

Occupations

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Fig. 215.—Tailor
England Occupations Tailor

England Wiki Topics



England Beginning Research

- Guided Research
- Research Strategies
- Record Finder
- Finding Town of Origin

Record Types

• Cemeteries	• Merchant Seamen
• Census	• Military Records
• Church Directories	• Naturalization & Citizenship
• Church Records	• Newspapers
• Civil Registration	• Nobility
• Court Records	• Occupations

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Historical Occupations [edit | edit source]

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| • Accountants and Clerks | • Coal Miners | • Goldsmiths | • Orchardmen | • Science and Literature |
| • Agricultural Labourers | • Cobblers | • Groom | • Page/Tea boy | • Shepherds |
| • Animal Husbandry | • Coffee Houses | • Grounds Keeper | • Painters | • Shinglers |
| • Apothecaries | • Coiners | • Gunmakers | • Paint Makers | • Shipbuilders |
| • Apothecaries (2) | • Colliers | • Haberdashers | • Papermakers | • Ship Captains |
| • Architects | • Combmakers | • Hairdressers | • Parchment Makers | • Ship Masters |
| • Armourers | • Comedians | • Hangmen | • Parish Clerks | • Shoemakers |
| • Artists | • Confectioners | • Harness Makers | • Parliamentarians | • Shopkeepers (owners) |
| • Auctioneers | • Confectioners (2) | • Hatters | • Pattenmakers | • Silk Weavers |
| • Authors | • Constables | • Hedgers | • Paviours | • Silversmiths |
| • Bakers | • Constables (2) | • Homemakers | • Paviours (2) | • Skinners |
| • Bakers (2) | • Cooks | • Horners | • Pedlars | • Slate Miners |
| • Bankers | • Coopers | • Horsehair Workers | • Perfumers | • Smelters |
| • Barkers | • Copper Miners | • Hotel workers | • Pewterers | • Smock Makers |
| • Basketmakers | • Cordwainers | • Housekeepers | • Photographers | • Soapmakers |
| • Beadles | • Cork Cutters | • Innkeepers | • Physicians | • Spectacle Makers |
| • Bell Founders | • Coroners | • Inspectors of Nuisances | • Pigmen | • Spies |
| | • Costermongers | • Ironmongers | • Pinmakers | |
| | • Cotton Industry | | • Pipemakers | |

- Bespoke Tailoring Establishments, Owners of
- Blacksmiths
- Blacksmiths (2)
- Bleachers
- Boarding Houses
- Bookbinders
- Booksellers
- Bootmakers
- Bowyers
- Braziers
- Brewers
- Bricklayers
- Bridge Builders
- Broderers
- Brushmakers
- Butchers
- Button Makers
- Cabinet Makers
- Canal Boatmen
- Canal Builders
- Canning Industry
- Carmen
- Carpenters
- Carriers
- Carters
- Cartwrights
- Cattlemen
- Cement Makers
- Chapmen
- Char Women
- Charcoal
- Chemists
- Chimney Sweeps
- Circus Performers
- Civil Servants
- Clergy, Church of England
- Clerks and Accountants
- Clockmakers
- Clogmakers
- Coachmakers
- Coachmen
- Crop Husbandry
- Cross Sweeps
- Curriers
- Cutlers
- Dairyemen
- Dentists
- Doctors
- Drapers
- Dressmakers
- Drovers
- Dry Wall workers
- Dyers
- Educators
- Engineers
- Engravers
- Entertainers
- Entrepreneurs
- Estate Stewards
- Explosives
- Fanmakers
- Farmers, Independent
- Farmers, Tenant
- Farriers
- Farriers (2)
- Featherworkers
- Fellers
- Feltmakers
- Firemen
- Fishers
- Fishing Equipment
- Fletchers
- Footmen
- Fruiterers
- Funeral Mute
- Furriers
- Gamekeepers
- Gardeners
- Gas Industry
- Gentlemen's Club staff
- Glassmakers
- Glaziers
- Glovers
- Ironworkers
- Jewelers
- Joiners
- Knitters
- Knitters (2)
- Lace Cleaning/Mending
- Lacemakers
- Landowners
- Landownwers (2)
- Laundresses
- Lawyers
- Lead Miners
- Leadworkers
- Leatherworkers
- Leatherworkers (2)
- Leech collector
- Lightermen
- Literature and Science
- Longbowstringmakers
- Loriners
- Machinists
- Maids
- Markets
- Masons
- Matchstick makers and sellers
- Merchants
- Merchant Marines
- Midwives
- Milkmaid
- Milliners
- Millwrights
- Miners
- Motorized vehicles
- Mudlark
- Musical Instrument Makers
- Musicians
- Needlemakers
- Nurserymen
- Nurses
- Oil Makers
- Plastic Makers
- Ploughmen
- Plumbers
- Poachers
- Policemen
- Policemen (2)
- Politics/Politicians
- Porters
- Post Masters
- Potters
- Printers
- Prison Officers
- Professors, University
- Pubs
- Pub/Restaurant Owners
- Pure Finder
- Quarriers
- Quilters
- Railway Employees
- Railway Employees (2)
- Rat Catchers
- Registrars
- Religion, Practitioners of
- Restaurant/Pub Owners
- Resurrectionists
- Retailers
- Road Making
- Ropemakers
- Saddlers
- Saddlers (2)
- Sailmakers
- Salters
- Sawyers
- Schoolmasters
- Scientific Instrument Makers
- Seamen
- Seamstresses
- Servants, Royal Household
- Servants
- Spies (2)
- Sports
- Stationers
- Stationers (2)
- Staymakers
- Steel Industry
- Stone Masons
- Surgeons
- Tailors
- Tanners
- Tea boy/Page
- Telecommunications
- Tenant Farmers
- Textile Printers
- Thatchers
- Thatchers (2)
- Timbermen
- Tin Miners
- Tinsplateworkers
- Toolmakers
- Tosher
- Toymakers
- Trunkmakers
- Turners
- Tylers
- Undertakers
- University Professors
- Veterinarians
- Victuallers
- Wainwrights
- Watchmakers
- Watermen
- Weavers
- Whalers
- Wheelwrights
- Wheelwrights (2)
- Whitesmiths
- Wigmakers
- Woodcarvers
- Woodworkers
- Wool Dyers
- Wool Industry

According to FamilySearch, “the [Oxford English Dictionary](https://www.oed.com/) is the definitive source for occupation definitions. Of great value to the family historian, it also provides time periods when occupational terms were in use.” <https://www.oed.com/>



Arms of the Worshipful Company of Grocers, founded 1345

There are 111 livery companies, comprising London's ancient and modern trade associations and guilds, almost all of which are styled the "Worshipful Company of" their respective craft, trade or profession. (Wikipedia)

(For more reading on Livery Companies, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Livery_company)

Video course: 25 minutes; Livery Company Records by Denise Mortorff:
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/livery-company-records-and-furthering-your-ancestry>

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