

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society



Chorley Branch Education Group Talk Handout Further Steps Old Occupations

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Abactor	Cattle thief
abbot (abbess)	one who presides over a religious community at an abbey (convent)
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 provisions (=Achatour came to be restricted to the official title of the officer of provisions)
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 religious
adherent	a supporter of a party, person, etc.
adjutant	Mil an officer who assists superior officers by communicating orders
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 church
advowson	Brit ecll one who possessed the right of recommending a member of the clergy to a church making such appointments. In mediæval times, the advowson was a right of property which then took the role of rector and was empowered to appoint a rector

Aeronaut	Balloonist or Trapeze Artist in circus or Music Hall
Affeeror / Assessor	Also Assessor. Manorial Court Official - assessed monetary penalties
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
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. (B)
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
almoner	a giver of charity to the needy
Almoner	1) In charge of an Almshouse. 2) Giver of charity to the needy 3) H
Almsman	Receiver of Alms
Alnager / Aulnager	Official - examined quality of woolen goods & stamped them with t
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. (=fro
Anchorite	Male hermit or religious recluse
Angle Smith	A blacksmith skilled in forging angle irons, beams, etc., into variou
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 ascertainable period (usually the lifetime of a nominee) in return fo made into the scheme by a subscriber - i.e. a spouse, benefactor o
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 church, being not only a breach of faith with God but also with the
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 agr
apprentice	a beginner, a novice. cf: tyro.
Apprentice	Trainee bound to a skilled (Master) worker or Company for a speci
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 ar
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. archb
arch-	extreme or most characteristic of its kind; e.g. (e.g. archconservat
archdeacon	eccl a church official, as in the Anglican Church, who is in charge o 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 hold
Arkwright	Skilled craftsman making "Arks" (wooden chests or coffers)
Armiger	Squire who carried a Knight's armour. Entitled to bear heraldic arm
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
arriviste /áreeveest/	an ambitious or ruthlessly self-seeking person
arriviste /áreeveest/	a person newly arrived in social status, wealth, etc. cf: parvenu, no
Arrowsmith	Forged arrowheads
arsonist	one who commits the crime of arson (=the crime of maliciously, vo property, or to one's own property for improper purpose, as to coll
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, har
ashery worker	a worker at a place where potash or pearlash is made, viz at an as 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 writers, often restricted as a historical term to a prince of the royal
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

B

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. process. Small children were commonly employed in this dangerous 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 producer and consumer; a cadger, hawker, huckster.

Badger	1) Licensed pauper - wore a badge with "P" on it and was restricted to one day's work 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 bags
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 some areas, they 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 shire, with its own court).
Bairman / Bareman	Pauper or beggar
baker	one who bakes and sells breads, cakes, etc., esp. professionally. (In some areas, a baker worked on the 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 (Baler)
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 overladen
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	1) Dug drainage trenches/ditches, banking up the diggings along t
Banksman / Bank Manager / Browman	In charge of the cages at mine pitheads - sometimes known as a B
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 regarding 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 chiefs
Bard	Poet or Minstrel
Bareman	Beggar or Pauper
Bargee / Bargeman	Owned or worked on canal barges
Barilla Manufacturer	Made Barilla, obtained from burning saltwort, the resulting sodium carbonate
Barkeeper	Tollkeeper - on toll roads
barker	obs A tanner. (=from the use of tree bark in the process). One that is used for use in tanning.
barker	An employee who stands before the entrance to a show, as at a fair, to sell a 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
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 rank in other countries
baron	an important businessman or other powerful or influential person (especially in the US)
baron	hist A person who held lands or property from the sovereign or other superior

Baron of the Exchequer

Brit Title of the judges of the Court of the Exchequer, the presidents were so called because Barons of the Realm used to be employed in a department of state managed by the Treasurer, the Justiciary and appointed by the King. Collection and administration of royal revenue 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 returned for their privileges. (cinq ports=Sandwich, Dover, Hythe, W

Barrel Filer

Employed in gun making

barrister

Brit one called to the bar and entitled to practice as an advocate in law (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 barrels

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 dirt from 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

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)

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 manor who was obliged 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
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) which beat 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	Sold Beer and Cider in Beerhouses under the 1830 Beerhouse Act.
Beeskep Maker	Made beehives
Beetler	Operated the Beetling Machine, used for embossing textiles. The Beater pressed the cloth as the pressure of the wooden rollers during the squeezing

beggar	a person who begs, especially one who lives by begging. Beggars often tried to get their way toward ensuring success, and were called by different names as well as beggar, pallyard, 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 and provides concierge-like services.
Bellman	1) Watchman or town crier 2) Worked for the Post Office, collecting mail and 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
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 poverty, chastity, and obedience to the 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 mends 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 sacraments. 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 habit
black monks	common name for members of the Benedictine Order derived from their habit
Black Saddler	Maker of cart and carriage saddlery and harness, and generally work in 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 staple
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. 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 out 3)Made wooden blocks for printing fabrics 4)Quarryman, whose job was to cut blocks of stone
block maker	a maker of pulley blocks (=a wooden holder of a set of one or more pulleys) 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

Block Printer	Printed paper or fabrics by the use of inked and carved or engraved
Bloodman / Bloodletter	Used leeches to let blood, thought to be the cure for many ailments
Bloomer / Bloom Smith	Produced iron from iron ore
Blower	1) Glass blower; 2) Operated a "blowing machine" to clean and separate 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
Bluffer	Innkeeper or pub landlord
Boarder	Term used for a Lodger - usually dined with the family, whilst a Lodger
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's 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 stores 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, stores and deck
Bobber	1) Metal polisher 2) Unloaded fishing boats
Bobbin Carrier / Bobbiner	Supplied the looms with bobbins in spinning and weaving
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 woodlands. His work was often produced for chair factories
Boiler Plater	Made rolled steel/iron plate for steam engine boilers etc.
Boilermaker	Industrial metalworker.
Boll	Power loom attendant
Bolter	Sifted meal
bombardier	mil. an air crew member of a bomber, responsible for sighting and
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 di
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 b
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,
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	See Clicker
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 f would more likely refer to a worker in a bottling factory for beer, s
Bottle Boy	Pharmacist's assistant
Bottom Knocker	Sagger Maker's assistant - See Sagger Maker's Bottom Knocker.
Bottom Maker	Moulded the bottoms for Saggars in the pottery industry

Bottomer	Adzed out the finished seat from the rough shape in wooden chair
Boundary Setters / Layers	Employed by the Board of Ordnance (Ordnance Survey) for setting 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
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 in charge of operation of a train's brakes (=stopping mechanism).
Brakeman / Brakesman	1) Operated pithead winding gear 2) Operated brakes on trains or
Brancher	Colliery worker who cuts at the coal face, particularly a new seam
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'
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 sa
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 W
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 b payment of a fine, in default
Bumboat Man	Seller of goods and foodstuffs from boats to ships at anchor (Typic
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 towns payment.
burgess	a holder either of land or a house in a borough, with special judicia borough.
Burgess	Represented a borough official at functions
burglar	one who commits burglary. (=the act of entering (e.g. a premises)
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 t
Burye Man	Grave digger - (bury man)
bus boy	a restaurant employee who clears away dirty dishes, sets tables, a
Bushel Maker	Cooper
Busheler	Tailor's helper
busker	a street musician or public entertainer, esp. one who solicits mone
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 itintera
butcher	a person who kills or has people killed indiscriminately or brutally
butler	dom a domestic servant with widely diverse duties commensurate 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 o

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Cab Driver / Cabbie / Cabman	Driver of a horse-drawn passenger vehicle for hire. The first two are
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
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 hawkling party, carrying
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
Calender	A person who listed documents (filing?)
calenderer	an operator of a calendering machine (=which presses cloth between
Calenderer / Calenderman	"Calender" operator. A machine used to press and finish fabrics or
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 s
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
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 times) in one of the houses in the precinct (close) of a cathedral or the canons or rules of the church. This practice of the canonica vita the 11° c. it was, in some churches, reformed by the adoption of a Augustine) that clergymen so living together should renounce priva known as Augustinian (Austin) or regular, the other were secular c
canon	From the 'regular' canons, came in the 12° c. those who followed t called Premonstratensian Canons. These two groups of 'canons re habits as Black Canons and White Canons. As these vied, in strictn regular and a monk, became in the later Middle Ages (as now in th 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 p
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
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
card sharp	a professional card player who makes a living by cheating at card g
carder	[L. carduus = a thistle] a cloth-worker who untangles shorter fibers spinning as a step in cloth-making, a/k/a scribbler.
Carder	Carded (combed - a skilled job) wool or cotton
Cardroomer	Worker in the carding room of cotton/woollen mills
Carman/Charman/Carrier/	Driver of (horse-drawn) vehicles for transporting goods. Carmen w deliveries and collections of goods and parcels. Modern day van dri carriage. Also sometimes someone who drove horse-drawn trams
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 o
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 Christian
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) (=hemp fiber produced by taking apart old ropes).
Caulker	Filled up cracks in ships, casks, windows or seams to make them w produced by taking old ropes apart
cavalier	a Royalist supporter of Charles I during the English Civil War, oppo
cavalryman	a soldier of a cavalry regiment, i.e. on horseback or in armored vel
Ceiler	Installed ceilings
celebrity	a famous person.
celibate	one who abstains from sexual intercourse, esp. by reason of religio

celibate	one who is unmarried.
cellarer	a person, as in a monastic community, responsible for maintaining
Cellarman	As today, looked after beer & spirits & its dispensing equipment in
Cemmer	Hand combed yarn prior to weaving
censor	a person authorized to examine works (books, films, etc.) to remo
censor	mil an official, as in the armed forces, who examines personal mail secret
Ceramist	A craftsman who shapes pottery on a potter's wheel and bakes it in
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 cha chain is 66 feet long and has 100 links; One chain= 22 yards, or 4 chains per mile; Invented by Edmund Gunter [1581-1626]. A Ram engineering.)
Chair bodger	Travelling chair repairer
Chair Turner	Turned the legs and spindles used in chair making often turned on 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
chaisemaker	a carriage maker
Chaisemaker	Carriage or cart maker
Chaloner	1) Dealer in Shalloon – a fabric from Chalons in France 2) Blanket coverlet for a bed (from its original place of manufacture, Chalons-
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 als personal grooms and lords in waiting. Other duties included organi travels, such as to the theater. cf Lord Chamberlain of the House
Chamberlain	Steward in charge of administration of the household of royalty or 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
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 person
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 restrain
chaplain	a clergyman attached to a private chapel, institution, ship, regiment
chapman	Brit a peddler, esp of chapbooks (=small books or pamphlets containing
Chapman / Copeman / Ceapman	1) 13c - 16c Itinerant Trader/Peddler. 2) Merchant - in the 17/18c, invest in the raw materials of the cotton, woolen or silk trade, put piece-rates, and sell the product for profit - the term later became
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 ambassador
chargé d'affaires	dipl a diplomat of the lowest rank, accredited by one government to 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 household. 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 produce checked cloth.
Cheese Factor / Monger Cheeseman	Cheese dealer

chevalier	Fr. [= horseman] A member of certain orders of knighthood, and o
chevalier	hist. a knight
chevalier	Eng. hist. the title of James and Charles Stuart, pretenders to the
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 th
Chimney Sweep	Chimney cleaner
chimney viewer	civ an officer of the town appointed to inspect chimneys to insure t cleaning thereof.
Chinglor	Tiled roofs with wooden shingles (shingler)
Chippy	Carpenter - esp. Ship's carpenter or shipwright
Chirurgeon / Chirurgion	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 cho
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 s 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 wei 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 v became smooth and waterproof.
Clayman / Cleyman	1) Prepared clay for brick making 2) Rendered buildings with clay
Clergyman without cure of Souls	A clergyman without his own parish (without cure - care - of souls) 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 customer
clicker	printing one who received the matter in the galley from the compositor printing;
clicker	one who made eyelet holes in boots using a machine which made a
Clicker	1) Foreman printer who looked after the typography and layout; 2) the uppers. 3) The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to
Clipper/ on/off	Attached coal carts to the line hauling them from the coal face to t
Clod Hopper	Ploughman
Clogger	1) Made wooden shoes "clogs" - in England they were usually leather Cheshire salt mines, inserted ribs in the base of a salt tub which su facilitating drainage
Cloth Dresser / Cropper	Worked in the woollen industry, cutting the cloth surface after it ha
Cloth Lapper	Moved the yarn from the carding machine to the next process in w
Cloth Layer	In garment manufacturing, laid out cloth in layers on a long table,
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 a
clothier	one who makes or sells cloth or clothing.
clothier	one employed in one of the many tasks and trades in the cloth-ma
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,
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 pay
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 t
coadjutor	eccl an assistant to a bishop in the RC or Anglican churches, esp. o 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
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 Higglor	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 cordwain 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:J)
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
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 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 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 Milit
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
commissar	the head of a government department in the former USSR before 1991
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
commissioner	civ a person appointed by a commission to perform a specific task,
commissioner	civ a person appointed as a member of a government commission,
commissioner, railroad	an appointee of a town or other locality to oversee the sale of bonds
	for a promise regarding the route it was to take. Mid-to-late 1800'
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
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
Companion	a member of the lowest order of some orders of knighthood; (e.g.
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 d scammer sharper sharpie sharpy chiseller swindler)
concierge	F an employee who lives on the premises of apartment buildings a
concierge	hist an officer of the King who was charged with administering just
concierge	in a hotel, a concierge helps guests with various minor tasks like m etc. "A concierge is often expected to 'achieve the impossible,' dea how apocryphal or strange, relying on an extensive list of personal providers."
conder	naut one who steers the boat, or gives directions for this. (con=To
Conder / Conner	1) Gave steering instructions to helmsman 2) Directed inshore fish - Inspector or tester
conductor (~ress)	one who directs the performace of an orchestra, choir, etc.
conductor (~ress)	an official in charge of a train; one who collects fares on a bus, tra
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 pas
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 kn S.M.S. (Subsidiary Medical Services. i.e. not a doctor, but trained i
congressman (~woman)	civ a legislator who is a member of the U.S. Congress, especially o
constable	civ the chief officer of a community, appointed to keep the peace a for the village or parish "Watch and Ward". (=the Watch at night a
cook	dom one who prepares food for eating, in a restaurant or similar b
cooper	one who makes or repairs vessels made of staves and hoops, such
Cooper / Cuper	Made or repaired vessels made of wooden staves & hoops, such as
Cop Fitter	Fitted "cops" to the looms. A cop is a cone onto which the yarn is v
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 Cambridgeshir between 1850 and 1890. Ground down and treated with acid, it ma

copy boy (~ girl)	a person employed by a newspaper or broadcast news office to carry out various tasks.
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
cordwainer	For an excellent dissertation on the meanings of the words cordwainer see http://www.thehcc.org/backgrnd.htm on the site of the Honorable Society of Cordwainers
Cordwainer / Cordiner / Corviner / Corvisor	Shoemaker. Originally, a leather worker using high quality Cordovan leather for horse riding gloves and riding boots. By the 19c it had reduced to a shoemaker
cordwinder	a rope maker
Core Maker	Formed sand moulds and cores for the production of metal casting
Core Maker	Used 'greensand', a mix of clay and wet sand, to form basic moulds
Cork Cutter	Worked with cork; mainly stoppers for bottles - in England from the 17c
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 regimental colours
Cornet	The lowest commissioned rank in a cavalry regiment, who carried the regimental 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 for 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 rotated the cotton to break it up into fibres
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)
Cotton Singer	(Meaning singe-er) Tends a machine that singes the nap or lint from the cotton
Cotton Yarn Gasser	1) A person who worked in the "gas-room" where raw cotton was processed into 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
Crepe Weaver	Wove a cloth called Crepea light, thin fabric with a wrinkled surface used for 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
crier	a town crier. Before newspapers became common, news, public announcements were made by a 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 end
Crofter	1) Tenant farmer of a croft - small piece of land - still in use 2) Als
Cropper	1) Tenant farmer who was paid with a share of the crop 2) Also kn sheared the nap from the cloth
Crossing Sweeper	Swept ahead of people crossing dirty urban streets in exchange for a "broom walk". This was an informal 19th century occupation amon
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 w 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 leathe
custodian	person responsible for collecting revenues, and accountable for the
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 fro
cutpurse	a thief in medieval times who robbed by cutting the strings by whic
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
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	historically 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
Deal Porter	A specialist worker in the docks - mainly London, handling baulks of
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 administrative
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 supervisory duties
dean	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 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)
Depater	Refined precious metals
deputy	a person appointed or delegated to act for another or others (also
deputy	pol a parliamentary representative in certain countries, e.g. France
Deputy	Pit workers' safety officer
despenser	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 following blueprints and applying knowledge of die sinking
Digger	1) Coal face worker 2) Day labourer in slate or 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 diploma
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
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 on shore, towing small vessels etc. Foy is a corruption of fee, which was
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 docketts which contain a
Dockmaster	In charge of a dockyard
Doffer	Worked in the spinning mills, replacing the full yarn bobbins with empty
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 buns 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.

FEMALE

grooms: 1st, 2nd, etc.

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 bobbin

dowager ~

a widow possessed of a title or property derived from her late husband

downstairs maid

dom a maid of low standing who worked "below stairs" in the cellar as a 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 (I

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 Berry in France
Drapery Painter	Second-rate painters employed painting the clothes (drapery) onto
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 coa
Drawer In	Draws the warp yarn through loom parts to arrange warp for weav
Drayman	Drove a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loa
drayman	one who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides made for car
Dredgerman	1) Collected flotsam from the Thames for sale 2) Oyster fisherman
dreng	a free peasant in Northumbria and sometimes in Yorkshire and Lar 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 Assistant to a noble person, preparing clothes etc. 4) In an Iron Fo 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), use
Drummer	Travelling salesman (drumming up business)
Dry Salter	1) Dealt in dried meat, sauces, pickles 2) Dealt in dyes for fabrics
Dry Stane Dyker (Scottish)	

Dry Stone Waller /

Builds walls with stones from the fields. The art involves no mortar should fit. Served the dual purpose of disposing of the stones from

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 milit

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

ectomorph

a body type (somatotype) of person having a lean, slightly muscular 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"
-eer	a suffix designating armed forces employing a particular armament
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 or organization by increasing 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 only motivation)
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 duties
elder	LDS a member of the higher order of the priesthood.
elder statesman	a prominent, highly experienced elder person, especially a retired politician
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
elector	Knights ~: the four gentlemen appointed by the sheriff to serve as assessors, and to advise the jury 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 from England) cf immigrant, migrant

émigré	one who has left one's native country, esp. for political reasons. cf
employee	one who works for another in return for financial or other compens
Empresario	1) Showman 2) Land broker 3) Settlement scheme promoter
endomorph	an individual whose body type (somatotype) is characterized by a body parts derived from the embrionic endodermal layer.
Engine Smith	Made parts for and repaired engines using the tools of a Smith - si
Engine Tenter	1) Oversaw the operation of the steam engine driving factory mach stretching cloth whilst drying
Engine Turner	Engraver who produced overlapping geometric (engine turned) pat compact etc
Engineman	In charge of colliery winding machinery under the direction of the l
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 abo
Equerry	Personal assistant in the Royal household - originally for the horse
-er /?r/	suffix a person, animal or thing that performs a specified action or
-er /?r/	a person or thing that has a specified attribute or form. (e.g. comp
-er /?r/	a person concerned with a specified thing or subject. (e.g. hatt~),
-er /?r/	a person belonging to a specified place or group. (e.g. villag~), (e
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 sta
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 addre

Estafette	Mounted courier - from French
Eweherd	Shepherd
Exchequer	Revenue collector - Chancellor of the Exchequer is an important part of the 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 regiment
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 prayer)
expatriate	one who has taken up residence in a foreign country.
Expressman	A Messenger. He would collect and deliver letters, packages or parcels
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
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 prints
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 deceived others, often for financial gain. One of the fancymonger's imaginative ploys used by vagrant English women with considerable success. In this macabre ruse, the woman attempted to convince passersby that she was 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 taxes to avoid being evicted.
farm hand	a hired farm laborer.
farmer	one who works on or operates a farm. (=a tract of land cultivated and breeding of livestock, and the like)
farmer	one who has paid for the right to collect and retain certain revenues
farrier	a blacksmith, esp. one who shoes horses.
Farrier	1) A blacksmith who shoes horses 2) Horse Doctor 3) Cavalry NCO
faulkner	a falconer
Faunist	Naturalist
Fawkner/ Faulkner	Falconer
Fear-Nought Maker	Made thick woollen material called fear-nought for protective clothing on 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	Herdsmen
fell monger	one who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather

Feller	Woodcutter
Fellmonger	1) Dealer in hides and skins , also recycled inedible animal parts for Basically, he ran the "knacker's yard". 2) Tree cutter / woodsman
Fellowship Porter	A kind of uniformed bonded messenger, vetted for honesty etc before whom they were accountable. You could trust your valuables to the 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
fence viewer	civ an official employed to arbitrate boundary disputes between land
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 crossing
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 Needle maker who filed the points
Fever	Blacksmith
Fewster	Made wooden saddle trees – the “chassis” upon which a leather saddle
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 for
Field Master	1) Inspected hedges and fences of a parish and also impounded stolen 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 making period, which might be a few hours at high temperature for the coarser types. Highly skilled work.
Fireworker	18c. Maker of fireworks. A very dangerous occupation - they often
Firkenman	Handled casks - 'Firkins' of ale, but not supervising the content
First Hand	Silk weaver who owned his own loom. Early silk weaving was large
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 me
Flagger	Lays paving stones etc. also called a Paver or Paviour
Flagger & Tiler	Laid roofing tiles and the rectangular stone flags used in some part
Flasher	Specialist worker in glass making
Flatman / Floatman	Boatman on a flat bottom boat (a flat) used in shallow waters (ma came to refer to shallow-draft coastal sailing vessels.
Flauner	Confectioner
Flax Dresser	Person who breaks and swingles flax, or prepares it for the spinner
Flax Scutcher	Separated the husk from the flax fibres by holding it against rotati
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
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 Proprietor/Master employed fly drivers for hire and usually owned
Fly Forger / Maker	A drop forger who stamped out parts of 'flyers' for textile spinning
Fly Proprietor/Master	
Flying Stationer	Street broadsheet (newspaper) seller
Fogger / Pettifogger	1) Peddler. 2) Middleman in the nail and chain trade 3) Agricultural "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
Forester	Looked after woods, normally on gentleman's estate, or major local
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 on shore, towing small vessels etc. Foy is a corruption of fee, which was
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 for his services
free lance Also: freelance	modern one who sells his services to employers without a long-term contract
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 a lord
freeman	in New England, one formally enfranchised.
Freeman	Held the full rights of citizenship, such as voting and engaging in business. One 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 resembles a frieze, 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 beating

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) from wool before spinning and weaving, using fuller's earth. In medieval times, this involved
Fulling Miller	Milled Fullers Earth for Fulling woolen cloth (above)
Fumigator	During the great plague, Fumigators were employed to disinfect houses. Presumably the smell would kill the germs!
Funambulist	Tightrope walker
furner	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 corduroy. The process was later mechanized.
Fustian Cutter / Weaver	A person who lifted and cut the threads in the making of Fustian, from flax. Now a thick, twilled cotton cloth with a short pile or nap, a kind of corduroy. The threads are raised into the loops and the threads cut as it was pulled through, stretch and 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
fyrd	the Anglo-Saxon militia. Special King's Peace prevailed while traveling

G

Gabeler	Tax collector
Gaffer	1) Foreman 2) Elderly man
Gaffman	Bailiff
Gager / Gauger	Collector of alcohol taxes. Measured capacity of barrels to calculate tax
galligaskin	naut. baggy trousers worn by sailors of the 17 ^o and 18 ^o centuries
gamekeeper	a person employed to care for and protect game (=animals hunted)

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 /jayl-er/	a keeper of the gaol (jail), a jailer
Garthman	1) Fisherman using fish traps 2) Yardman or herdsman 3) Maintainer
Gas Maker	Made gas by heating coal to produce gas, which was purified to remove impurities. The gas could be used for lighting, heating or powering a gas engine.
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 gatherer.
Gatherer's Boy	Assistant who shielded the gatherer's face from the furnace with a shield.
Gatward	Goatkeeper
Gaunter	Glove maker
Gaveller	1) In the Forest of Dean - Crown officer granting "gales" - the right to cut wood 2) 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 independent 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.
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
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 c
Ginour	Engineer
Girdler	Made leather belts & girdles, mainly for the army
gladiator	a person, usu. a professional combatant, a captive, or a slave, train
gladiator	combat with another person or a wild animal in the ancient Roman
gladiator	a person engaged in a controversy or debate, esp. in public; a disp
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
Goldsmith	1) Banker 2) Worker in gold
goliard	a wandering student in medieval Europe disposed to conviviality, li 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 n Soilman
Good~	a courtesy title used before the surname of man [married woman]
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 re go about without a cap, they were, however, occasionally invited to 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 (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
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
grandee	a person of eminence or high rank.
granger	the bailiff in charge of a grange (=a farmhouse or land with farm buildings)
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
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 copper)
Greensmith	Worker in copper - coppersmith
Greenwich (Hospital) Pensioner	A long-serving ex Royal Navy man, awarded an out-pension for age
Greenwich Barber	Sold sand from the Greenwich pits
grenadier	historically a soldier armed with grenades (=a small bomb designed to be thrown)
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 being woven into cloth in the trade.
Grieve / Greave	Bailiff, Sheriff, Foreman
Grimbribber	Lawyer
Grinder	1) Used a grinding machine, mainly for knife and scissor sharpening 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

groom

dom the specific designations of several officers of the English Royal Household, with defining prepositional phrases, as

groom-porter

an officer of the English Royal Household, abolished under George III. They were to regulate all matters connected with gaming within the precincts 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 force, operating in a 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 garden, as one encountered.

Guinea Pig

Roving (freelance) person, whose usual fee was a guinea (One pound)

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

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 im
Hackney Man	Horse drawn Cab/Taxi driver - Taxis were originally called Hackney
Haft Presser	Employed in the Sheffield cutlery industry pressing bone/horn into
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 battle
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 m
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 drain drying.
harbormaster	naut one in charge of a harbor, authorizing arrivals and departures
harlot	a prostitute. (=Harlot is first recorded in English in a 13 ^o century v vagabond, begger.)
Harlot	1) Vagabond, beggar, rogue 2) 14c male servant / attendant 3) 15
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
See the table.	Hat-making Jobs blocker, block maker, box maker, brim ironer, carrotting machine former, fur cutter, fur blower, fur mixer, hardener, inspector - pack

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
Hayard	1) Inspected hedges and fences of a parish and also impounded stolen 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 inspection and 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 victims.
~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 presiding over 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/Hedde or Yell Manufacturer	Manufacturer of Healds, used on looms. The warp yarns are passed over the 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
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 (the person which a ship is steered)

Hempheckler	See Hackler
Henchman / Hensman / Hinxman	1) Squire or page of honour 2) Groom, horseman 3) Chief attendant
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 an
-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. The word derives from the resultant haggling.
High Sheriff	The highest ranking sheriff
High Sheriff	Brit the chief executive officer of the Crown in a county, administered by the sheriff
highwayman	a robber who attacks people on the public way - usually on horseback
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 18th century
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 boatman
hod carrier	one who carries a hod (=a V-shaped open trough on a pole used for carrying bricks)
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 hammer 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, tools
Hooper	A dancer
hooker	a reaper
hooker	a mediæval term for a thief who steals with the aid of a hook on a finger
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 in the second edition (although not the first) of John Russell Bartlett's Dictionary defined hooker as a strumpet, a sailor's trull>.)
Hooker	1) 16c. Reaper 2) 19c. Textile mill worker operating machinery which
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 including: Transport of the monarch and the court on all occasions; training and equipping of the horses for all purposes; provision of messengers; Organizing and planning the royal journeys, annual and the various household members and uses: war-horses, great horse rouncies, mules and pack-horses, hacks and hunters; Management of farriers, purveyors and baggage-men. In 1554 the annual payroll was royal journeys, the Master of the Horse rode immediately behind the I appointed Robert Dudley (Leicester) Master of the Horse.

Horse-hair Curler

Prepared horse hair for upholstery stuffing

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

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

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

hostler

Also: ostler

hostler

one who services vehicles or machines when not in service, esp tra

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 glaz

House Joiner

Made the wooden frames of houses

house steward

dom the chief male domestic servant in a household, acting as a m keeping the accounts. He dealt mainly with the master of the hous

House Wright

House builder

housekeeper	dom the chief female domestic servant, answerable to the lady of the house, who was in charge of the cleaning, and the associated staff. She was the female counterpart of the butler.
Howdy Wife	Midwife
Hoyman	Used a "hoy" - a small coastal vessel - to transport passengers and cargo.
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 sales techniques.
Huckster / Huxter	1) Street seller of ale, often a woman 2) Retailer of small wares in a market.
hugger	a porter or carrier, esp a quarry-worker who carried stones to the mill.
Huissier	Usher or door attendant
Hurdleman / Hurdler	Made wattle fencing "hurdles"
hurdy-gurdy man	an itinerant pan-handler (=begger) who played a hurdy-gurdy (=a stringed instrument with a crank that ran a rosin-coated wheel over the strings with a droning accompaniment) and a tambourine and collect money from the people in the street. Some had 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 French)
Hush Shopkeeper	Unlicensed beer brewer and seller

I

Iceman	Ice seller - usually delivered to the door
-ician	Denoting a person proficient in or concerned with certain subjects, esp a specialist in a particular field.
Idleman	Gentleman of leisure
Iggler	See Tinker
illuminator	one who decorates with gold, silver or brilliant colors, esp. manuscripts.

illywhacker	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
immigrant	one who leaves ones country to settle in another, usually with reference to emigrant, migrant
imperator	Rom. hist. a title conferred under the Republic on a victorious general
impresario	an organizer of public entertainments, esp. the manager of a theatre
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 assistance, but 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
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, 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 some parts of the structure.
Iron Puddler	Made wrought iron using the puddling process; a highly skilled and strong 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
-ist	one that performs a specific action: (e.g. lobbyist).
-ist	one that produces, makes, operates, plays or is connected with a s
-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 o
-ist	one that is characterized by a specific trait or quality: (e.g. romanti
itinerant	one who performs his trade or profession by travelling from place to place, e.g. 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 attending / watching
Jack-smith	Made lifting machinery / equipment
jagger	A sailing vessel which followed the fishing fleet in order to bring the fish to the shore
jagger	A pedlar, carrier, hawker or drover
jagger	mining A man who carries ore on pack animals from the mine to the surface
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 mine 3) 19c. Boy in charge of iron ore to the smelter 4) 20c. Uniformed messenger for London by rail
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 1850s
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
Jerquer	Customs Officer - shipping. Issued "Jerque Note" for clearance of vessels
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 man 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 life of the testator)
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 trade. Originally hired by the day. The name derives from the French for journey.
Jouster	Fishmonger. Female hawker of fish
Jowter	Mounted pedlar of fish
Joyner / Joiner	A skilled carpenter, capable of finer work than a plain carpenter. i.e. a term is still very much in common usage.
judge	a public officer appointed or elected to hear and try causes in a court of law
judge	a person appointed to decide a dispute or contest
judge	Jewish hist. a leader having temporary authority in Israel in the period of the Judges
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
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 Tynesider
keeler	naut. a bargeman
Keeler / Keelman	Bargeman on Newcastle Keels - river boats carrying coal down river
-keeper	one who keeps or looks after something or someone, e.g. (e.g. gamekeeper)
Keeper of the Great Wardrobe	dom was a position in the British Royal Household. The holders were in charge of the office which provided clothing and textiles to the British Royal Family
Keeper of the Privy Purse	dom in the Royal Household, the person who carried all the the sovereign's expenses and monies payable to the sovereign.
Kellerman	A person in charge of the wine-cellar in a great house or castle - cellarer
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	hist 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
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)
Kin: Relations by Blood	
ancestor	any (esp. remote) person from whom one is descended; reciprocal of descendant and mother, (e.g. grandparents)=the parents of ones parents, (e.g. grandchildren, etc.
aunt	a sister of one's mother or father. see also the table at kin (marriage)
blood	indicating a consanguinous relationship.
blood brother	a brother by birth one of two persons who vow mutual fidelity and trust by a ceremonial ceremony
brother	a male sibling.
child, pl. children	a son or daughter; reciprocal of parent.

cognate relative	a person between birth and puberty or the age of legal majority or
consanguinous	a consanguinous relative.
cousin	indicating a blood relationship; descended from the same ancestor
	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
father	one's male parent.
grand-	a prefix indicating a removal by one generation, either up or down
	grandson)=son of a child, (e.g. grandparent)=parent of a parent.
great-	a hyphenated prefix indicating a further removal by an additional g
	aunt)=sister of one's grandparent, a/k/a grandaunt, (e.g. great-gr
	indicated by a multiplier, e.g. (e.g. great×4-grandson)=great-grea
half	indicating a half-blood relation, e.g. (e.g. half sister)=a female with
half-blood	The relationship existing between persons having only one parent
	Offensive a half-breed; someone with parents of different ethnic ty
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)-
	is shared, (e.g. uterine cousin)=a half cousin with whom a grandm
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)=
	law)=the spouse of one's son.
mistress	a woman who has continuing sexual relations with a man not her h
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 resultin
	marriage; e.g. (e.g. stepparent)=a mother's (father's) later husba
	(e.g. stepchild)=a child of one's spouse by a previous marriage, (e
	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	hrl'd The senior rank of an officer of arms, with sole authority to grant arms (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 cuirasses 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 that of a stone-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

knight	A noble (usu.), raised to honorable military rank after service as a
knight	a gentleman-soldier;
knight	Brit Hist a military retainer, usually a heavily armed and trained ca
knight bachelor	Eng. a knight of the lowest order
knight errant	a medieval knight wandering in search of chivalrous adventure (=e
knight errant	a paladin
Knight of the Order of the Garter, KG	Eng. a knight of the highest order, outranking a baronet
Knock Knobbler	Dog Catcher
knocker	a spirit or goblin imagined to dwell in mines, and indicate the presen
knocker-up	someone paid to knock on clients' bedroom windows in the mornin for work
Knocker-up	Man who awoke factory workers with a long stick, knocking on the
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 Unio

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, n 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 r metals, such as iron, steel, and copper.
lady	A woman regarded as being of superior social status or as having t gentleman)
lady	(Lady) Chiefly British A general feminine title of nobility or other ra female relatives of peers, the wives and widows of knights, etc.
lady	hist. A woman to whom a man, esp. a knight, is chivalrously devot

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 made while in transit to markets.
Lamp Exhauster	Early 20c. Removed the air from the glass envelope of electric light bulbs to prevent them from burning up.
Lamplighter / Leerie	Employed by the local council to go around the streets and light the way to wake people up for work (as a "knocker-up")
Lamptrimmer	In either Royal or Merchant Navy, originally responsible for keeping the lamps lit. Later became a general assistant to the Boatswain and Storekeeper. A P
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)	From 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	Customs official overseeing landed goods from ships
Lappett Maker	Made machine embroidered textiles in which the design was worked into the fabric
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

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 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

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 co

custos

the principal justice of the peace in a county, who is also keeper of peace.(=Custos rotulorum)

deed

the written document which transfers title (ownership) or an interest

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 es

enjoin

for a court to order that someone either do a specific act, cease a c
a certain act.

equity

a system of jurisprudence supplementing and serving to modify th

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
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 as a vassal, in place of military services, makes a return in grain or in money
finis	a forfeiture or penalty to be paid to the offended party in a civil action or an amicable settlement of a suit over land ownership.
freehold	any interest in real property which is a life estate or of uncertain duration
leasehold	the real estate which is the subject of a lease (a written rental agreement)
legator (~tee)	the receiver (giver) of a legacy or bequest.
quid pro quo	L what each party to an agreement expects from the other, 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 relief
writ	a written order of a judge requiring specific action by the person or persons named
legate	eccl. a member of the clergy representing the Pope.
legate	Rom. hist. a deputy of a general; a governor or deputy governor or provincial
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 on the 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 military organization)
legionnaire	a member of the American Legion (=an American patriotic organization)
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, especially in a military or police force
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 litter. On the canals, a lengthsman was responsible for patrolling h 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 d
Licensed Messenger	Licensed couriers who delivered messages and documents.
Licensed Victualler	A Tavern or Innkeeper or Publican- term still used today for somec
liege	hist entitled to receive (of a superior) or bound to give (of a vassal
lieutenant ~	mil. & civ. a rank just below another, a deputy, e.g. Lt. Governor,
lieutenant commanding Also: ~ commandant	nav. (Brit.) a captain of a smaller warship, = Senior Lieutenant; lat
light horseman	mil a light-armed cavalry soldier
lighterman	one employed on or owning a lighter (=a boat or vessel, usu. a fla (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 t 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
Liner / Lyner	Flax dresser
Linkerboy / man	Carried a "link" or torch to guide people through the streets at nigh applied to general manservant
Linman	A Linman was a wholesale dealer in Flax/Hemp. The name is deriv
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 are kept)
liveryman	Brit a freeman of the City of London, entitled to wear the livery of his company and to vote in the election of Lord Mayor, chamberlain, and other members of the Corporation
liveryman	obs a person in livery, especially a servant. (livery=a uniform worn by a servant)
Loaders	In the Cheshire salt industry, men who transported salt from the surface (by horse-drawn trucks) in barrows. Highly dangerous, as they worked at high speed on the loading platform.
Loadsmen / Lodesmen	Ship's pilot. Originally from the man "lodesman" who piloted a ship through narrow 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 open the King's - or Queen's] Locks 2) Fed a power driven flat lock machine 3) Made locks of fur in the hat trade 4) Cut and folded sheet tin before feeding into the mining industry
Lofters	In the Cheshire salt industry, men engaged in storing the salt in the loft 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 (working aboard ship); a docker
Looker	Someone employed to look after or inspect something. 'Looking' man
Loom Sweeper	Child (originally) or small adult employed crawling under weaving looms to sweep
Loom Winder / Tender	Tended winding units attached to looms that automatically wind yarn
Looper	Operates a looping machine to close the opening in the toe of seamless socks
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, especially a noble
lord	(Lord) prefixed as the designation of a marquess, earl, viscount or younger son of a duke or marquess.
Lord [High] Chancellor	UK the highest officer of the Crown, presiding in the House of Lords
Lord [High] Steward	Eng dom one of the three chief dignitaries of the Royal Household, the other two being the Lord Chamberlain and the Lord Treasurer. The original duties included having charge of the domestic accounts. cf butler.
Lord Chamberlain of the Household	Eng dom a chief officer who shares with the Lord Steward, the Master of the Horse, the oversight of all officers of the Royal Household. He appoints the roles 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	England a hereditary title, the duties of which now consist in attending the coronation, the care of the ancient Palace of Westminster, the furnishing of the Palace of Westminster for the opening of Parliament on state occasions, and attending upon peers and bishops
Lord Lieutenant	a crown official in charge of the local militia. In modern terms he is a ceremonial figurehead
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	England 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
lorner	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 a usurper
Loyalist	historically 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	historically a member of any of the bands of English artisans who rioted against the use of machinery (1811-16).
Luddite	someone opposed to industrialization or new technology. (=After M. P. Ludd, a textile mill worker and saboteur)
Lum Swooper	(Scottish) Chimney sweep
Lumpers / Lumpmen	1) Lumpers - Dock worker unloading timber for a "Master Lumper" for the dairy industry 2) Lumpmen - a worker in a coal mine
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)
macer	Scotland 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
machinist	one who invents, makes or controls machines or machinery; an en
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 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 off
Maker-up	1) Made up garments to order 2) Chemist 3) Agent for paraffin sal
Male Maker	Maker of travelling bags - "males" - from the bags used by the Roy
malefactor	a criminal; an evil-doer
malender	a farmer
Malender	Farmer
maltster	forms: maltestere, malstere, maultstere, maulster, malster, maltst
maltster	one whose occupation it is to make malt (=sprouted grain, usu bar
maltster	a brewer.

Maltster / Malster	Brewer, Made or sold malts
-man	A suffix used to denote one engaged in a particular occupational or (e.g. mailman). Some object that this is sexist usage, insisting on (e.g. businessperson), (e.g. layperson), (e.g. mailperson) —or even
Manchester Warehouseman	Cotton warehouseman - Manchester being the centre of the cotton "Manchester" cloth
manciple	a steward
Manciple	Steward
Mangle Keeper / Mangle Woman	Woman who hired out her mangle. The possession of a mangle, for among the poorer class of English cottagers, a common means of
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 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 but junk dealers
Mark Maker	Marked steel, silver or gold with the purity/quality of silver - where
Marksman	1) Sharpshooter 2) Marked out land 3) One who makes a mark in Orange Order 5) One who ranges competitors in a race 6) One who
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,
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 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, rector, master-commanding.
master	the captain of a merchant ship
master	a workman who, by training and experience, is qualified to teach a trade or profession, as distinguished from a journeyman. (Chiefly in apposition to the latter)
master	the designation of certain legal functionaries, officials, etc. See the list below
Master	One of the three grades of skill recognised by a Crafts Guild. Skilled workman
Master Lump	Contractor employing cheap labour (working on the lump)
Master Mariner	Ship's officer qualified to take command of a ship - not necessarily a captain
Master of ...	The English court and royal household has had a bewildering array of titles, many of which were held by women. The following list is not exhaustive, but it shows that many of the male 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 kennels and the hunting arrangements generally. Also: ~foxhound
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 in exercise of small arms, and to act as the principal police officer on
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 handle
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, v
mechanic	one employed in a manual occupation, a handicraftsman; [obs. & r
mechanic	in a restricted sense, a skilled workman, esp one skilled in the man manufacturing districts the term denotes a man who has the man factory.)
Mechanic	1) Machine operator, less skilled than an engineer 2) A journeyman
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
menial	dom of a servant: forming one of the household; a domestic; (=No men-servants kept for ostentation rather than use; often suggesting inferiority)
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
mercer	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, cha draper, fishmonger, fishwife, florist, fruiterer, furnisher, furrier, gre ironmonger [Brit.], jeweler, liquor merchant, newsdealer, perfumer, tobacconist, vintner
merchant mariner	a sailor (or officer) in the merchant marine (=a nation's commercial navy)
merchantman	a merchant ship, i.e. a ship conveying merchandise
mesomorph	a person whose body type (somatotype) is characterized by a robust build; 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 (midwifery)
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; a migrant labourer; a migrant worker; a migrant 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 and solving mechanical problems.
Milner	Worker in a Miln (Mill)
Mine Captain	Senior supervisor or the equivalent of a superintendent in a mining
miner	one whose work or business it is to extract ores or minerals from t
miner	a machine for the same purpose, esp for coal.
miner	a soldier, often a specialiat, engaged in mining operations.
minister	eccl a member of the clergy
minister	dipl an agent usually ranking below an ambassador (see also diplo
minister	gov a high officer of state appointed to head an executive or admin
minor	See minor canon
minor canon	eccl. hist. a cleric who is not a member of the chapter, who assists
minstrel	an itinerant medieval entertainer, esp. one who sings or recites po
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 he
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
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
Monthly Nurse	An attending woman during the first month after childbirth. Also known as initials S.M.S. (Subsidiary Medical Services. i.e. not a doctor, but trained
Mordant Maker	Made a chemical known as Mordant, used in fixing the dye in cloth by removing the vapours given off from 'stewing' charcoal
Moss Reeve	A bailiff who received and dealt with claims for land on swamps and
mould[i]warp catcher	Eng a mole catcher. mouldwarp=mole. Now chiefly northern dialect
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
Mr.	now, an abbreviation of Mister.
Mrs.	often used in early times to signify status, being an abbreviation of name prefixed by Mrs. are wrongly assumed to indicate that she was of high social status. Female children of high status families also used various times throughout history been used to replace the word Mi

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 barmen
Mule Scavenger	Young children, sometimes <i>bought</i> from Workhouses, worked some spinning mules, clearing out the debris accumulated there. A very
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 d
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 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
navvy	Brit. a laborer employed in building or excavating roads, canals, etc.
Navy / 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
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
needlewoman	a seamstress;
needlewoman	a woman or girl with specified sewing skill
negotiator	one engaged in or esp. a specialist in negotiating, as treaties, busi
Netter	Net maker
Night Soilman / Nightman	Emptied cesspits, ashpits and outside toilets - "middins" - usually r Farmer
nighthawk	a nocturnal prowler, esp. a thief.
Nightwalker	Night watchman or bellman
-nik	a suffix forming nouns denoting a person associated with a specific

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 Allegiance and Supremacy to William and Mary and their successors
Noon Tender	Guarded quayside goods whilst officers were at lunch
notary Also: ~ public	one authorized to perform certain legal formalities, esp. to draw up
Noterer	Notary
nouveau riche /noo´voh reesh/ /pl. nouveaux riches (pronoun. same)/	a person who has recently gained (usu. ostentatious) wealth. cf: p
novice	a person new to a field or activity; a beginner.
novice	eccl a person who has entered a religious order but has not yet tak
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 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, trirem 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 pain
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Oil Miller	Miller of seed to extract oils for food manufacture. Rapeseed, cotto lubricate the spinning mule.
Oil Miller	Miller of seed to extract oils for food manufacture. Rapeseed, cotto lubricate the spinning mule.

Oilman	Lamp oil seller
Oilman	Lamp oil seller
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 to a person who does not benefit from "the Club", which was an appropriate insurance scheme for members of the club.
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 a person or thing that is the object of an action. cf -er
Orangeman	a member of a secret society founded in Northern Ireland (1795) to support 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, or the person being ordained)
ordinary	Law a judge or other official with immediate rather than delegated authority
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 than hostler. Folio, vs once for hostler.
Ostler / Hostler	Originally, a Hostler was the host of an Inn or (H)ostelry. Later became a person who attended to 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 p
overseer of the poor	a person responsible for the relief of the poor in a township. They Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 the post was abolished and repl
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 k
page	one who is employed to run errands, carry messages, or act as a g
page	one who is similarly employed in the U.S. Congress or another legi
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 Cour
paladin	a knight errant;
paladin	a champion
Paling Man	Seller of eels
paliser, also palliser, palisser, palesser	a maker of palings or fences
paliser, also palliser, palisser, palesser	one who has charge of a park

paliser, also palliser, palisser, palesser	someone who tended the fences of a Norman enclosure or park - s French palisse. This and associated words are often corrupted to p
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 maintain
Panter	Keeper of the pantry
Pantler	Butler
Pantographer	An engraver who used a Pantograph to transfer the pattern from a
Papaya Man	Involved in trade with New Guinea (derived from Papua, New Guin
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
parliamentarian	a Roundhead
Parminster	Worked with Cotswold stone roofing tiles
parolee	one who is released on parole (=release of a prisoner on condition
parson	eccl an Anglican cleric with full legal control of a parish under eccle
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,
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 congrega
pastor	a layperson having spiritual charge of a congregation or other grou
Pastor	Shepherd
paterfamiias	L the father or head of household
paterfamiias	Rom. law the head of a family or household, having legal authority
paterfamiias	a person of either sex and any age who is sui juris and free from p
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
Pattern Card Maker	Made the cards that set the pattern on weaving looms - the "jacqu
pattern maker	a maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole
Pattern Maker	Makes wood patterns for the construction of steel or other metal o 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
peasant	a member of the class constituted by small farmers and tenants, s 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 o 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 / Peruke 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

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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, also larger vessels for inns and businesses. Almost all old wills leave family.

Philosophical Instrument Maker

Made Scientific instruments

-phobe

one who has a morbid fear, horror, or dislike of a particular thing, English;

Phonologist

A person versed in Phonology - the science or doctrine of the elements of speech, including the various distinctions, modifications, and combinations of 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 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 loom

picklock

one, esp a thief, who opens a locked door by picking the lock. (=open)

pickpocket	a thief who specializes in stealing things from the pockets of others
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 w
Piecemaster	The middleman between employer and pieceworker, who allocated
Piecer / Piecener	Employed to piece together broken threads in weaving. Often child
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 meta
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 work
Piker	Tramp, vagrant
Pile / Piler	Fitted arrowheads to their shafts (pile was the old term for arrowh
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 o 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 pinfold (=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
Pistor	Baker
Pit Brow Lass	Female surface worker at the coalmines
Pitman	Coal miner
Plain Worker	Plain needle-worker, as distinct from embroidered work
Plaisterer	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
Platelaye	Laid and maintained railway tracks. The name predates railways, and existed hundreds of years ago, laid for coal mines.
plater	one who plates (=coats objects of one metal with a thin layer of another means), e.g. baser metals with silver or gold, dull metals with bright covered, that which is applied, or the process used. (e.g. harness 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 independence
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
plumber	a person who fitted or repaired the apparatus of water supply systems (plumbum lead)

Plumber	Applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stair for pipes, the modern term evolved. Plumbium - Latin for lead
Plumbium Worker	Worked with plumbium (lead) - a plumber. from the Latin, plumbium
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
poinder	a person, esp an official, who poinds or distrains goods. (=enclose)
poinder	one who has charge of fences, hedges and woods, and pounds cattle
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
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 baggage at a railway 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

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) Outrid
Poster	Broke rocks in the quarries
Postillion	Rode as a guide on one of the near pairs of horses drawing a coach
Pot Boy/man	1) Cleared away and washed the pots in a public house 2) A Potma
Pot Burner	Placed completed pots into the ovens for firing
Potato Badger	Potato seller
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potter	a tradesman who makes ceramic vessels usually by turning clay on
potter	a fisherman who catches crabs, lobsters &c, in a basket-like trap. (
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 colour
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 m while a metal profile blade mounted on a counterbalanced arm form
Poulter / Poulterer	Poultry seller
poulterer	one who raises or deals in poultry
pounder	one whose office it is to impound cattle, etc. (=pound-keeper), (=p
pound-keeper	one charged with responsibility for keeping a pound (=an enclosure
Powder Monkey	Young boys - and sometimes women - employed to supply naval g below the waterline. Boys were usually employed because the gun and grown men would have found it difficult to move around at spe
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 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 in 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
principal	the first player of a division of instruments in an orchestra (except
printer's devil	a printing office errand boy
prior (~ess)	the superior officer at a priory (=a monastery governed by a prior
prior (~ess)	(in an abbey) the officer next under the abbot.
privateer	nav an armed vessel privately owned and staffed holding a govern
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 correct
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 ke
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 & chil
pugilist	sp a boxer, esp. a professional
puisne ~ /pyoo^o'ne/	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
Purl Seller	Sold purl by boat to other river craft users. Purl was a potent mixtu
purser	nav. the officer in charge of money matters aboard ship, or in com
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
Quarantine (Station)	From 1728, some Customs officials - Quarantines - were given the anchored offshore to ensure nobody left them before their period o
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 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 when weaving cloth.
Quilter / Quiltress	Quilted material
quisling	a traitor who serves as the puppet of an enemy occupying his or her 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 h
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. Trad 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 d
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 had to be drawn through the Beam of warps for the loom and then separately picked out from the Beam of warps.
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 acted as rector or vicar to run the parish in his absence
rector (~trix)	RCC a priest appointed as managerial as well as spiritual head of a parish
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 colliery
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 reeds from the warp.
Reeder	Used reeds for thatching and hedging
Reedmaker	1) Made weaving reeds - a reed is a comb-like device for 'beating' the threads of the weft against the shuttle, the warp threads passing between the teeth of the reed 2) Made reed cloth 4) Made tapestry combs
reed-maker	one who makes reeds (=a weaver's instrument for separating the threads of the weft from the comb for pressing down the threads of the weft to produce a tight fabric)
Reeler	Operated machinery winding yarn onto bobbins
reeve	the chief administrator of a farm, town or district; also grave, grievance
reeve	a peasant officer or servant for the lord of the manor, charged with 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 pers
refugee	in the context of the American Revolutionary War this was a polite English. These people suddenly found themselves surrounded by e and neighbors — and, for safety's sake, had to find refuge with the 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 were abolished and replaced by the Relieving Officer - who was ap Union Workhouse with responsibility for a union (group) of townsh
Relieving Officer	Official of the Poor Law Union to whom the poor or retarded person
Religious houses	Religious houses comprehended cathedral and collegiate churches, and friaries. The difference between abbeys and priories lay chiefly precedence of abbots. Some of these were so considerable, that th seats and votes in the House of lords, and possessed houses in We bishops within the limits of their several houses, bestowed the sole mitres, sandals, &c., and carried croziers or pastorals in their right the jurisdiction of both archbishop and bishop, and subjected to th
Principal officers magister operis	or master of the fabric, whose duty it was to preserve the buildings
eleemosynarius	or the almoner, who managed the alms of the house, distributed m bestowed gifts upon the founder's-day, and at obits and anniversa maintenance and education of the choristers.
pitantarius	who had care of the pietancies (=allowances over and above the c
sacrista	or the sexton, who took care of the vessels, books and vestments given to the fabric, accounted for obligations at the great altar, pro attended to burying of the dead.
camerarius	or the chamberlain, who had the chief care of the dormitory, and p conveniences of the dormitory, the whole or greater part of the clo charge of the treasury, receiving and paying all the greater sums.
cellarius	or the cellarer, who procured provisions for the monks, and all stra hostelries in those days) resorting to the convent, viz. flesh, fish, f wood for firing, and all utensiles for the kitchen. The cellarer was c possessed of great privileges.
treasurer	who received all the common rents and revenues, and paid all ordi

precentor	who had the care of the choir, presided over the singing-men, organs and repaired the organs.
hostilarius	or hostler [sic], who attended to strangers, and provided for their needs.
infirmarius	or the apothecary, who looked after the sick monks, provided medicine 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	esp. a member of a governmental body, usually legislative, chosen by the people (esp. in a bicameral legislature)
retainer	an employee, typically a long-term employee. a servant or an attendant, especially one in the household of a person of rank.
Reverend, Rev.	the title of a clergyman
Renovator	Repaired clothing
Resurrection Man	Apart from using the bodies of hanged criminals, dissection was illegal under common law. 'Resurrection men' would look for recent burials, dig up the corpses and make a decent living out of the practice. Resurrection men became notorious for selling pieces if caught by a mob.
Revenuer / Renueue Man	Tax collector
Rice Dressser	Removed the chaff, straw, small grains etc. to clean up rice grains 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 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 of spinning yarn.
ringleader	a chief instigator, esp of illegal activity.
ripper	a seller of fish
Ripper / Ripper	Seller of fish
Riverman	Worked riverboats
Roadman	1) Worked on building and or maintaining roads - often had a street sweeper's job - potholes etc. - usually a mile 2) A tramp or vagrant was also often called 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 ob
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 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 buildi 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 (espec
Roper	1) Made rope or nets 2) Cotton spinning operative
roundhead	hist. a Parliamentarian, from their custom of wearing their hair sho
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 t processes.
royalist	Eng. a Cavalier supporter of Charles I during the English Civil War,
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

Runner

1) Runner or messenger for the magistrates -Bow Street Runner 2)

S

saboteur

F one who commits sabotage, i.e. causes deliberate damage to property. French textile workers who wrecked machinery by tossing their work

Sachrist / Sachristan

Person retained in a cathedral to copy out music for the choir, and the sacristy. A sexton.

sacrist

eccl the official charged with the custody and care of sacred vessels. A 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

Saddle Tree Maker

Made the wooden frames around which the saddle was formed with

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). The Knocker was the saggar maker's assistant, usually a young boy, who used a metal hoop using a huge flat mallet called a mawl, to form the bottom of the saggar, remove the hoop, and form the sides of the saggar onto the base of the kiln (testing for cracks by knocking). Some saggar-makers also had a mawl-knocker, but prepared the clay to make the sides of the saggars, rather than

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 Captain

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 delivers a formal (and usually complimentary) welcoming statement or address) at graduation exercises.
salvor	a taster, esp. as employed by royal or noble clients as insurance against
san	a courtesy title in Japanese-speaking areas as a suffix to a given name, e.g. Taniguchi-san, Yamaguchi-san. How to use Japanese suffixes
Sandemanian	member of a religious sect formed by Robert Sandeman (1718-71)
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
sandwich man	a person who pickets or advertises by going about carrying a sandwich board, a board with straps for hanging from the shoulders, and bearing advertisements on the boards
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 clown
Scavelman	Cleaned and maintained waterways and ditches
Scavenger / Scaleraker	1) Street cleaner 2) Scavenger - also a child employed in a spinning mill to work under machinery
schepen sp: pl. schepenen	Du the equivalent in English is an alderman. The position of schepenen are local government ministers in a national government. The task of a schepen is to assist in the management of 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)
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 villain; 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 scouring
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
Scribler	A person who tends a wool/cotton-combing machine called a Scribler
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 reflections in crystals, water, mirrors, etc.)
scuffle-hunter	one who frequents the wharfage on the pretense of seeking employment, but who actually engages in the 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 tasks
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 1794 and comprised "all such of the inhabitants of the towns and villages of the coast for the defence of the coast". They were taught to use musket, pike and bayonet, and were stationed at defensive positions (Martello towers), plus coastal signal stations and harbours. They were to be paid one shilling per day served. It was given immunity from being pressed into the Navy. They were organised into regiments. They grew to their maximum strength in 1810, when there were over 100,000 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 by examining the faces of the dead, and the compilation of Bills of Mortality, for which they were paid from the Poor Rates
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, hand operated and was invented by Samuel Crompton of Bolton 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 legislative functions in a government.) (The term Magistrate was used but came soon into use and was employed until 1818, when the title Senator came into use)

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 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 offices 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 who is bound to 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

serf

a person in servitude

serf

cf bondman

sergeant major

mil. originally (16th c. & earlier) an officer, 2nd or 3rd in command of a company

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: vassal

servant

cf: amah, attendant, au pair, ayah, bondman, boots, boy, butler, chauffeur, chef, cleaner, cleaning man/woman/lady, coachman, coachman, dustman, factotum, footman, gentleman's gentleman, governess, housemaid, houseman, lackey, lady's maid, maid, maidservant, manservant, nursemaid, page, parlormaid, postilion, retainer, scullion, seneschal, 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 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
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 cheat
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) American lawyer
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

Shingler	Worked with an Iron Puddler, manipulating puddled balls of iron or
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
shoeblick	See bootblack
shoemaker	one who makes shoes and other footwear. cf cordwainer, cobbler
Shoemith	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
Shuttle Maker	Made the wooden shuttles for the looms
Shuttle Tip Maker	Made the pointed steel shuttle tips and made in many different des being hammered to make the shuttles fly through the yarns from o aerodynamic properties. Forged by hammering red-hot steel
Shylock	a hard-hearted moneylender; a miser (Shylock=a character in Sha
shyster	a person, esp a lawyer, who uses unscrupulous methods
Sick Visitor	Employed by Friendly Societies, who paid benefits to sick people, t 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)
Sissor / Cissor	Tailor
sizar	Brit in medieval times, a poor student who paid his way at college
Sizer	Applied size to cloth in manufacture
Skepper / Skelper	Beehive maker/seller
Skin Dresser	"Dressed" - prepared animal skins for the manufacture of clothing
Skinkster	Alehouse tapster
Skinner	1) Dealer in hides 2) Mule driver
Skip Maker	Made skips (large baskets), used in mining and quarrying, for transport
Slapper / Slaper	Pottery worker who prepared the clay for the potter
Slasher	Applied size (Slasher Sizing) to the warp thread in weaving, to stretch
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
slater	a roofer (=from the use of slate as roofing material)
Slater	Roofer
slave	a person who is the legal property of another or others, and is bound
slave	a helpless victim of some dominating influence, e.g. (e.g. a slave of
slave driver	an overseer of slaves at work
slave driver	a person who works others especially hard
slave trader	historically a person engaged in the procuring, transport or selling of human
slaver	a ship engaged in the slave trade and, metaphorically, a sailor employed
Slaymaker	Made the reeds or slays used in weaving. Slays (wooden pegs) or reeds on a 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)
Slopseller	1) Slopshop keeper - readymade clothes 2) Basket seller
Slubber	Prepared cotton for spinning, removing the "slubs" or imperfections
Slubber Doffer	Removed the empty bobbins from the loom spindles
Slubbing Frame Fitter	Installed and maintained a Slubbing Frame, used in the preparation of
Smallware Maker	Made "smallware" - tapes, braids, ribbons etc.
smelter	one who smelts; a workman engaged in smelting; also, an owner of
smelter	one who fishes for smelts; a smelt-catcher (smelt=a small fish, related
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 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 clandestinely into (or out of) a country or district, in order to avoid 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 conveyance 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)
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 baking 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 sliver are drawn out to form yarn. This was done with a distaff and spindle from the earliest times. The hand-wheel - in the 14 th century. The task was often done by women)
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 status (from the 14 th 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

squire of the body	In feudal times, the squire of the body was responsible for carrying and donning his armour. By Tudor times, the position was that of a close attendant.
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 the true party.
stall	a pickpocket's accomplice, whose job it was to distract the attention of the police.
stallenger	A stall-keeper; a petty trader who paid to the burgh a small sum for the right to trade in the market.
stallenger	A person not a freeman who paid a small sum to the corporation for the right to trade in the market.
staller	Nor. The title of a Norwegian court officer from the 10th c. [ON stalla]
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 to a boiler.
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.
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 at the 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, often with the additional connotation of gender: cf spinner, spinster

stevedore	naut a person employed in the loading and unloading of ships. (=fr 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
steward (-ess)	a person responsible for the supply of food, etc. for a college or clu
steward (-ess)	a person appointed to manage another's property
steward (-ess)	Brit. the title of several officers of the government or the royal hou
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, answerab would concoct the kitchen cleaners, soaps, candles and cosmetics 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 i 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
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 s
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
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 through to the cloth
Stuff Weaver	Wove "stuff" - a coarse cloth, more especially of worsted, made of 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 charterers) - Still in use
supercargo Also: supra~	naut. the officer on a merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and
surveyor	a person who surveys land and buildings, esp professionally (=to establish 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 the Palace of Windsor, and in charge of planning and building royal architectural projects of prestige and a reasonable salary, but also required an enormous dowry with a house in Whitehall and a set of offices attached. Past holders included Sir 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 b
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 n
taberdar Also: taubator, tabbiter, tabitter, taberder, tabardar	a name formerly given to certain scholars of Queen's College, Oxfo 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 s
Tackler	Overlooker of weaving shed workers
tailor	one who makes, repairs or alters articles of clothing, as suits, coat
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 wh
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 a 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 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 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. (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
tatter	one who tats (tatting=needlework consisting of handmade lace made with 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 (taxidermy 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 p raise the nap on woven cloth.)
tedder	one who teds (=turns and spreads) hay, grass, straw, etc. to effec
Teemer	1) Emptied grain brought by cart 2) Poured molten steel into moul
Teerer/Tierer/Tier Boy	Spread a fresh surface of colour on the printer's 'pad' each time he
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
tenant-in-chief	a lord (or an institution, such as a church) holding land directly fro
tenter	assistant to a weaver, generally a child, who has gone through a s
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 a
Tenter / Tenterer	1) Tenterer - Someone who, after cloth was dyed, stretched it on a fitted with hooks known as "Tenterhooks" - about which we all kno looked after or watched something. .i.e. Tip tenter - person inspec - from Tender, to tend)
tertiary	RCC a member of a religious Third Order (=a confraternity of lay p
testator (~trix)	one who has made a will, esp one who dies testate (=having died
texter	One skilled in writing in a text hand (a fine, large hand), an engros
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 freemen and hereditary nobles.
thane	A man who held land from a Scottish king and ranked with an earl!
thane	Brit Hist the order of nobility in Anglo-Saxon England before the C
thatcher	a roofer, esp. of thatched materials: straw, reeds, etc.
Theemaker	Shoemaker
Thirdborough	Under-constable

thrall	historical 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. This machine was used for the continuous spinning of cotton (or wool) on up to 400, pirns or bobbins.
Throwster / Thrower	Textile worker attending machine which twisted together strands of yarn
thumper	an extravagantly enthusiastic preacher (=from "Bible thumper", as in 'thumping points')
Ticket Porter	Porter wearing badges, or 'tickets', licensed by the City of London to carry 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	historical a customs officer (=who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods)
Tide Waiter / Tidesman	Customs inspector who boarded ship on arrival to enforce customs
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. a clock
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 a stream
Tincter	Dyer
tinker	historical an itinerant seller and repairman of tin pots and pans
Tinker	An itinerant tin pot and pan seller, repairman / knife sharpener - a 'tinny'
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"!! (h
tipstaff	A sheriff's officer. (=From the metal-tipped staff carried as a symbol
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 t
tithing man Also: tyth~	civ a town official appointed to enforce the laws and to see that ord were to present all the idle and disorderly persons, profane swear persons, that they may be duly punished and discouraged.
Tixtor	Weaver
toad-eater	Originally a seventeenth-century charlatan's sidekick who, in full v at that time was considered to be poisonous. The assistant would of the naïve spectators. The master would then dramatically dem for sale by using it to revive his sidekick. A corresponding verb, to something quite unpleasant on behalf of one's master." [Research
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
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 pr 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 compe
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 O'Connell and political order and gave rise to the Conservative party (opp Whigs)
Tory	a colonist loyal to the English during the American Revolution.
Tory	cf refugee
Tosher	Scratched 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 the poor
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. Plans and diagrams for mining and manufacturing industries were often made on tracing paper. 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 patterns
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. habitual
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
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 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 when 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 Potter's 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 a degree
tutor	Brit a graduate, or fellow, responsible for supervision of an undergraduate
tutor	Law a legal guardian of a minor.
Tweeny / Tweenie	Maid employed "between the stairs" assisting cook and housemaid
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 was to put 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 wheels, later pneumatic tyres.

U

ullnager	(from ca 1350) An inspector of textiles who certified the measure and quality of cloth
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, looking for signs of danger in the pit
undertaker	historically an influential person in 17 th c. England who undertook to procure a writ of Habeas Corpus 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-possession

Underwood Dealer

See Coppice Dealer.

underwriter

a person who: signs, or accepts liability (under an insurance policy

underwriter

a practicer of marine insurance.

underwriter

one who undertakes to finance, or agrees to buy all the stock in (a
"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 assista

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

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

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, v
migrant, nomad, bird of passage, rolling stone, beachcomber, dere
All connote a shiftless, non-permanent and slightly disreputable life

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 valed

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 s
vandal	one who willfully and maliciously damages or destroys property.
Vandal	a member of a Germanic people that ravaged Gaul, Spain, No. Afri 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 protection.
vassal	a holder of land by feudal tenure on conditions of homage and alle
Vassal	Lowest order of servant
Vatman	1) Worked with vats in wine & beer making 2) Put pulp into mould
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 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 of produce or labor formerly levied to support the church or clergy 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
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 days a week) for himself. Villans were the wealthiest and most numerous of unfree
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 of property 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 hou
waiter (~ress)	a watchman at the city gates.
waiter (~ress)	a man (or more rarely a woman) whose office or privilege it is to
Waiter / Tide Waiter	Customs officer who waited on the (high) tide (when vessels arrive
waithman	a hunter, esp. applied to forest outlaws.
Walker	"Walked" over cloth after weaving, after wetting, to clean and thic
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, ma 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 d harbormaster
Warper	1) Set up the "warp" (thread) on looms 2) Moved boats by hauling
warrant officer	mil an officer ranking between commissioned officers and NCOs.
Warrener	A warrener maintains rabbit warrens, traps them and produces rab of the lord of the manor
Washman	Tin coater (tin plater)
Wasteman	1) Waste remover 2) Checked and maintained that mine workings
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 th
Watchman	Town night-watchman

Water Bailiff	1) Maintained fishing rights on (usually) rivers - still in use 2) River
Water Gilder	1) Gilded metal surfaces by applying liquid amalgam, the mercury 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
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 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
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 under
wheeler-dealer	colloq one who wheels and deals (=engage in political or commercial
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
Whig	hist polit a member of the British reforming and constitutional party in the Parliament and was eventually succeeded in the 19th c. by the Liberal
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
Whig	(Scottish) Horse driver
Whim / Whimseyman	Employed driving mine winding gear carrying men and materials up
whip	a member of a political party in a legislative body appointed to control 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 oppo
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 o
wight /wit/	obs a living being; a creature.
Willeyer	Fed fibres into a "willeying" machine to separate and comb them fo
Willow Feeder	Operated a self-acting Willow - a waste cleaner in cotton or woolle
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 dealt in wool export.
Wool Stapler	A dealer in wool. The wool-stapler buys wool from the producer, sorts it, and sends it to the mill.
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, portending death. (spectral)
Wright	Skilled workman, especially in constructing items. Used together with a prefix to designate a particular trade.
-wright	one that repairs or constructs something.
-wright	a suffix designating a workman specializing in a particular trade, as in cooperwright, cooper, or cooperage.
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 yellow or light-colored hair and light complexion.
Xanthomelanoi	In Huxley's classification of the varieties of mankind: A subdivision of the black hair and yellow, brown, or olive complexion.
Xantippe	The name of the wife of Socrates; hence allusively an ill-tempered woman.
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 se

yeoman

a volunteer member of a cavalry force raised from the yeoman clas

yeoman

a servant in a royal or noble household.

yeoman

mil A petty naval officer performing visual signaling (Brit) or cleric

Yeoman

1) Farmer who owns his own land rather than a tenant farmer; qu
representatives. Also See. 2) Assistant to an official. 3) Crewmem

yeoman clothier

an 18th century cloth trade middle-man who supplied raw wool to
domestic system, then collected their finished pieces for sale at the

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

hist a member of an ancient Jewish sect with the object of installin
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 o
movement when rotated

Zoographer

Describes and classifies animals

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