A member of a guild of skilled itinerant masons during the Middle Ages.
master	a title for a man of high rank, learning, etc.
master	nowadays the title of a boy not old enough to be called "Mister"
master	nav. the officer under the captain, in charge of sailing the ship, =commander, a/k/a sub-captain, under-captain, rector, master-commanding.
master	the captain of a merchant ship
master	a workman who, by training and experience, is qualified to teach apprentices and to carry on his trade on his own account, as distinguished from a journeyman. (Chiefly in appositional combining forms, as (e.g. master carpenter).)

master	the designation of certain legal functionaries, officials, etc. See the table, Master of ...
Master	One of the three grades of skill recognised by a Crafts Guild. Skilled tradesman, often with his own business
Master Lumper	Contractor employing cheap labour (working on the lump)
Master Mariner	Ship's officer qualified to take command of a ship - not necessarily a Captain. (current term)
Master of ...	

The English court and royal household has had a bewildering array of titled positions, some hereditary, that are Master of something, with duties of the nature of control, superintendance or safe-keeping. Several of the household positions had similar female positions (=Mistress of...).

Armoury

Artillery

Assay

Bears Also: Master of the Hawks, Swans, Buckhounds, etc.

Ceremonies

Chancery

Chivalry

Coin Also: ~ of the Mint

Court of Common Pleas

Exchequer

Faculties

Game

Horse

Household (King's, Queen's)

Jewel-house

King's Bench

Lunacy Also: Master in ~

Mint

Misrule

Music (King's)

Ordinance Also: Master General of the ~

Posts

Request(s)

Revels

Robes

Rolls

Wards (and Liveries)

Work(s)

master of hounds

one who owns or controls a pack of hounds for the hunt, usually a member of the hunt elected to have control of the kennels and the hunting arrangements generally. Also:
~foxhounds, ~beagles, ~harriers, ~staghounds

Master Writer	Scribe or writer. (In Scotland, a Writer would be a Lawyer)
master-at-arms	naut formerly a warrant officer in the [British] navy appointed to instruct the officers and crew of a ship of war in the exercise of small arms, and to act as the principal police officer on board.
master-at-arms	the principal police officer aboard a ship of the merchant marine.
Matchet Forger	Forged knife blades
Matchet Mounter	Worked in the cutlery industry mounting knife blades to the handles - commonly made of bone then
mate	naut an officer on a merchant vessel ranking below the captain
-mate	naut. a rank just below another, a helper, e.g. Gunner's Mate
Mawer / Mather	Mower
Mealman	Dealer in meal or flour
mechanic	a skilled worker, esp. one who uses, makes or repairs machines, vehicles or tools; a blacksmith.
mechanic	one employed in a manual occupation, a handicraftsman; [obs. & now rare, contemptuously]: a low or vulgar fellow.
mechanic	in a restricted sense, a skilled workman, esp one skilled in the making or use of machinery. (=In some English manufacturing districts the term denotes a man who has the management and repairing of the machinery in a factory.)
Mechanic	1) Machine operator, less skilled than an engineer 2) A journeyman engaged in one of the lower forms of handicraft
Medicus	From the Latin; doctor, physician, also can refer to a homeopath
Melder	Corn miller
mender	a clothier, esp. one who inspects the woven cloth and repairs defects
mendicant	a beggar
mendicant	a member of an order of friars forbidden to own property even in common, who work or beg for a living.
menial	dom of a servant: forming one of the household; a domestic; (=Now only contemptuous, applied chiefly to liveried men-servants kept for ostentation rather than use; often suggesting an imputation of pomposity or arrogance.)
mercantile	of trade, trading
mercantile	commercial
mercantile	mercenary, fond of trading
mercantile marine	See merchant marine

Mercator	Merchant
mercenary sp: pl. ~ies	a hired soldier in foreign service
mercier	a dealer in textile fabrics, esp. silks and other costly materials.
Mercer	Cloth seller
merchant	a retail trader; dealer; storekeeper
merchant	esp. Brit a wholesale trade, esp. with foreign countries
merchant	types of: baker, bookseller, bookdealer, bookmonger, butcher, chandler, clothing merchant, clothier, confectioner, draper, fishmonger, fishwife, florist, fruiterer, furnisher, furrier, greengrocer, grocer, groceryman, haberdasher, ironmonger [Brit.], jeweler, liquor merchant, newsdealer, perfumer, poulterer, saddler, shoe merchant, stationer, tobacconist, vintner
merchant mariner	a sailor (or officer) in the merchant marine (=a nation's commercial fleet)
merchantman	a merchant ship, i.e. a ship conveying merchandise
mesomorph	a person whose body type (somatotype) is characterized by a robust, muscular build caused by a predominance of tissues derived from the embryonic mesodermal layer.
mesomorph	cf ectomorph,
mesomorph	cf endomorph.
Meterer	Poet
midshipman	nav. a naval officer-in-training, esp. at a naval academy
midwife	a person, usually a woman, trained to assist women in childbirth (=a/k/a granny)
migrant	one who moves from one region to another, usually not on a permanent basis
migrant	an itinerant worker who travels from place to place in search of work, perhaps following various crops as they ripen for gathering
Milestone Inspector	Vagrant - "gentleman of the road"
milkmaid	A girl or woman who milks (esp) cows, or works at a dairy.
milkman	A man who sells or delivers milk.
Miller	Miller of corn, cloth miller, saw miller, oil miller
Miller's Carman	Drove cart delivering flour or seed
Milliner	Women's hat maker / seller

Millwright	Designed, built and maintained mills or mill machinery, requiring a variety of skills, from reading plans to diagnosing and solving mechanical problems.
Milner	Worker in a Miln (Mill)
Mine Captain	Senior supervisor or the equivalent of a superintendent in a mining operation.
miner	one whose work or business it is to extract ores or minerals from the earth.
miner	a machine for the same purpose, esp for coal.
miner	a soldier, often a specialist, engaged in mining operations.
minister	eccl a member of the clergy
minister	dipl an agent usually ranking below an ambassador (see also diplomat)
minister	gov a high officer of state appointed to head an executive or administrative department of government
minor	See minor canon
minor canon	eccl. hist. a cleric who is not a member of the chapter, who assists in daily cathedral services. cf canon
minstrel	an itinerant medieval entertainer, esp. one who sings or recites poetry
mintmaster	civ. one who issued local currency
Mintmaster / Maker	Issued local currency
Misgatherer	Local tax collector
mistress	a woman in a position of authority, control or ownership, as the head of a household.
mistress	a woman owner of an animal or slave.
Mistress	formerly a courtesy title when speaking to a woman.
Mistress	chiefly Brit a female schoolteacher.
Mistress	cf master.
Mocado Weaver	16-17th Century weaver of wool (mock velvet) for clothing
moke	slang a dull or boring person.
moke	chiefly Brit. a donkey.
Molitor	Miller
moll	slang a female companion of a gunman or gangster.

moll	a prostitute. (=Probably from the name Moll or Molly, nicknames for Mary.)
monarch	a sovereign with the title king, queen, emperor, or the equivalent.
monarch	a supreme ruler.
monarch	a powerful or preeminent person.
Mondayman	Worked for the landowner in lieu of rent - usually a Monday
moneyer	a coiner; one licensed to strike coins
Monger	Seller of goods (ale, fish etc.) i.e. fishmonger
-monger	a seller of goods, as alemonger, fishmonger
monk	eccl. a member of a religious community of men living under certain vows, esp. of poverty, chastity and obedience.
Monthly Nurse	An attending woman during the first month after childbirth. Also known as 'Confinement Nurse'. May also have the initials S.M.S. (Subsidiary Medical Services. i.e. not a doctor, but trained in some way)
Mordant Maker	Made a chemical known as Mordant, used in fixing the dye in cloth. This was obtained, amongst other chemicals, from the vapours given off from 'stewing' charcoal
Moss Reeve	A bailiff who received and dealt with claims for land on swamps and mossy areas.
mould[i]warp catcher	Eng a mole catcher. mouldwarp=mole. Now chiefly northern dialects.
Moulder	Made moulds for castings, brick making etc
Mountebank	Seller of fake patent medicines. An impostor
Mr.	from the time of the Conquest, indicating a Frenchman (Monsieur).
Mr.	to the 16 ^o century, an abbreviation of Master, signifying someone of high social status.
Mr.	now, an abbreviation of Mister.
Mrs.	often used in early times to signify status, being an abbreviation of Mistress. Many marriage registers with the bride's name prefixed by Mrs. are wrongly assumed to indicate that she was a widow when she was in fact a single woman of high social status. Female children of high status families also used this abbreviated title. The title Madam has a various times throughout history been used to replace the word Mistress.
Mudlark	Scratched a living by scavenging river banks at low tide
Muffin Carrier	A street seller of muffins
Mugger	1) A hawker of earthenware. 2) A grimacing comedian

Mugger	Pigman
Mugman	Possibly a variant of 'Potman' a term sometimes used for a barman or other helper in a inn or public house
Mule Scavenger	Young children, sometimes <i>bought</i> from Workhouses, worked some twelve hours a day crouched under working spinning mules, clearing out the debris accumulated there. A very dangerous occupation.
Mule Spinner	See Spinner
muleskinner	a teamster
Muleskinner	Teamster
Muleteer	Mule driver
Multurer	Miller
Mumper	Beggar
murderer	one who has unlawfully killed another person.
murderer	an animal slaughterer, itinerant or with his own slaughterhouse.
Musicker	Musician
musketeer	mil. a soldier armed with a musket
Mustarder / Mustardman	Dealer in mustard

N

nabob	hist a Muslim official or governor under the Mughal (=the Muslim dynasty in India in the 16 ^o -19 ^o centuries).
nabob	a conspicuously wealthy person
nabob	see also nawab
nag	a person, esp a woman, who nags (=to scold or find constant fault)
nag	a horse, esp disparagingly, an old one
Nailor / Naylor / Nellier	1) Made iron nails by hand More Info 2) Maintained the teeth (nails) on the carding machine used on wool & cotton before weaving
nanny	dom. a child's nursemaid, tutor, etc.
naperer	the person having charge of the royal table linens
Naperer / Napier	Servant in charge of table linen in large houses
napper	one who raises the nap on cloth
Narrow Weaver	Wove ribbons, tapes etc.

nautch girl	Ind. a professional dancing girl
navigator	naut. a person skilled or engaged in navigation, as of a ship at sea.
navigator	aboard a ship or aircraft, the person responsible for plotting the course and tracking progress along it.
navvy	Brit. a laborer employed in building or excavating roads, canals, etc.
Navvy / Navigator / Navor	Labourer on canals or railways, roads etc.
nawab	the title of a distinguished Muslim in Pakistan.
Nazarite, Nazirite	hist. a Hebrew who had taken certain vows of abstinence;
Nazarite, Nazirite	an ascetic
NCO	=noncommissioned officer
neager	unknown, perhaps similar to neatherder, or a misspelling of nigger.
Neatherd /er	Cowherd
Neats Foot Oil Dealer	Neats Foot Oil is obtained by boiling the feet of cattle. It is used to render leather soft and pliable
Necessary Woman	Servant who emptied and cleaned the chamber pots
Necker	Fed the cardboard into box-making machinery
Nedeller	Needle maker
Needle Pointer	1) Filed or fettled the points in needle manufacture 2) Needlepoint craftswoman
needlewoman	a seamstress;
needlewoman	a woman or girl with specified sewing skill
negotiator	one engaged in or esp. a specialist in negotiating, as treaties, business contracts, etc.
Netter	Net maker
Night Soilman / Nightman	Emptied cesspits, ashpits and outside toilets - "middins" - usually required to work from 9pm to 5am. See also Gong Farmer
nighthawk	a nocturnal prowler, esp. a thief.
Nightwalker	Night watchman or bellman
-nik	a suffix forming nouns denoting a person associated with a specified thing or quality (e.g. beatnik), (e.g. refusenik).
Nimgimmer	Doctor

Nipper	Carter's assistant for delivery of goods
Nob Thatcher	Wig maker
nonjuror	one who refuses to take an oath, as of allegiance.
Nonjuror	eccl a beneficed (=a church office with an endowed living) Anglican clergyman who refused to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to William and Mary and their successors after the Glorious Revolution of 1688.
Noon Tender	Guarded quayside goods whilst officers were at lunch
notary Also: ~ public	one authorized to perform certain legal formalities, esp. to draw up or certify contracts, deeds, etc.
Noterer	Notary
nouveau riche /noo´voh reesh/ /pl. nouveaux riches (pronoun. same)/ novice	a person who has recently gained (usu. ostentatious) wealth. cf: parvenu a person new to a field or activity; a beginner.
novice	eccl a person who has entered a religious order but has not yet taken final vows. Also: novitiate
nudnik Also: ~nick	Yid an obtuse, bothersome, or boring person; a pest.
nullipara	L a woman who has never given birth.
nun	a woman belonging to a religious order or congregation devoted to active service or meditation, living under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.
nuncio	RCC an ambassador in Church affairs. See the table at diplomat
Nurse Child	A child being looked after by another family for payment

O

oar	a rower (of a boat); usu. one of a group of same in a galley, trireme, or other such vessel propelled by many oars. (by synecdoche)
Occupier	Tradesman
Oil & Colour Man	Dealer in the victualling trade - not to be confused with the above!
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Oil Colour Man	Employed in the paint manufacturing trade, mixing pigmented paints
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Oil Miller	Miller of seed to extract oils for food manufacture. Rapeseed, cottonseed, linseed etc. Cottonseed oil was also used to lubricate the spinning mule.

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Oilman	Lamp oil seller
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Olitor	Kitchen gardener – Olitory; a kitchen garden
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Oliver Smith/Man	A blacksmith who used a foot operated hammer called an Oliver
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On the Club	This is not an occupation but is often seen in census returns. It refers the the person being out of work and drawing benefit from "the Club", which was an appropriate insurance scheme.
Onsetter	Performs the duties of a Banksman, except at the bottom of the shaft.
operative	a skilled worker, especially in industry; a worker with a special skill.
operative	a secret agent; a private investigator
-or /?r/	suffix denoting a person or thing performing the action of a verb, or an agent more generally. (e.g. act~), (e.g. tail~). cf -er
Orangeman	a member of a secret society founded in Northern Ireland (1795) to maintain the political and religious ascendancy of Protestantism.
Orangeman	a Protestant Irishman
Orderly	Military batman or officer's servant
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ordinand	eccl. a candidate for ordination (=the act of conferring holy orders, esp. on a priest or deacon)
ordinary	Law a judge or other official with immediate rather than delegated jurisdiction.
ordinary	the judge of a probate court in some states of the United States.
ordinary keeper	chiefly a keeper of an inn with fixed prices
Ordinary Keeper	Innkeeper with fixed prices
Osler	Bird catcher
Ostiary	Monastery doorkeeper
ostler (=hostler)	a phonetic spelling of hostler, this form was formerly more common; e.g. appearing 6 times in Shakespeare's 1st Folio, vs once for hostler.

Ostler / Hostler	Originally, a Hostler was the host of an Inn or (H)ostelry. Later became the man employed to look after the horses of the visitors
Out Crier	Auctioneer
Outworker	Home-worker, particularly in weaving
Overlooker	Overseer or foreman esp. in textile mills
overlord	a supreme lord.
Overman	Colliery supervisor - checked the workers and coal quality
Overmantel Maker	Craftsman who made ornamental structures over a mantelpiece.
Overseer	The officials who performed the assessment and collection of the poor-rates.
overseer of the poor	a person responsible for the relief of the poor in a township. They often assumed the role of local doctor. After the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 the post was abolished and replaced by the Relieving Officer
Owler	Smuggler - particularly sheep or wool
Oyster Dredger	Crew member on an oyster boat
Oyster Hawker	Street seller of pickled oysters - 18/19th century

P

Pack Thread Spinner	Operated a thread or twine making machine
Packman	Itinerant seller - carried the goods in his pack
Pad Maker	Made small measuring baskets
page	mil a boy attached to a knight as the first stage in training to the knighthood.
page	one who is employed to run errands, carry messages, or act as a guide in a hotel, theater, or club.
page	one who is similarly employed in the U.S. Congress or another legislature.
page	a boy who holds the bride's train at a wedding.
Paintress	Woman who hand painted pottery
paladin	any of the twelve peers of Charlemagne's court, of whom the Count Palatine was the chief
paladin	a knight errant;

paladin	a champion
Paling Man	Seller of eels
paliser, also palliser, palisser, palessor	a maker of palings or fences
paliser, also palliser, palisser, palessor	one who has charge of a park
paliser, also palliser, palisser, palessor	someone who tended the fences of a Norman enclosure or park - such as that at Erringden. The name is from the French palisse. This and associated words are often corrupted to palace
Palister	Park keeper
palliard	a medieval beggar who showed his sores and deformities.
Pannier Man	Fishmonger
Pannifex	Worker in the cloth trade
Pansmith	1) Pan maker and/or repairer- metal worker 2) Made and maintained the large, shallow pans in which salt was boiled
Panter	Keeper of the pantry
Pantler	Butler
Pantographer	An engraver who used a Pantograph to transfer the pattern from a drawing to the engraving surface.
Papaya Man	Involved in trade with New Guinea (derived from Papua, New Guinea)
Paper Stainer	Printed wallpaper
Paperer	Inserted sewing needles into paper packets ready for sale
Pardoner	Licensed seller of indulgences
Pargeter	Applied pargetting (ornamental plaster) to buildings
Parish Apprentice	Working child of the workhouse
Paritor	Church official attending courts to execute their orders
Parker	Park keeper, usually a game park
parliamentarian	a follower of Cromwell during the English Civil War, opposed to the Royalists;
parliamentarian	a Roundhead
Parminster	Worked with Cotswold stone roofing tiles

parolee	one who is released on parole (=release of a prisoner on condition of sustained lawful behavior).
parson	eccl an Anglican cleric with full legal control of a parish under ecclesiastical law; a rector.
parson	a member of the clergy, esp. a Protestant minister.
parvenu /paar´v? noo/	a person who has recently gained wealth or position. cf: arriviste, nouveau riche.
parvenu /paar´v? noo/	an upstart.
Passage Keeper	Cleaned the local passageways and alleyways
Pasteler	Pastry chef
pastor	eccl a Christian priest or minister in charge of a church or congregation.
pastor	a layperson having spiritual charge of a congregation or other group.
Pastor	Shepherd
paterfamiias	L the father or head of household
paterfamiias	Rom. law the head of a family or household, having legal authority over persons composing it.
paterfamiias	a person of either sex and any age who is sui juris and free from parental control.
Paternosterer	Maker of Rosaries
patrolman (~woman)	a policeman who patrols or polices an assigned area.
patrolman (~woman)	one who patrols an assigned area.
Patten Maker/ Pattener	Made "pattens" to fit under normal shoes for wet/muddy use. Clog-maker
Pattern Card Maker	Made the cards that set the pattern on weaving looms - the "jacquard" method
pattern maker	a maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end.
Pattern Maker	Makes wood patterns for the construction of steel or other metal objects. eg. Patterns are made for ship construction, for castings etc.
Paver / Paviour / Pavier	Lays paving stones etc. (in use today) also called a Flagger
Pavylar	Erected tents, pavilions etc.
pawn	a person or entity used to further the purposes of another.
pawnbroker	one who lends money at interest in exchange for personal property deposited as security.

peasant	a member of the class constituted by small farmers and tenants, sharecroppers, and laborers on the land where they form the main labor force in agriculture.
peasant	an uncouth, crude or ill-bred person; a boor.
Pedascule	Schoolmaster
peddler Also: Chiefly Brit. pedlar	an itinerant seller of wares; a hawker.
Pedestrian	A Walker, sometimes athlete, sometimes paid for competing -
Pee-dee	A boy employed by the skipper of a Newcastle Keel - a river boat carrying coal down river to ships loading off-shore. See Keeler.
Peeler	Policeman - after Robert Peel, founder of the police
Pelterer	Worked with animal skins - pelts
pensioner (=commoner)	
Perambulator	Surveyor
Perchemear	Parchment maker
peregrinator	an itinerant wanderer
Peregrinator	Itinerant wanderer
peruker	a wig maker
Peruker / Puke Maker	A wig maker
Pessoner	Fishmonger - from the French, poisson
Petardier	Made Petards - explosive devices used for storming castles.
Peterman	Fisherman - biblical
peterman, peteman	sl. a safecracker
pettifogger	a shyster lawyer
Pettifogger	A shyster lawyer
Petty Chapman	Peddler - itinerant small goods seller
Pew Opener	Opened the doors to private church pews
Pewterer / Pewtersmith	One whose occupation is to make utensils of pewter; plates, bowls, dishes, tankards, pots for the kitchen and table, also larger vessels for inns and businesses. Almost all old wills leave valuable amounts of pewter to members of the family.

Philosophical Instrument Maker	Made Scientific instruments
-phobe	one who has a morbid fear, horror, or dislike of a particular thing, e.g. hydrophobe = fear of water; Anglophobe = the English;
Phonologist	A person versed in Phonology - the science or doctrine of the elementary sounds uttered by the human voice in speech, including the various distinctions, modifications, and combinations of tones; phonetics. Also, a treatise on sounds.
Phrenologist	Read bumps on the head for character assessment
picker	a person who gathers or collects, as a rag-picker, fruit-picker
picker	one who picked raw wool clean of foreign bodies as a stage in cloth-making. The wool was then oiled to resist damage during the carding and spinning processes.
Picker	Cast the shuttles on a loom
Picker Maker	Made the "Pickers" - strong leather attachments fitted to each side of a weaving loom to drive the shuttle across the loom
picklock	one, esp a thief, who opens a locked door by picking the lock. (=opening a lock by manipulation without a key)
pickpocket	a thief who specializes in stealing things from the pockets of others. rel: dip, stall
pickpurse	one who steals purses, or from purses; a pickpocket.
Piece Broker	Dealer in fabric remnants
Piece Worker	Worker paid for by the number of articles finished. Usually home workers, and factory workers
Piecemaster	The middleman between employer and pieceworker, who allocated the work
Piecer / Piecener	<u>Employed to piece together broken threads in weaving. Often children.</u>
pieman sp: arch pyeman	one who makes or sells pies.
Pig Jobber	Bought pigs and then sold them off for profit. A pig trader.
Pigmaker	1) Poured molten metal to make "pigs" for distribution of raw metals 2) Pottery worker
pigman	a crockery dealer
Pigman	1) Crockery dealer 2) Pig herd
Pikelet Maker	Baked Pikelets - small crumpet or pancake
Pikeman	1) Miller's assistant 2) Soldier armed with a pike 3) Turnpike worker
Piker	Tramp, vagrant
Pile / Piler	Fitted arrowheads to their shafts (pile was the old term for arrowhead)

Piller	Robber
pilot	aero one who operates the controls of an aircraft
pilot	naut a person specially qualified to take charge of a ship entering or leaving a harbor; a trained captain so employed by a harbormaster
pilot	arch a steersman, helmsman
Pilot	Ship's steersman
pilot officer	Brit the lowest commissioned rank in the RAF
pindar	an official in charge of a pinfeld (=cattle pen)
Pinder	Dog catcher & pound keeper
Piner	Labourer
Pinner	Pin maker
Pinner up	1) Dressmaker's assistant 2) Sold ballads in the street
Piper	Innkeeper
pirate	one (or a company) who commits an act of robbery, hijacking, etc of ships at sea, or more recently, airplanes.
Pistor	Baker
Pit Brow Lass	Female surface worker at the coalmines
Pitman	Coal miner
Plain Worker	Plain needle-worker, as distinct from embroidered work
Plasterer	Plasterer
Plaiter	Make straw plaits for hat making
Planker	"Planked" or kneaded the felt in hat-making
planter	a person who cultivates the soil
planter	the manager or occupier of a plantation, e.g. of cotton, coffee, tobacco, etc.
Platelaye	Laid and maintained railway tracks. The name predates railways, and is derived from the original "plateways" which existed hundreds of years ago, laid for coal mines.

plater	one who plates (=coats objects of one metal with a thin layer of another metal by a process of electroplating or other means), e.g. baser metals with silver or gold, dull metals with bright. Usually in comb. form with that which is covered, that which is applied, or the process used. (e.g. harness plater, coach harness plater, coach plater, tin plater, electro-plater, nickle-plater)
plater	one engaged in the application of metal plates, esp. in shipbuilding.
Playderer	Made plaid
Pleacher / Plasher / Platcher / Plaicher	Hedge layer. A skilled job
plebe	mil a first year student at a military academy
plenipotentiary	dipl a person (esp a diplomat) invested with full power of independent action
Plod Weaver / Plaid Weaver	Wove plaid material - Plod was a C16-17th variant of plaid
Ploughboy	Led the oxen pulling a plough
Ploughwright	Made or repaired ploughs
Plumassier / Plumer	Made ornamental feather plumes or sold feathers - from French, plume
plumber	one who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows.
plumber	a person who fitted or repaired the apparatus of water supply systems or drains. (=from the use of lead for pipes, L. plumbum lead)
Plumber	Applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows. As lead was the usual material for pipes, the modern term evolved. Plumbium - Latin for lead
Plumbium Worker	Worked with plumbium (lead) - a plumber. from the Latin, plumbium = lead
Plunger	Speculator
Pluralist	A person who had the "living" of more than one parish, or church
Plush Weaver	Wove Plush, a type of textile which has a nap or pile similar to velvet - used in royal courts
poinder	a person, esp an official, who poinds or distrains goods. (=enclose, shut in or impound)
poinder	one who has charge of fences, hedges and woods, and pounds cattle that trespass. A pounder.
Pointer / Pin Pointer	1) Lace-maker 2) Sharpened needles or pins in manufacture
Pointmaker / Pointman	Made the tips of laces
Pointsman	Changed the points to change the track direction of trains
Poldave Worker	Made "poldave" - a coarse fabric

Poleman	Surveyor's assistant
Polenter / Polentier	Poulterer
police reporter	a newspaper reporter with assignment to cover news in a police department.
policeman (~woman) Also: ~ officer	civ a member of an organized law enforcement department.
Pollard Dealer	Dealer in pollard, bran sifted from flour. Also flour dealer
Poller / Powler	Barber
Ponderator	Weights and measures inspector
pontoneer sp: ~ier Also: pontooneer	one who has charge of pontoons, or the construction of a pontoon bridge.
Pony Driver	Usually a child, drove the pit ponies drawing the coal tubs
Portable Soup Maker	Made dried soup for transporting
porter	Brit. dom. one in charge of a gate or door (=L. porta=gate)
porter	a person employed to carry burdens, esp. an attendant who carries travelers' baggage at a hotel or transportation station
porter	a railroad employee who waits on passengers in a sleeping car or a parlor car.
porter	a maintenance worker for a building or institution.
Porter	1) Door or gate keeper 2) Carried baggage in railway stations and other public places
Portmanteau Maker	Made suitcases / travelling bags
portraitist	an artist who specializes in portraits.
Post Boy	1) Carried mail 2) Guard who travelled on the mail coach 3) Outrider travelling with the coach or a Postillion
Poster	Broke rocks in the quarries
Postillion	Rode as a guide on one of the near pairs of horses drawing a coach or post chaise
Pot Boy/man	1) Cleared away and washed the pots in a public house 2) A Potman was also a street-seller of porter and stout.
Pot Burner	Placed completed pots into the ovens for firing
Potato Badger	Potato seller
Potato Badger	Potato seller
potter	a tradesman who makes ceramic vessels usually by turning clay on a wheel and firing the result in a kiln.

potter	a fisherman who catches crabs, lobsters &c, in a basket-like trap. (=formerly using pots)
Potter's Carrier	Chemist or Pharmacist
Potter's Presser	Pottery maker, using moulds
Potter's Printer	Printed from an engraved plate that is loaded with oil based colours - printed the transfer pattern on to tissue paper
Potter's Thrower	Potter, using a wheel - "threw" the clay onto the wheel
Potter's	Jollying is a way of forming a ceramic article by using a rotating mould formed to shape one side of the pot or liner while a metal profile blade mounted on a counterbalanced arm forms the other side
Poulter / Poulterer	Poultry seller
poulterer	one who raises or deals in poultry
pounder	one whose office it is to impound cattle, etc. (=pound-keeper), (=pindar), (=pounder)
pound-keeper	one charged with responsibility for keeping a pound (=an enclosure for domestic animals, such as cattle)
Powder Monkey	Young boys - and sometimes women - employed to supply naval guns with their powder charges from the magazines below the waterline. Boys were usually employed because the gun (Orlop) decks were very low for stability reasons, and grown men would have found it difficult to move around at speed in those situations.
Power Loom Tuner	Maintained the weaving looms
Powler	Barber
Poynter	Lace maker
precentor	a cleric who directs the choral services of a church or cathedral.
Preceptress	School Mistress
Prentis	Apprentice
Pressman	Operated a printing press
Prick Louise	Tailor
Pricker	1) Witch hunter 2) Pattern Maker 3) Horseman
priest (~ess)	eccl in many Christian churches, a member of the second grade of clergy, ranking below a bishop, but above a deacon, and having authority to administer the sacraments.
priest (~ess)	one empowered to perform and administer religious rites.
prig	a person who demonstrates an exaggerated conformity or propriety, especially in an irritatingly arrogant or smug manner.

prig	Brit a petty thief or pickpocket.
prig	arch a conceited dandy; a fop.
Prig Napper	Horse Thief
prigger	a horse thief
principal	a chief or head.
principal	the head or director of a school or, especially in England, a college.
principal	a person who takes a leading part in any activity, as a play; chief actor or doer.
principal	the first player of a division of instruments in an orchestra (excepting the leader of the first violins).
printer's devil	a printing office errand boy
prior (~ess)	the superior officer at a priory (=a monastery governed by a prior or a convent governed by a prioress.)
prior (~ess)	(in an abbey) the officer next under the abbot.
privateer	nav an armed vessel privately owned and staffed holding a government commission and authorized for war service
privateer	a commander or crew member of such a vessel
privateer	euph a pirate
Proctor	University official
proofreader	one who read copy or proof in order to find errors and mark corrections.
Prop Bobby	Checked the pit props in mines
proprietor	a holder of property.
proprietor	the owner of a business, esp. a hotel.
Prothonary	Law clerk
Prow Smith	In shipbuilding, was responsible for laying out the prows and the keel of a vessel
Publican	Innkeeper - still in use
puddler	a wrought iron worker
Puddler	Wrought iron or clay worker - see Iron Puddler & Clay Puddler
Puggard	Thief

Pugger	Trod clay to produce the mix for brick making. Often women & children
pugilist	sp a boxer, esp. a professional
puisne ~ /pyoo^ˈne/	chiefly Brit lower in rank; junior; esp. an associate judge
Punky	Chimney Sweep
puppet	one whose behavior is determined by the will of another or others
Purefinder / Pure Gatherer	Old women & young girls who collected dog droppings used in the tanning industry
Purl Seller	Sold purl by boat to other river craft users. Purl was a potent mixture of beer and gin.
purser	nav. the officer in charge of money matters aboard ship, or in commercial aircraft
purveyor	one who obtains or provides provisions (=food)
Putter	Hauled coal tubs in the mines.
Putter-in	Input materials in mechanical processes - varied.
Pykemonger	Dealer in pike and other freshwater fish.

Q

QC	=Queen's Counsel
quack, quacksalver /Du. kwakken-salver/	hist a charlatan who sold useless salves and other treatments, esp. during the 14 ^o century visitations of the plague.
Quarantine (Station)	From 1728, some Customs officials - Quarantines - were given the responsibility of watching quarantine hulks anchored offshore to ensure nobody left them before their period of quarantine had expired on arriving from abroad.
Quarrel Picker	Glazier
quarrier	a quarry worker
Quarrier / Quarry Man	Quarry worker (!)
Quay Clerk	Clerk who worked at a wharf or quay, and still does so today
Queen's Counsel Also: QC	UK law a barrister or advocate (SCT) appointed by letters patent to be one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law during the reign of a female monarch.
Queen's Counsel Also: QC	Also: King's Counsel (KC) during the reign of a male monarch.
Querry	Groom

Quiller	Operated machinery winding yarn onto quills or spools A quill is a reed on to which the thread of the weft was wound when weaving cloth.
Quilter / Quiltress	Quilted material
quisling	a traitor who serves as the puppet of an enemy occupying his or her territory. (=after Vidkun Quisling (1887-1945), head of Norway's government during the Nazi occupation (1940-1945).)
Quister	Bleached articles
Qwylwryghte	Wheelwright

R

Rack Maiden	Girl employed dressing ore in the Cornwall tin mines
radknight	Brit Hist a riding servant whose services included riding escort to his lord.
Raff Merchant	Sold fibre used to make raffia bags etc.
Raffman	Dealer in "raff" - saleable rubbish
rag and bone man	an itinerant collector of rags, bones, and general scrap items. Traditionally, a balloon, a goldfish or a donkey stone might be given in return.
Rag Cutter	Cut rags into small pieces for papermaking
Rag Gatherers	Cleared rags from mill machinery - usually children
Rag Man / Rag and Bone Man	Toured the streets in his cart collecting rags and any old useable discarded items
Rag Picker	Sorted useable items from rag collection
ragman	a ragpicker, one who collects and sells rags
ragman	derog. one who sells clothes, esp. an itinerant wholesaler
Rag-stabber	Tailor (slang) mid 19c - also Stab-rag (military slang)
Raker	Street cleaner
ranger	a keeper of a national or royal park or forest.
rascal	often joc : a dishonest or mischievous person, esp a child.
Ratoner	Rat Catcher
Rattlewatch	Town watchman

Reacher for Drawing	Specific occupation in the cotton/silk weaving mills. Each thread has to be Drawn through the Eye on a Heald, ready for the loom and then separately picked out from the Beam of warp threads by the Reacher
reaper	one who harvests or gathers a crop, esp. grain
Rectifier	Distilled alcohol
rector (~trix)	nav. a master of a ship
rector (~trix)	eccl. (Church of England) the cleric in charge of a parish and who owns the tithes from it, perhaps appointing a deputy or vicar to run the parish in his absence
rector (~trix)	RCC a priest appointed as managerial as well as spiritual head of a church or other institution;
rector (~trix)	the principal of certain institutions of learning
Redar	Interpreted dreams
Reddleman	Sold the dye used by farmers to mark their sheep
Redman / Redeman	Responsible for maintaining the haulageways and passages in a coal mine
redsmith	a "red gold" craftsman. (=gold alloyed with copper)
Redsmith	Goldsmith
Reed & Heald Maker	Also Reed Maker (above). Made equipment for the separation of the weft thread on cloth-weaving looms.
Reeder	Used reeds for thatching and hedging
Reedmaker	1) Made weaving reeds - a reed is a comb-like device for 'beating' the weft thread into place as it is passed by the shuttle, the warp threads passing between the teeth of the reed 2) Made reeds or pipes for musical instruments 3) Made reed cloth 4) Made tapestry combs
reed-maker	one who makes reeds (=a weaver's instrument for separating the threads of the warp and beating up the weft; a comb for pressing down the threads of the weft to produce a tight weave.)
Reeler	Operated machinery winding yarn onto bobbins
reeve	the chief administrator of a farm, town or district; also grave, grieve
reeve	a peasant officer or servant for the lord of the manor, charged with duties which included the collection of rents.
reeve	a royal official.
reeve	a manorial official, appointed by the lord, or elected by the peasants.
Reeve	1) Churchwarden 2) Royal or Manorial elected or appointed official
Reever	Shriever; Sherriff

refugee	a person taking refuge, esp. in a foreign country, from war or persecution or natural disaster.
refugee	in the context of the American Revolutionary War this was a polite term for a Tory or Loyalist — a colonial loyal to the English. These people suddenly found themselves surrounded by enemies — folks who had recently been their friends and neighbors — and, for safety's sake, had to find refuge with the British, typically in their stronghold at New York City, or in Canada.
Regarder	Surveyed woodland, hedges and fences
Registrar	As today - registered events; land purchases, births, deaths etc.
relict	=widow
Relieving Officer	after the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 the post of Overseer of the Poor and the workhouses for each township were abolished and replaced by the Relieving Officer - who was appointed by the Board of Guardians - and the larger Union Workhouse with responsibility for a union (group) of townships
Relieving Officer	Official of the Poor Law Union to whom the poor or retarded persons in the parish could apply for poor relief
Religious houses	Religious houses comprehended cathedral and collegiate churches, abbeys, priories, colleges, hospitals, preceptories and friaries. The difference between abbeys and priories lay chiefly in the magnitude of the houses, and the right of precedence of abbots. Some of these were so considerable, that the abbots and priors were called to parliament, had seats and votes in the House of lords, and possessed houses in Westminster. ... They had the power and authority of bishops within the limits of their several houses, bestowed the solemn benediction, conferred all lesser orders, wore mitres, sandals, &c., and carried croziers or pastorals in their right hands. Some of their houses were exempted from the jurisdiction of both archbishop and bishop, and subjected to the pope only.
Principal officers magister operis	or master of the fabric, whose duty it was to preserve the buildings in good repair.
eleemosynarius	or the almoner, who managed the alms of the house, distributed money or food every day at the gate to the poor, bestowed gifts upon the founder's-day, and at obits and anniversaries; and in some cases provided for the maintenance and education of the choristers.
pitantarius	who had care of the pietancies (=allowances over and above the common provisions).
sacrista	or the sexton, who took care of the vessels, books and vestments belonging to the church, and such legacies as were given to the fabric, accounted for obligations at the great altar, provided bread and wine for the sacrament, and attended to burying of the dead.
camerarius	or the chamberlain, who had the chief care of the dormitory, and provided beds and bedding for the monks, all the conveniences of the dormitory, the whole or greater part of the clothing and linen, and, according to Fuller, had charge of the treasury, receiving and paying all the greater sums.
cellarius	or the cellarer, who procured provisions for the monks, and all strangers (for the monasteries were the only inns and hostelries in those days) resorting to the convent, viz. flesh, fish, fowls, wine, bread, corn, ale, beer, &c., besides wood for firing, and all utensils for the kitchen. The cellarer was considered a sort of pater secundus, and was possessed of great privileges.

treasurer	who received all the common rents and revenues, and paid all ordinary expenses.
precentor	who had the care of the choir, presided over the singing-men, organists, and choristers, provided books, paid salaries, and repaired the organs.
hostilarius	or hostler [sic], who attended to strangers, and provided for their accommodation.
infirmarius	or the apothecary, who looked after the sick monks, provided medicine and other necessities for the living, and superintended the last obsequies of the dead.
religious	a person of or belonging to a religious monastic order, esp. a nun or monk.
representative	civ a member of a governmental body, usually legislative, chosen by popular vote. (usually the lower house in a bicameral legislature)
retainer	an employee, typically a long-term employee.
Reverend, Rev.	a servant or an attendant, especially one in the household of a person of high rank. the title of a clergyman
Renovator	Repaired clothing
Resurrection Man	Apart from using the bodies of hanged criminals, dissection was illegal, so 17c. British doctors took to breaking the law. 'Resurrection men' would look for recent burials, dig up the corpse and sell it to a doctor. At £3 a body, you could make a decent living out of the practice. Resurrection men became so unpopular that they ran the risk of being torn to pieces if caught by a mob.
Revenuer / Renuee Man	Tax collector
Rice Dressser	Removed the chaff, straw, small grains etc. to clean up rice grains for human consumption. Rice skins are polished off to give the white grain we normally use
Rickmaster	Captain of Horse
Riddler	Wool stapler
Riding Officer	Employed by the Revenue to patrol 4-10 miles of coastline to detect smugglers. Paid no more than a farmer's labourer and hated, so dangerous. 18th century.
Riftere	Reaper
rigger	a hoist tackle worker;
rigger	nav. one who rigs or arranges rigging, esp. of a ship.
Rigger	Hoist tackle worker - esp. running and dismantling rigging of ships
Ring Spinner	Operated a Ring Spinning Machine - Ring spinning was/is a method for the continuous spinning of cotton.
ringleader	a chief instigator, esp of illegal activity.
ripper	a seller of fish
Ripper / Rippier	Seller of fish

Riverman	Worked riverboats
Roadman	1) Worked on building and or maintaining roads - often had a stretch of road which he was responsible for filling in potholes etc. - usually a mile 2) A tramp or vagrant was also often referred to as a Roadman
Rockgetter	Rock salt miner
Rockman	Worked in the quarries, usually placing charges
Rodman / Poleman	Surveyor's assistant - held the rod for the surveyor's theodolite observation
rogue	a dishonest or unprincipled person.
rogue	joc a mischievous person, esp a child.
Roll Turner	Carded yarn into rolls prior to spinning
Roller Coverer	Covered the rollers in spinning
Rolley Man	Delivery man
Rolleyway Man	Maintained the mine's underground roadways
Roman Cementer / Plasterer	Used "Roman Cement" - used in stuccoing
Rope Runner	Accompanied sets of drams or tubs on the rope haulage system in a Colliery for the purpose of changing over the rope or ropes at the end of the run
roper	a maker of rope or nets
roper	an owner of a ropery or ropewalk (=a long alley, pathway or building where strands of material are laid and twisted into rope.)
roper	a cowboy or ranch-hand who uses a lasso to catch livestock
roper	a decoy who lures customers into a gambling establishment (especially one with a fixed, or crooked game)
Roper	1) Made rope or nets 2) Cotton spinning operative
roundhead	hist. a Parliamentarian, from their custom of wearing their hair short.
roundsman	a police officer in charge of several others.
roundsman	one who makes rounds, such as a delivery person or a patrolman.
rover	one that roves; a wanderer.
rover	a pirate vessel; metaphorically, a crew member of same.
Rover	1) Archer 2) Loaded cotton yarn onto bobbins, giving the yarn a twist, (Roving) after the Carding and Combing processes.

royalist	Eng. a Cavalier supporter of Charles I during the English Civil War, opposed the Parliamentarians
Rubbisher / Rubbler	Sorted small stones in the quarries
ruffler	a beggar who tells tales of heroism in the wars
Rugman	Dealer in rugs
Rule Maker	Made and calibrated rulers (for measurement)
Rully Man	A Cart man - equivalent to today's lorry or truck driver
rum runner	one who smuggled liquor, esp during the U.S. prohibition period, esp by sea
Runner	1) Runner or messenger for the magistrates -Bow Street Runner 2) Smuggler

S

saboteur	F one who commits sabotage, i.e. causes deliberate damage to productive capacity, esp. as a political act. (=After French textile workers who wrecked machinery by tossing their wooden shoes (sabots) into the works.) cf Luddites
Sachrist / Sachristan	Person retained in a cathedral to copy out music for the choir, and take care of the books. One who is in charge of a sacristy. A sexton.
sacrist	eccl the official charged with the custody and care of sacred vessels, relics vestments, etc. (=in English cathedrals, the sacrist, or sacristan, is always in orders, often a minor canon)
sacristan (~tine)	eccl, obs the sexton of a parish church.
sacristan (~tine)	(=sacrist)
sacristan (~tine)	in a nunnery, a nun charged with a function corresponding to that of a sacristan.
Saddle Tree Maker	Made the wooden frames around which the saddle was formed with leather
saddler	one who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses
Saddler	One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses
Safernman	Grower of Saffron.
Saggar Maker	Made saggars (fired clay containers used to hold ceramic items in the kiln whilst firing.) The Saggar Maker's Bottom Knocker was the saggar maker's assistant, usually a young boy, who was responsible for knocking clay into a large metal hoop using a huge flat mallet called a mawl, to form the bottom of the saggar. The saggar maker would then remove the hoop, and form the sides of the saggar onto the base - a much more skilled job than bottom-knocking (testing for cracks by knocking). Some saggar-makers also had a frame filler, who did a very similar job to the bottom knocker, but prepared the clay to make the sides of the saggars, rather than the bottom.

Saggar Maker's Bottom Knocker

sahib	obs Hindi polite form of address for a European man in colonial India.
Sailing Master	nav. an early rank just below Lieutenant, evolved to Master, then to Warrant Officer.
Saloonist	Saloon keeper
Salt Boiler	Obtained salt from boiling salt water
Salter / Saucer	Made or dealt in salt
Saltpetre Man	Collected urine and dung, used in the manufacture of saltpetre.
salutatorian	the student with the second highest academic rank in a class, who customarily delivers the salutatory (=an opening or welcoming statement or address) at graduation exercises.
salvor	a taster, esp. as employed by royal or noble clients as insurance against poisoning
san	a courtesy title in Japanese-speaking areas as a suffix to a given name, surname or title, regardless of gender, as angin-san, sensei-san. How to use Japanese suffixes
Sandemanian	member of a religious sect formed by Robert Sandeman (1718-71) from the Glassites.
Sandesman	Ambassador or messenger
sandesman, sandaroon	obs a messenger, envoy, ambassador. (=Middle English, "sendman")
sandman	a character of fairy tales and folklore who caused children to sleep by sprinkling sand in their eyes.
sandwich man	a person who pickets or advertises by going about carrying a sandwich board. (=two large boards hinged at the top with straps for hanging from the shoulders, and bearing advertisements or the like)
sans-culotte	(=without breeches).
sans-culotte	Fr an extreme radical republican during the French Revolution.
sans-culotte	any revolutionary extremist.
sapper	one who digs saps (=tunnels or trenches, esp. in a military context)
sapper	a military demolitions expert
Sarcinet Weaver	Silk weaver
satrap	civ a subordinate bureaucrat or official.
satrap	a provincial governor in ancient Persia; a ruler.

sawbones	a physician, esp. a surgeon specializing in amputations
Sawbones	Physician
sawyer	one who saws, e.g. a carpenter
sawyer	a sawmill owner, operator or worker
Sawyer	Timber mill/pit worker, sawing timber
Say Weaver	Made "say" - used in making table cloths bedding etc.
Scagliola Maker	Made imitation marble
scapegoat	one made to bear the blame, fault, sins or others
Scappler	Rough-shaped stone before final dressing by a stonemason
scaramouch	hist. a lazy, swaggering coward
Scaramouch, Scaramouche	a stock character in commedia dell'arte and pantomime, depicted as a boastful coward or buffoon.
Scavelman	Cleaned and maintained waterways and ditches
Scavenger / Scaleraker	1) Street cleaner 2) Scavenger - also a child employed in a spinning mill to collect loose cotton lying about the floor under machinery
schepen sp: pl. schepenen	Du the equivalent in English is an alderman. The position of schepenen can roughly be compared to the position of ministers in a national government. The task of a schepen is to assist the mayor in the governing of the city, in certain specified areas.
scholar	a learned person, esp. in language, literature, etc.; an academic
scholar	Brit a university student who holds a scholarship;
schout	Du. civ the chief official of a town, similar to sheriff (common in NY and Long Island, due to Dutch influence).
Schrimpschonger	Artisan carving bone, ivory, wood etc.
schumacker	Du. a shoemaker
scold	one who persistently nags or criticizes.
Scotch Draper / Scotchman	Sold goods door to door on instalment payments
scoundrel	an unscrupulous villian; a rogue.
scourer	one who cleans wool, cloth, clothes, etc.
scourer	a cleaner of raw wool as a first step in cloth-making, a process similar to fulling

Scribbler	Minor or worthless author
scribbler Also: scribler	joc. a minor or worthless author;
scribbler Also: scribler	one who scribbles (cards) fibers, a carder
Scribe	Clerk - writer
Scriber	Marked bales of cotton on the docks with weight prior to being sold by brokers
Scribler	A person who tends a wool/cotton-combing machine called a Scribler - the first process in carding the yarn
Scrimer	Fencing master
scrivener	a professional or public copyist or writer;
scrivener	notary public
Scrivenor/er	1) Professional or public copyist or writer 2) notary public
scrutator Also: scrutineer	one whose office it is to examine or investigate closely, esp votes in an election.
scrutator Also: scrutineer	a title of a university official.
Scrutineer	Election judge
scrutiner	civ an election judge.
scryer Also: scrier	one who scries; a crystal-gazer. (scry=to divine the future (or the secrets of the past or present) by images or reflections in crystals, water, mirrors, etc.)
scuffle-hunter	one who frequents the wharfage on the pretense of seeking employment, but with the chief object of pillage and plunder of whatever comes their way.
Scullerman	Sculled a boat, (rather than rowing it) in ports/rivers as a ferry
Scullery Maid	Female servant who was given the menial tasks
scullion	dom a domestic servant of the lowest rank, who performed the menial offices of the kitchen.
Scullion	Male servant who was given the menial tasks
Scutcher	Beat flax to soften the straw

Sea Fencibles	The Sea Fencibles were established by Order in Council in May 1798 to defend the coast from invasion; they comprised "all such of the inhabitants of the towns and villages of Great Britain as shall voluntarily offer themselves for the defence of the coast". They were taught to use musket, pike and cannon. They were to assist in the manning of defensive positions (Martello towers), plus coastal signal stations and eventually given small boats to patrol harbours. They were to be paid one shilling per day served. It was attractive to fishermen and the like as you were given immunity from being pressed into the Navy. They were organised into districts, commanded by Naval Officers. They grew to their maximum strength in 1810, when there were over 23,000 of them and were disbanded at the end of the wars in 1814.
Seal Presser	Glassmaking - sealed the bath to prevent air spoiling the glass surface
sealer	civ an official charged to inspect and validate something.
Searcher	Customs man (today called a rummager - self descriptive) who searched for contraband
Secret Springer	Watch spring maker
Seedsman	Sower or dealer in seeds
Seeker of the Dead	During the Plague, old women were employed to diagnose the Plague from the buboes and count the dead to enable the compilation of Bills of Mortality, for which they were paid from 3 to 4 pence per corpse. Risky job!
segador	obs a reaper, a mower, a harvest-man.
segstar	Sc. obs. (=sexton)
Self Actor Minder	
Self-acting Minder	Watched and minded the 'Self Acting Mule' - the name of a multi thread spinning machine. The original Mule was hand operated and was invented by Samuel Crompton of Bolton in 1779. It was made self-acting by Richard Roberts in 1830. - also see Throstle Spinner and Spinner
Semi Lorer	Made leather thongs
Sempster / Sempstress / Sewster	Seamstress
senator	civ a legislator; a member of a senate (=an assembly or a council of citizens having the highest deliberative and legislative functions in a government.) (The term Magistrate was usual during the early years, but the title Assistant came soon into use and was employed until 1818, when the title Senator was substituted for it. [Jacobus])
seneschal	Dom the steward or majordomo of a medieval estate
seneschal	Dom an official of the household of a sovereign or great noble, to whom the administration of justice and entire control of domestic arrangements were entrusted.
seneschal	a cathedral official in England.
seneschal	civ the title of a governor of a city or province, and of various administrative or judicial officers. Now only hist except with reference to the [British] Channel Islands.

Seneschal	Senior steward at the manor
serf	a common villager or village peasant of any of the feudal classes lower in rank than the thane, or a peasant slave - of a feudal lord - who is free in his legal relations with others.
serf	a member of a servile, feudal class of people in Europe, bound to the land and owned by a lord.
serf	a person in servitude
serf	cf bondman
sergeant major	mil. originally (16 ^o c. & earlier) an officer, 2 ^o or 3 ^o in command of a regiment or similar unit (= major).
sergeant major	nowadays an NCO (=noncommissioned officer)
sergeant-at-arms	an official of a court, city or legislature
sergeant-at-law Also: serjeant-at-law, serjeants-at-law	Brit hist a barrister of the highest rank.
sermonist Also: sermoner	one who makes, writes or delivers sermons.
servant	one privately employed to perform domestic service
servant	one publicly employed to perform services, as for a government
servant	one who expresses submission, recognizance, or debt to another: (e.g. your obedient ~)
servant	cf: amah, attendant, au pair, ayah, bondman, boots, boy, butler, chambermaid, char, charlady, charwoman, chauffeur, chef, cleaner, cleaning man/woman/lady, coachman, cook, daily, dogsbody, domestic, driver, drudge, dustman, factotum, footman, gentleman's gentleman, governess, groom, handyman, help, houseboy, housekeeper, housemaid, houseman, lackey, lady's maid, maid, maidservant, majordomo, man, manservant, menial, nanny, nurse, nursemaid, page, parlormaid, postilion, retainer, scullion, seneschal, serving man, servitor, sommelier, steward, valet, waiter
server	one who serves food and drink, as at a restaurant
server	eccl an attendant to the celebrant at Mass
server	sports the player who serves, as in court games (e.g. tennis)
Sewer Hunter	Scavenged in the sewers
Sewer Rat	Bricklayer who made and repaired sewers and tunnels
Sewing Clerk	Oversaw and collected clothing piecework
Sexton	Church caretaker - sometimes dug graves or rang the bells

sexton (˜ess)	a church officer who looks after the fabric of a church and its contents, often also acting as bell ringer and gravedigger.
sexton (˜ess)	obs the Pope's sacristan
Shagreen Casemaker	Worked with shagreen leather
Shallooner	See Chaloner
Shampooer	Masseur/masseuse in a Turkish baths
Shantyman	Woodman, lumberman
sharecropper	a tenant farmer who gives a share of the crops raised to the landlord in lieu of rent.
Sharecropper	Tenant farmer whose pay was a fixed part of the crop
sharman	see shearman
sharper	one who deals dishonestly with others, esp a cheating gambler; a card sharp.
Shearer	As today, sheared the fleece from sheep
shearman	Brit a shearer of nap from (esp. woolen) cloth
Shearman / Sherman	1) Skilled worker who sheared the nap from cloth - also Cropper 2) Cutter of metal.
Sheath Maker	Made sword and dagger scabbards
Sheepman	Shepherd
Shepster	1) Dressmaker 2) Sheep Shearer
sheriff	civ an elected officer in a county, responsible for keeping the peace.
sheriff	civ an honorary officer elected annually in some towns.
sheriff	Brit civ the royal office of a shire, managing its judicial and financial affairs
Sheriff	Representative of Royal office in a Shire.
shill	a person employed to decoy or entice others into buying, gambling, etc.
Shingler	Worked with an Iron Puddler, manipulating puddled balls of iron on an anvil
Ship Master	Ship's Captain - still used today - often also the vessel's owner
Ship's Husband	Supplied stores for and maintained ships in dock
Shipwright	Builder and repairer of ships

Shoe Finder	Sold cobbler's tools
Shoe Wiper	Polished shoes - a boot-boy
shoeblack	See bootblack
shoemaker	one who makes shoes and other footwear. cf cordwainer, cobbler
Shoesmith	1) Cobbler 2) Shoed horses
Shot Firer	Employed blasting in quarries
Shrager	Trimmed and pruned trees
shrew	a woman with a violent, scolding, or nagging temperament; a scold.
shrieve	civ. a sheriff
Shrieve / Shriever	Sheriff
Shuffler	Farm yardman
Shunter	Moved - shunted - rolling stock around in railway yards to make up, and break down, goods trains
Shuttle Maker	Made the wooden shuttles for the looms
Shuttle Tip Maker	Made the pointed steel shuttle tips and made in many different designs. A very skilled job as the tips had to withstand being hammered to make the shuttles fly through the yarns from one side of the loom to the other and had to have aerodynamic properties. Forged by hammering red-hot steel
Shylock	a hard-hearted moneylender; a miser (Shylock=a character in Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice)
shyster	a person, esp a lawyer, who uses unscrupulous methods
Sick Visitor	Employed by Friendly Societies, who paid benefits to sick people, to ensure they were entitled to receive/continue to receive benefits.
Sickleman	Reaper
sidekick	coll a close associate
Sidesman	Churchwarden's assistant - esp. in church services
Silk Drawer	Drew silk from silk waste for spinning
Silk Dresser	Prepared the silk for weaving
Silk Engine Turner	Worked on automatic silk weaving looms

Silk Mercer	Silk merchant
Silk Piecer	Joined the broken threads in the silk spinning mills
Silk Staff Man	Probably a worker more on a permanent rather than itinerant position.
Silk Steward	Manager of a silk weaving/spinning/winding and cleaning room
Silk Thrower/Throwster	Employed in the silk weaving industry, twisting silk into yarn
Silk Twister	Silk Spinner (from the raw)
Silk Winder	Wound the silk from the silkworm cocoons onto bobbins
Silker	Bound the ends of the silk fabric to prevent fraying
Silkman	Person engaged in the manufacture and or sale of silk
Simpler	Agriculturalist (herbalist)
singing-man	one engaged to sing in an ecclesiastical choir
Sinker	Sunk shafts for mining
Sinker Maker	Made lead weights used with hosiery knitting machines, (Nottingham Area)
Sissor / Cissor	Tailor
sizar	Brit in medieval times, a poor student who paid his way at college by taking on menial domestic chores.
Sizer	Applied size to cloth in manufacture
Skepper / Skelper	Beehive maker/seller
Skin Dresser	"Dressed" - prepared animal skins for the manufacture of clothing or footwear
Skinkster	Alehouse tapster
Skinner	1) Dealer in hides 2) Mule driver
Skip Maker	Made skips (large baskets), used in mining and quarrying, for transporting product or personnel
Slapper / Slaper	Pottery worker who prepared the clay for the potter
Slasher	Applied size (Slasher Sizing) to the warp thread in weaving, to strengthen it and facilitate the weaving process.
Slate Enameller	Painted decorative slate as used in fire surrounds etc.
Slate River	Was employed to cleave blocks of quarried slate in the making of slates for roofing etc. (River pronounced as in diver)

slater	a roofer (=from the use of slate as roofing material)
Slater	Rofer
slave	a person who is the legal property of another or others, and is bound to absolute obedience; a human chattel.
slave	a helpless victim of some dominating influence, e.g. (e.g. a slave of fashion)
slave driver	an overseer of slaves at work
slave driver	a person who works others especially hard
slave trader	hist a person engaged in the procuring, transport or selling of human beings, esp African blacks, as slaves.
slaver	a ship engaged in the slave trade and, metaphorically, a sailor employed on one.
Slaymaker	Made the reeds or slays used in weaving. Slays (wooden pegs) or reeds were used to separate the threads on the loom
Sledman	Moved goods by sled
Slinger	Person who used slings for loading goods on ships, wagons etc.
slopseller	Brit. a seller of ready-made clothes in a slop (=ready-made or cheap clothing) shop
Slopseller	1) Slopshop keeper - readymade clothes 2) Basket seller
Slubber	Prepared cotton for spinning, removing the "slubs" or imperfections in the yarn.
Slubber Doffer	Removed the empty bobbins from the loom spindles
Slubbing Frame Fitter	Installed and maintained a Slubbing Frame, used in the preparation of cotton ready for spinning
Smallware Maker	Made "smallware" - tapes, braids, ribbons etc.
smelter	one who smelts; a workman engaged in smelting; also, an owner of a smelting-works.
smelter	one who fishes for smelts; a smelt-catcher (smelt=a small fish, related to salmon.)
Smelter	1) Smelt fisherman 2) Smelter in an iron foundry
Smiddy	Smith - sometimes still used as a nickname for Smith surname
smith	a metal worker, as tinsmith, goldsmith, etc.
smith	one who forges iron, a blacksmith
smith	cf whitesmith, greensmith, redsmith
Smith	Metal worker - see also Engine Smith, Blacksmith, Fender Smith

Smith's Striker	A blacksmith who wielded a hammer whilst another blacksmith held the work-piece with tongs in the right position on the anvil
smockster	a go-between, a bawd.
Smoke Doctor	Specialist in the construction or repair of chimneys
smug	obs a blacksmith.
smuggler Also: smuckellor, smuckler	one who smuggles commodities, esp one who makes a trade of the practice of smuggling. (=to convey (goods) clandestinely into (or out of) a country or district, in order to avoid payment of legal duties, or in contravention of some enactment.)
smuggler Also: smuckellor, smuckler	a vessel employed in smuggling
Smugsmith	Smuggler
snob[scat]	one who repaired shoes. cf cobbler
Snobscat / Snob	Shoe repairer
Snuffer Maker	Made candle snuffers
Soaper / Soper / Soap Boiler	Soap Maker
Sojourn Clothier	Travelling clothes salesman
sokeman	Brit Hist a freeman who nevertheless had to attend his lord's court.
soldier	one who serves in the army.
soldier	an enlisted person or a noncommissioned officer.
soldier	an active, loyal, or militant follower of a leader or an organization.
solicitor	the chief law officer of a city, county, etc.
solicitor	Brit a member of the legal profession qualified to deal with conveyancing, drawing up wills, etc., and to advise clients and instruct barristers.
Solicitor General	US the law office just below Attorney General
Solicitor General	UK the Crown law officer below the Attorney General or (Scotland) below the Lord Advocate.
sorter	a tailor.
sorter	one who arranges goods in any trade.
sorter	a cloth-worker who grades the raw fibers. cf wool stapler
Sortor	Tailor

sour-dough	one who has spent one or more winters in Alaska (=after the practice of using a piece of sour dough to leaven bread baked during the winter)
sour-dough	loosely, any prospector
Souter	Shoe maker
soverign	a supreme ruler, esp a monarch.
Sp Dealer	Enumerators' abbreviation for a Spirit Dealer
Spallier	Tin worker's assistant
Sperviter	Sparrow keeper
Spicer	Spice dealer / grocer
Spindle & Fly Maker	Made the metal Spindles and Fly used in spinning machines
Spinner	Spun the yarn to make cloth
spinner (~ster)	one who spins: (=a stage in cloth-making where the fibers and slivers of wool were drawn out, twisted, and spun into yarn. This was done with a distaff and spindle from the earliest times, and was replaced by the spinning wheel - or hand-wheel - in the 14 ^o century. The task was often done by women and children.)
spinster	a woman (or, rarely, a man) who spins, esp as a regular occupation.
spinster	an unmarried woman (or, rarely, a man).
spinster	a term appended to the names of women, originally to denote their occupation, but subsequently (from the 17th century) as the proper legal designation for one unmarried.
Spinster	1) A woman who spins 2) unmarried woman
Splitter	Worked a machine splitting stone, timber etc. or did so by hand
Spooner	Spoon maker
Sprig Maker	A weaver of fine lace sprigs applique. eg 'Honiton' Lace in Devon
Spring Smith	Made the springs (usually leaf) used in carriages
Spuller	Inspected yarn, to see that it is well spun, and fit for the loom
spurrer	a maker of spurs
Spurrer / Spurrier	Made spurs
squire	a country gentleman, a farm owner

squire	a justice of the peace
squire	hist. a knight's attendant, of higher rank than a page
squire	Brit. colloq. a jocular form of address to a man
Squire / Esquire	1) Country landed gentleman 2) Magistrate or justice of the peace 3) Knight's attendant 4) Professional man
squire of the body	In feudal times, the squire of the body was responsible for carrying his lord's arms and also assisted his lord in donning his armour. By Tudor times, the position was that of a close attendant to the King.
stableman (~woman)	a person employed in a stable; a groom.
Stabler	Ostler
Stab-rag	Tailor (military slang) mid 19c - also Rag-stabber (slang)
stalking-horse	A person whose agency or participation in a proceeding is used to conceal its true purpose or design.
stall	a pickpocket's accomplice, whose job it was to distract the attention of the victim while the dip rifled his pockets.
stallenger	A stall-keeper; a petty trader who paid to the burgh a small sum for the privilege of setting up his stall in a fair or market.
stallenger	A person not a freeman who paid a small sum to the corporation for the privilege of carrying on his business for one year.
staller	Nor. The title of a Norwegian court officer from the 10th c. [ON stallari]
staller	The title of a high officer in the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-66).
staller	Used vaguely for officer.
Stallman	Market stall holder
Stampman	Worked an ore-crushing machine
Stationary Engine Driver	Operated steam factory engine, used for all processes, usually linked by a system of shafts, pulleys and belts
Stationary Engineer	Maintained the factory steam engine and machinery
stationer	a dealer in writing materials, etc.
Statist	Politician
Staymaker	Corset maker
Steam Hammer Driver	Operated a large steam-operated hammer to forge iron and steel. Invented in Manchester in 1837 by George Naismith
Steeplejack	Worked on steeples, chimneys, flagpoles etc - still exists

steersman	=pilot
Steersman	Ship's helmsman
Stenciller	Itinerant tradesmen who travelled around decorating the interior walls of houses with stencils to avoid the prohibitive cost of wallpaper
Stenterer	Worked a cloth finishing machine
Step Boy	Helped passengers on and off coaches
-ster /st?r/	suffix denoting a person engaged in or associated with a particular activity or thing ((e.g. gang~), (e.g. young~)); often with the additional connotation of gender: cf spinner, spinster.
stevedore	naut a person employed in the loading and unloading of ships. (=from steeve, which is a long spar used in stowing cargo)
steward (-ess)	a passengers' attendant on board a ship, aircraft or train
steward (-ess)	an official appointed to keep order or supervise arrangements at a meeting, show, demonstration, etc.
steward (-ess)	a person responsible for the supply of food, etc. for a college or club, etc.
steward (-ess)	a person appointed to manage another's property
steward (-ess)	Brit. the title of several officers of the government or the royal household, e.g. Lord High Steward
Stick Maker	Made walking sticks
Stick Mounter	Decorated walking sticks with silver, gold, bone or ivory mountings
Still Room Maid	Worked in the Still-Room in a large Victorian household, answerable to both the housekeeper and the cook, where she would concoct the kitchen cleaners, soaps, candles and cosmetics for the lady of the house. It also housed the jams pickles etc. that the cook would make
Stock Turner	Turned the wooden stocks used in guns
Stockinger	Knitter, weaver or seller of stockings
Stoker	Tended to and fed coal to boilers in mills and aboard ship
Stoker - Refuse Destructor	Fed refuse to an incinerator
Stone Blue Maker	Maker of Bristol Blue glassware
Stone Dresser	Prepared quarried stone for building. This would include cutting it into regular sized blocks with a reasonably even surface
Stone Getter	Stone-face quarry worker
Stone Picker	Removed stones from fields before planting

Stoneman / Stonewarden	Highway surveyor
Stover / Stever/ Staver	The senior member of a partnership of miners and in charge at the surface
Stowyer	Stowed nets on fishing boats
Stravaiger	Vagrant
Straw Joiner	Thatcher (of roofs)
Straw Plaiter	Plaited straw for use in hat-making
Strawman	(16/17c) Hired to give false evidence for the prosecution in Court
Streaker	Laid out bodies for burial
Street Orderly/Boy	Street cleaner
Stretcher / Tenter	Stretched fabrics after weaving on a frame with hooks - origin of saying "on tenterhooks"
Strickler	Skimmed off the scum from molten iron in a mould
Striker / Stryker	1) Blacksmith's assistant 2) Harpoon man on a whaler
Stringer	Made bowstrings
Stripper	Cleaned the carding machines in mills
Stroller	1) A vagabond, vagrant; an itinerant beggar or pedlar 2) An itinerant actor; a strolling player
strumpet	a prostitute
stuff gown[sman]	a junior barrister
Stuff Gownsmen	Junior barrister
Stuff Presser	Placed the cloth within sheets of special stiff press paper and passed it into a hot-pressing machine which gave the finish to the cloth
Stuff Weaver	Wove "stuff" - a coarse cloth, more especially of worsted, made of long or 'combing wool' distinguished from other woollen cloths by the absence of any nap or pile
subaltern	Brit Mil an officer below the rank of captain, esp a second lieutenant.
sub-captain	nav a master of a ship
Sucksmith	Made Ploughshares
Sugar Baker	1) Sugar Refiner 2) Made confectionery or cake decorations

Sumner	Summoner or Apparitor
Sumpter	Porter
Supercargo	Officer on a chartered merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship (on behalf of the charterers) - Still in use
supercargo Also: supra~	naut. the officer on a merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship.
surveyor	a person who surveys land and buildings, esp professionally (=to examine the condition of (a building), or to ascertain the boundaries, extent, ownership (of land))
Surveyor of the King's Works Also: Surveyor-General ~	the person appointed to be responsible for the upkeep and repair of all the Royal Palaces, excluding Greenwich and Windsor, and in charge of planning and building royal architectural projects throughout the realm. This post carried prestige and a reasonable salary, but also required an enormous degree of day-to-day administration. The post came with a house in Whitehall and a set of offices attached. Past holders have included the famous architects Inigo Jones and Christopher Wren.
Sutler	Merchant or peddler in an army camp
Swabber	Seaman (slang)
Swailer	1) Miller 2) Grain dealer
Swain	Herdsman
Swaith Maker	A Swaith / Swathe was (usually) a cotton or silk shroud used for burial
Sweep	Chimneysweep
Swell Maker	Made shallow baskets
Swiller	A basket weaver/maker - an old Cumberland name
Swineyard / Swineherd	Pig Keeper
Swingler	Beat flax to remove the coarse parts
Sword Cutler	Made swords

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taberdar Also: taubator, tabbiter, tabitter, taberder, tabardar	one who wears a tabard (=a short surcoat or jerkin with short or no sleeves)
taberdar Also: taubator, tabbiter, tabitter, taberder, tabardar	a name formerly given to certain scholars of Queen's College, Oxford, from the gown they wore, still surviving in the name of some of the scholarships at that college.

Tabernarius	Tavern or innkeeper - from the Latin
Tabler	Boarding House keeper
taborer Also: taberer, tabborer, tabourier, tabrere	one who tabors; a drummer; one who performs on the tabor (=a small drum).
Tackler	Overlooker of weaving shed workers
tailor	one who makes, repairs or alters articles of clothing, as suits, coats, dresses, etc.
taipan	China the head of a foreign business.
Taker Off / In	Unhitched coal tubs from an endless rope system - usually children
talesman	Law a person summoned by a tales (=a writ summoning jurors when a panel is insufficient)
Tallow Chandler	Candle maker/seller
Tally Clerk	As today, tallied goods into and out of warehouses, ships etc.
tallyman	A person who keeps a tally, or count.
Tallyman / Tally Fellow	1) Sold goods on instalment plan. 2) Local official who tallied the allowed number of persons in a dwelling for health reasons - usually 3 adults and four children
Tambour Worker	Worked with embroidery on a (circular) Tambour Frame
Tan Bark Stripper	Collected tree bark used for tanning leather
tanner	One who tans (cures) animal hides into leather
Tanner's Beamsman	Draped part-cured skins over a Tanners Beam, a flat slab of wood or stone, to scrape off the remaining flesh, fat and hair
Taper Weaver	Made candle wicks
tapissier	a maker of tapestries
Tapiter / Tapicer	Weaver of figured cloth or tapestry
tapley	one who puts the tap in an ale cask (tap=a wooden spigot placed in the bunghole of a cask to facilitate drawing off its contents)
Tapley	Put the taps in ale casks
tapster	A bartender
Tapster	Barman / woman
tar baby	a situation or problem from which it is difficult or impossible to extricate oneself. (=After Bre'r Rabbit and the Tar Baby, an Uncle Remus story by Joel Chandler Harris.)

Tar Boy	Applied tar (antiseptic) to sheep when nicked by shearers
tasker	A reaper
Tasker	Reaper
Tasseler	Made tassels for furnishings
taster	A person employed to test food or drink by tasting it, esp. for quality or hist to detect poisoning.
tatter	one who tats (tatting=needlework consisting of handmade lace made by looping and knotting a single thread on a small shuttle)
tattler	a prattler; a gossip.
taverner	one who owns or operates a tavern.
Taverner	Innkeeper
Tawer / Tawyer	Made white leather
taxidermist	one skilled in the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting the skins of animals with lifelike effect. (=Gk taxis arrangement + derma skin)
taxman	an inspector or collector of taxes.
teacher	one who teaches, esp. one hired for this purpose.
teamster	One who drives a team (of horses, oxen, etc.) for hauling
Teamster / Teamer / Teamer Man	Driver of a team horses used for hauling
teaseler	One who dresses cloth with teasels. (teasel=a plant with a large prickly head like a thistle, which is dried and used to raise the nap on woven cloth.)
tedder	one who teds (=turns and spreads) hay, grass, straw, etc. to effect its drying, or for a bedding.
Teemer	1) Emptied grain brought by cart 2) Poured molten steel into moulds
Teerer/Tierer/Tier Boy	Spread a fresh surface of colour on the printer's 'pad' each time he used it to print calico
Teizer	Removed slag from molten glass (18c glass industry)
tenant	a person who rents land or property from a landlord.
tenant farmer	one who farms on rented lands, esp where the rent is paid in kind out of the produce.
tenant-in-chief	a lord (or an institution, such as a church) holding land directly from the king. cf under-tenant
tenter	assistant to a weaver, generally a child, who has gone through a short period of probation.

tenter	a worker's unskilled assistant.
tenter	Brit one in charge of something, esp. machinery in a factory.
tenter	one who stretches cloth on a tent or tenter (with tenter hooks) to allow it to dry, the last stage of cloth-making.
Tenter / Tenterer	1) Tenterer - Someone who, after cloth was dyed, stretched it on a frame, called a "Tent" for drying . This frame was fitted with hooks known as "Tenterhooks" - about which we all know! 2) The term was also used for a person who looked after or watched something. .i.e. Tip tenter - person inspecting finished shuttle tips after manufacture. (Tenter - from Tenter, to tend)
tertiary	RCC a member of a religious Third Order (=a confraternity of lay persons associated with a religious order)
testator (~trix)	one who has made a will, esp one who dies testate (=having died leaving a valid will.)
texter	One skilled in writing in a text hand (a fine, large hand), an engrosser
textor	A weaver
Textor	Weaver
Thacker / Thatcher	Roof thatcher, using straw or, more usually, reeds
thane	hist A man who held land from an English king or other superior by military service, ranking between ordinary freemen and hereditary nobles.
thane	A man who held land from a Scottish king and ranked with an earl's son; the chief of a clan.
thane	Brit Hist the order of nobility in Anglo-Saxon England before the Conquest was earl, King's thegn and median thegn.
thatcher	a roofer, esp. of thatched materials: straw, reeds, etc.
Theemaker	Shoemaker
Thirdborough	Under-constable
thrall	hist a slave; a bondman, or one otherwise in a state of servitude to another.
Thresher	Separated chaff from grain
Throstle Spinner	Attended a spinning machine known as a Throstle, due to the noise it made, which resembled a lark, or throstle. The machine was used for the continuous spinning of cotton (or wool) simultaneously onto long rows of, perhaps 300 or 400, pirns or bobbins.
Throwster / Thrower	Textile worker attending machine which twisted together strands of fibre into yarn - cotton, silk, wool etc.
thumper	an extravagantly enthusiastic preacher (=from "Bible thumper", as such preachers were given to emphasizing their points)
Ticket Porter	Porter wearing badges, or 'tickets', licensed by the City of London to carry goods, as well as documents and messages. They could be found in the streets and hired when needed

Tickneyman / woman	Travelling earthenware seller
Tide Gauger / Surveyor	Monitored the state of the tides
tide waiter	civ a customs officer (=who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in)
Tide Waiter / Tidesman	Customs inspector who boarded ship on arrival to enforce customs regulations
Tiger	Liveried pageboy / groom
Tiler	Worked with roof and floor tiles
Tiller	Farmer
Tillman	Ploughman
Timekeeper	A person responsible for making sure things happened on time e.g. worker
Times Ironer	Servant who literally ironed The Times newspaper!
Timoneer	A ship's helmsman (from French, timonier)
Tin Streamer	Recovered tin ore by means of 'panning', as in gold panning, from rivers and streams
Tincter	Dyer
tinker	an itinerant seller and repairman of tin pots and pans
Tinker	An itinerant tin pot and pan seller, repairman / knife sharpener - also Iggler
Tinner	1) Tin miner 2) Tinsmith
tinsmith	a smith who works in tin Also: whitesmith
Tinsmith	Worked with tin
Tinter / Teinter	Artists who tinted photographs before colour was available
Tipper	Tipped arrows etc. with metal
Tippler	Alehouse keeper - It was also the name for an outside "toilet"!! (hole in the ground!)
tipstaff	A sheriff's officer. (=From the metal-tipped staff carried as a symbol of office.)
Tipstaff	1) Court official 2) Policeman
Tirewoman	1) Female dresser - esp. theatrical 2) Milliner 3) Hairdresser
tithing	A group of people who are liable to pay a tithe (=a tax to support the parish).

tithing man Also: tyth~	civ a town official appointed to enforce the laws and to see that order was preserved in the Lord's house; tithing men were to present all the idle and disorderly persons, profane swearers or cursors, Sabbath-breakers and disorderly persons, that they may be duly punished and discouraged.
Tixtor	Weaver
toad-eater	Originally a seventeenth-century charlatan's sidekick who, in full view of a crowd, would pretend to eat a toad, which at that time was considered to be poisonous. The assistant would feign a severe reaction, to the horror or amusement of the naïve spectators. The master would then dramatically demonstrate the curative power of the remedy he had for sale by using it to revive his sidekick. A corresponding verb, toad-eat, emerged shortly thereafter; it meant "to do something quite unpleasant on behalf of one's master." [Research on Forgotten English Words]
Tobacco Spinner	Made cigars
Todhunter	Employed by the parish to hunt foxes
Toe Rag	Worked in the docks as a corn porter
Toilinet Maker / Knotter	Made "toilinet" - a kind of quilting - The knotter made the knots at the edges
Toller / Tollie / Tollman / Tollgate Keeper	Collected road tolls at a Toll Gate/House
tonsor	One who shaved or otherwise cut hair
Tonsor	Barber - from Latin
Tool Helver	Tool handle maker
top banana	slang the main comic in a burlesque show. (=so called from the presentation of a banana to the comedian who has the punch line in a three-person burlesque routine.)
top banana	the head person, as of a group or project.
top dog	slang one with the dominant position or authority, esp. in a competitive context.
Top Sawyer	Upper man in a sawpit - using a long two-man saw
Topman	Seaman - worked in the "tops" (aloft) on sailing ships
Topsman	Head cattle drover
Tory	Brit colloq (=Conservative)
Tory	Brit hist a member of the party that opposed the exclusion of James II and later supported the established religious and political order and gave rise to the Conservative party (opp Whig).
Tory	a colonist loyal to the English during the American Revolution.
Tory	cf refugee

Tosher	Scrapped a living by scavenging the Victorian sewers
Touch holer	Worked in gun making
Tow Card Maker	Made "tow cards" used in weaving mills
tow head	a person with white-blond hair. (tow=flax or hemp fiber prepared for spinning)
Town Chamberlain	Looked after a town's affairs
town crier	see crier
Town Crier	"Cried" public announcements and used a bell to get attention
Town Husband	Collected dues from fathers of illegitimate children of the parish for their upkeep
Townsman	Commercial traveller
Townswaiter	Customs man
Tozer	Worked in the mills "tosing" (teasing) the cloth
Trace Maker/Tracer	Worked in a draughting office, copying engineering diagrams, using tracing paper. In the days before photocopying, plans and diagrams for mining and manufacturing industries were copied by hand. It required accuracy, patience and a knack for using the pen without producing ink blots
trader	a person engaged in trade (=buying and selling)
trader	a merchant ship
Trammer	Young mineworker
Trampler	Lawyer
Tranqueter	Made barrel hoops
translator	one who translates (speech, writings, etc.) from one language into another.
Translator	In the shoe trade - a person who translates or remakes old shoe parts into a new shoe. i.e. a cobbler
Tranter	Peddler, often hiring himself out with his horse and cart
Trapper	Opened and shut doors for miners
traveler sp: or trav-el-ler	one who travels or has traveled, as to distant places, esp. habitually.
traveler sp: or trav-el-ler	Brit a traveling salesperson.
traveler sp: or trav-el-ler	Brit a member of various groups of traditionally itinerant people living esp in Scotland and Ireland; a gypsy.

Traveller	1) A Gypsy 2) Travelling salesman
travers	toll bridge collector
Travers	Toll bridge collector
Treen Maker	Made wooden domestic goods
Treenail Maker	Made "treenails" - long wooden pins used in shipbuilding
Trencher Maker	Made wooden "trenchers" - platters for serving or cutting food
Trencherman	Cook
Trimmer	1) Ship's crewman who trimmed coal in ship's bunkers 2) Dockworker who trimmed grain or bulk cargo in ship's hold to spread it out evenly
Troacher	Peddler
Troner	Official weigher in markets
Trouchman / Truchman	Interpreter
Trouncer	Drayman's assistant (Brewers)
Trover	Smuggler
Truchman	Interpreter
Trugger / Trug maker	Made "trugs" - shallow baskets
trull	a prostitute, a harlot.
Trusser	Hay baler - made up hay trusses
Tubber	Made tubs and barrels - a cooper
Tubedrawer	Made tubes
Tubman	1) English barrister 2) Court official 3) Filled tubs in a coalmine
tucker	cleaner of cloth goods
Tucker	Cleaned cloth goods
Tucker-in	Chambermaid who tucked in the bed-clothing
Turncock	Worked for the local water company, opening and closing the water supply. He also had to inform householders that their water was being turned off.

turner	a person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles or similar items
Turner	1) Lathe worker 2) Gymnast esp. street performers 3) In the Potteries; Turns the dried clay ware to the required outline before firing
Turning Boy	Weaver's assistant - turned the loom bar
Turnkey	Jailer
Turnpike Keeper	Collected road tolls
Turnspit	Boy who turned the spit handle, roasting meat. (Medieval)
tutee	one being tutored.
tutor	a private teacher, perhaps giving additional, special or remedial instruction.
tutor	a teacher or teaching assistant in some colleges or universities having rank below that of instructor.
tutor	Brit a graduate, or fellow, responsible for supervision of an undergraduate at some British universities.
tutor	Law a legal guardian of a minor.
Tweeny / Tweenie	Maid employed "between the stairs" assisting cook and housemaids
Twiller	Produced a raised diagonal rib appearance in fabric
Twist Hand	Used a lace-making machine
twister	a spinner in a cloth-making operation, spec. one whose occupation is to twist together the ends of the yarns of the new warp to those already woven.
Twister / Twisterer	Worked a machine twisting the yarns or threads Ring Frame Twister
Tyresmith	Blacksmith who specialised in making the iron bands (tyres) around wooden cart wheels before the introduction of rubber, later pneumatic tyres.

U

ullnager	(from ca 1350) An inspector of textiles who certified the measure and collected taxes
Ulnager	Examiner of woollen goods prior to sale
under-captain	nav the master of a ship.
Underlooker / Underviewer	Worked underground in coalmines in a sort of health and safety role, inspecting and regulating the miners in and out of the pit
undertaker	hist an influential person in 17 ^o c. England who undertook to procure particular legislation, esp. to obtain supplies from the House of Commons if the King would grant certain concessions
undertaker	nowadays a mortician or funeral director

under-tenant	a tenant holding land from a main landholder, or from a tenant-in-chief.
Underwood Dealer	See Coppice Dealer.
underwriter	a person who: signs, or accepts liability (under an insurance policy) esp. on shipping, etc.
underwriter	a practicer of marine insurance.
underwriter	one who undertakes to finance, or agrees to buy all the stock in (a company, etc.) not bought by the public, thus to "make a market" in a particular security.
unionist	One opposed to secession during the US Civil War
Upholder	1) Upholsterer 2) Made quilts & mattresses 3) Auctioneer's assistant
Upholdster	Dealer in second-hand clothes and furniture
Upholsterer	Pads and covers soft furniture - see upholder
Upright Worker	Chimney sweep
upstairs maid	dom a maid of higher standing who worked directly with the family of the house, as opposed to a downstairs maid.
usher	one who shows people to their seats in a auditorium, theater, etc.
usher	a doorkeeper at a court, etc.
usher	Brit an officer walking before a person of rank.
usher	hist or joc an assistant teacher.
usurer	One who practices usury, i.e. the act or practice of lending money at interest, esp. at exorbitant rates.
uxoricide	One who has killed his wife

V

Vacher	Herdsman
vagabond	a wanderer or vagrant, esp. an idle one
vagabond	colloq a scamp or rascal (=Similar terms: gypsy, tramp, vagrant, wayfarer, rover, drifter, hobo, wanderer, itinerant, migrant, nomad, bird of passage, rolling stone, beachcomber, derelict, [Austral. & N.Z.] swagman, panhandler, bum. All connote a shiftless, non-permanent and slightly disreputable lifestyle.)
vagrant	a person without a settled home or regular work.

vagrant	a vagabond or wanderer.
valedictorian	the student with the highest rank in a class who delivers the valedictory at graduation.
valet	a gentleman's personal attendant, who looks after his clothes, etc.
valet	an employee of a hotel, etc with similar duties.
Valet	Gentleman's personal male servant
Valuator	Valuer
Vamper	Made up the upper part of a boot or shoe covering the instep and sometimes extending over the toe
vandal	one who willfully and maliciously damages or destroys property.
Vandal	a member of a Germanic people that ravaged Gaul, Spain, No. Africa and Rome in the 4th and 5th centuries, destroying many books and works of art.
varlet	hist or joc a menial; a rascal
varlet	hist a knight's attendant
vassal	hist one who owes feudal homage to a lord, and who has promised military service in return for a grant of land and protection.
vassal	a holder of land by feudal tenure on conditions of homage and allegiance.
Vassal	Lowest order of servant
Vatman	1) Worked with vats in wine & beer making 2) Put pulp into moulds for paper-making
vegan	a person who does not eat or use animal products.
Venator / Venur	Huntsman
Verderer	Official in charge of the Royal Forests
Verge Maker	Made spindles for watch and clock-making
verger	Brit eccl a church official who acts a caretaker and attendant.
verger	Brit eccl an officer who bears the staff before a bishop.
Verger	Priest's or Vicar's assistant
Verrier	Glazier - from French
Vestment Maker	Made vestments for the clergy

vestryman	eccl a member of a vestry, i.e. a meeting of parishioners, esp in a vestry, for conducting parish business. (=vestry: a room in or a building attached to a church for storing vestments.)
vicar, vicarius /L. = deputy/	eccl. a parish priest who receives a salary or stipend and is therefore not entitled to the parish tithes (=a tax of 1/10 of produce or labor formerly levied to support the church or clergy), or who receives only a portion of the tithes granted by his rector
Viceman	A smith who works at the vice instead of the anvil
victualer	a tavern keeper.
victualer	one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food.
Victualler	1) A tavern keeper - see Licensed Victualler. 2) Provided army, navy, or merchant ships with food supplies
Viewer	Manager in the mines
villain	a person capable or guilty of evil.
villain	colloq, joc a rascal; a rogue.
villain	Brit colloq a professional criminal.
villain	arch a rustic; a boor.
villan, villani, villein	a serf.
villan, villani, villein	Brit Hist An unfree peasant who owed his lord labour services (two or three days per week) but who also farmed land for himself. Villans were the wealthiest and most numerous of unfree peasants.
Villein	Paid dues to Lord of the manor for land use
Vintager	Grape grower; wine maker
vintner	a wine merchant.
Vintner / Vinter	Wine merchant
Violin string maker	Made "catgut" violin strings.
Virginal Player	Played the virginal - similar to a harpsichord
Vocalist	A singer
Vulcan	Blacksmith
vulcan	Blacksmith

W

Wadsetter	(Scottish) Creditor to whom a "wadset" is made. A wadset is a right by which lands, or other heritable subjects, are consigned to a creditor as a security for debt
Wafer Maker	Made the wafers taken in Holy Communion
Waggoner	Wagon or 4-wheeled cart driver
wagoner	a teamster not for hire.
Wailer	Removed impurities and foreign bodies from coal in the mines
wainwright	a wagon maker
Wainwright	Maker or repairer of wagons - "wains"
Waister	Seaman stationed in the waist of the ship
Wait / Wakeman	Night-watchman
waiter (~ress)	dom a carrier of any sort of goods including meals in a cafe or household.
waiter (~ress)	a watchman at the city gates.
waiter (~ress)	a man (or more rarely a woman) whose office or priviledge it is to attend upon a superior.
Waiter / Tide Waiter	Customs officer who waited on the (high) tide (when vessels arrived) to collect duty on goods imported
waithman	a hunter, esp. applied to forest outlaws.
Walker	"Walked" over cloth after weaving, after wetting, to clean and thicken it - see Fuller
walker Also: wauker	a fuller (=M.E. walkcere one who fulls cloth with his feet)
Waller	1) Brick or dry stone wall builder 2) In the Cheshire salt-works, makers of coarser grades of salt used in industrial processes, chemicals, fisheries and potteries.
Wanter / Want Catcher	Mole catcher
Warder	Jailer
warder (~ress)	a guard or jailor
warder (~ress)	Brit a prison official
Wardrobe Dealer	Dealer in second-hand clothing
warfinger	naut a person in charge of a docking facility, authorizing ships to dock and collecting fees for that privilege. cf harbormaster

Warper	1) Set up the "warp" (thread) on looms 2) Moved boats by hauling on their "warps" (ropes)
warrant officer	mil an officer ranking between commissioned officers and NCOs.
Warrener	A warrener maintains rabbit warrens, traps them and produces rabbit meat for the Laird. Warrens were the property of the lord of the manor
Washman	Tin coater (tin plater)
Wasteman	1) Waste remover 2) Checked and maintained that mine workings were free of gas
Watch finisher	Assembled time pieces (did not make the parts)
Watch Making	Various occupations in the Watch-Making Industry
Watcher	Employed as security in Customs bonded warehouses - to Watch the goods.
Watchman	Town night-watchman
Water Bailiff	1) Maintained fishing rights on (usually) rivers - still in use 2) River based customs official
Water Gilder	1) Gilded metal surfaces by applying liquid amalgam, the mercury being afterwards removed by evaporation. 2) Trapped water fowl
Water Leader / Leder / Loder	Transported and sold fresh water
waterman	=boatman
Waterman	Boatman who plies for hire - usually on rivers
Wattle Hurdle Maker	Made wattle hurdles - panels of wattle fencing
Waulker / Waulkmiller	Cloth worker - see Walker
Waver	Weaver - from regional pronunciation
Way Maker	Road builder
Way Man	Road surveyor
Wayland	A smith
Weather Spy	Astrologer
weaver	one who weaves yarns or threads into textile fabrics, a stage in the process of cloth-making.
webbe (webster)	a weaver.
webbe (webster)	an operator of a loom.

Webster / Webber	Operator of looms; weaver - originally a female weaver
Weigher / Weigh Clerk	Weighed landed goods on the dockside
Well Sinker	Well digger
Wellmaster	In charge of the village well and responsible for clean drinking water
Wellwright	Made the winding gear for wells
welter	a heavy rider or boxer.
welter	colloq a big person or thing.
werewolf	a being of medieval superstition who occasionally changed from a person into a wolf, esp. one with a taste for human flesh.
Wet Glover	Leather glove maker
Wet Nurse	Woman who breast-fed babies for others
Wetter	1) Dampened paper for printing 2) Glass making worker
Whacker	Horse or ox team driver
whaler	a whaling ship or a seaman engaged in whaling.
wharfinger	owner or keeper of a wharf
Wharfinger	Owner or manager of a wharf
Wheel Tapper	Railway worker - tapped wheels to detect cracks from the resultant ring
wheeler	(=wheelwright)
wheeler	a horse harnessed next to the wheels and behind another.
Wheeler	1) Made wheels 2) Spinning wheel attendant 3) Led pit ponies underground in the pits
wheeler-dealer	colloq one who wheels and deals (=engage in political or commercial scheming)
wheelwright	one who made or repaired wheels, wheeled carriages, etc.
Wheelwright	Made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc.
wherryman	a person employed on a wherry (=a light boat for conveying passengers).
Wherryman	Ran a "wherry" - a large flat-bottomed sailing boat, used typically on rivers

Whig	hist polit a member of the British reforming and constitutional party that after 1688 sought the supremacy of Parliament and was eventually succeeded in the 19th c. by the Liberal party (opp. Tory)
Whig	a 17th c. Scottish Presbyterian
Whig	a supporter of the American Revolution
Whig	a member of the 19th c. American political party succeeded by the Republicans.
Whig	(Scottish) Horse driver
Whim / Whimseyman	Employed driving mine winding gear carrying men and materials up and down mine shafts.
whip	a member of a political party in a legislative body appointed to control its party discipline and tactics, esp ensuring attendance and voting in debates.
Whipcord Maker	Whip Maker
Whipper-in	Managed the hunting hounds
whipping boy	a boy educated with a young prince and punished in his stead.
Whipping Boy	He was whipped in place of royal miscreants. Not a coveted position!
Whit Cooper	Made barrels and other items from tin
White Limer	Plastered walls with lime
Whitear	Hide cleaner
Whitening Roll Maker	Made whitening (whitewash) for whitening walls
whitesmith	(=tinsmith)
whitesmith	a worker of metal goods who finishes or polishes the work, as opposed to one who forges them.
Whitesmith	Tinsmith
whitewing	a street sweeper
Whitewing	Street sweeper
Whitster / Whitester / Whitener	Cloth bleacher
Whittawer	1) Made saddles and harnesses 2) Prepared white leather
widow (~er)	a person whose spouse has died and who has not remarried.
widow (~er)	informal a woman whose husband is often away pursuing a sport or hobby; (e.g. golf-~).

wight /wit/	obs a living being; a creature.
Willeyer	Fed fibres into a "willeying" machine to separate and comb them for carding, often blending fibres in the process
Willow Feeder	Operated a self-acting Willow - a waste cleaner in cotton or woollen mills - Drawing
Willow Plaiter / Weaver	Basket maker
winder	a cloth-maker employed to wind spun yarn on spindles or bobbins.
Winder	1) Transferred yarn from bobbins ready for weaving
Windster	Silk weaver
Wire Drawer	Made wire by drawing the hot metal through dies
Wireworker	Works with wire to produce mesh, cages, grilles etc.
WOAD Dyer	Produced and dyed cloth using Woad.
Wood Ranger/Reeve	Employed in maintenance & protection of woodlands
Woodbreaker	Made wooden casks
Wool Billy Piecer	Pieced together broken yarns in the mill
Wool Comber	Worked machinery combing - separating - fibres for spinning
Wool Driver	Carried wool to market
Wool Factor	Wool merchant's agent
Wool Grower	Sheep farmer
wool stapler	a clothier, a sorter, but originally (1500s) an expert merchant who was a member of a group who had a monopoly on wool export.
Wool Stapler	A dealer in wool. The wool-stapler buys wool from the producer, sorts and grades it, and sells it on to manufacturers
Wool Winder	Made up balls of woollen yarn for sale
woolstead man	a dealer in woollen cloth.
Woolsted / Worsted Man	Woollen cloth seller - derived from worsted
wraith	a ghost or apparition
wraith	the spectral appearance of a living person, potending death. (spectral=ghostlike).
Wright	Skilled workman, especially in constructing items. Used together with the trade i.e. wheelwright

-wright	one that repairs or constructs something.
-wright	a suffix designating a workman specializing in a particular trade, as a wheelwright, cartwright, etc.
wuzzer	a cloth worker who dried wet wool by whirling it round and round.
Wyrth	Labourer

X

Xanthochoi	In Huxley's classification of the varieties of mankind: A subdivision of the Leiotrichi or smooth-haired class, having yellow or light-colored hair and light complexion.
Xanthomelanoi	In Huxley's classification of the varieties of mankind: A subdivision of the Leiotrichi or smooth-haired class, having black hair and yellow, brown, or olive complexion.
Xantippe	The name of the wife of Socrates; hence allusively an ill-tempered woman or wife; a shrew; a scold.
xenagogue	one who conducts strangers; a guide.
Xylographer	Made and used wooden blocks for block printing

Y

yardman	a worker in a railroad yard or lumberyard.
Yardman	1) Farm worker 2) Railway worker in goods or engine yards
Yatman	Gatekeeper
Yearman	Man contracted for a year
yegg	20th c sl a travelling burgler or safecracker.
yeoman	a farmer who owned his own land.
yeoman	Brit hist one qualified by possessing free land of certain value to serve on juries, vote for the knight of the shire, etc.
yeoman	a volunteer member of a cavalry force raised from the yeoman class (Brit. 1794-1908).
yeoman	a servant in a royal or noble household.
yeoman	mil A petty naval officer performing visual signaling (Brit) or clerical (US) duties.
Yeoman	1) Farmer who owns his own land rather than a tenant farmer; qualified to serve on juries and vote for shire representatives. Also See. 2) Assistant to an official. 3) Crewmember (Navy petty officer) in charge of ship's stores.

yeoman clothier

an 18th century cloth trade middle-man who supplied raw wool to the individual hand-loom weavers within the domestic system, then collected their finished pieces for sale at the cloth hall.

yeoman of the guard

a member of the British sovereign's personal bodyguard.

yeoman of the guard

a warder in the Tower of London.

Z

zealot

an uncompromising or extreme partisan; a fanatic.

Zealot

historically a member of an ancient Jewish sect with the object of installing a world Jewish theocracy and resisting the Roman occupation of the Levant, until ca 70 CE.

Zincographer

Etched zinc plates for printing

Zitherist

Played the zither - a flat, many-stringed instrument

Zoetrope Maker

Made "zoetropes" - Optical cylindrical novelty containing a series of painted pictures, giving the impression of movement when rotated

Zoographer

Describes and classifies animals

