

# Occupations – FamilySearch

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This handout will guide you to information about historical occupations in England. This information is found in the England Genealogy reference page in the FamilySearch research wiki:

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Genealogy). On the England Genealogy page, in the “England Wiki Topics” section (on the right side of the webpage) click on the link for “**Business and Occupations**”.

## England Business and Occupations

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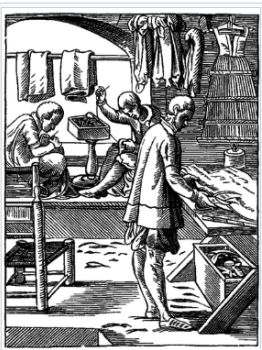



Fig. 215.—Tailor  
England Occupations Tailor

### England Wiki Topics



#### England Beginning Research

- Getting Started
- Guided Research
- Online Learning
- Record Finder
- Research Strategies
- Finding Town of Origin

#### Record Types

- **Business & Occupations**
- Cemeteries
- Census
- Medieval Records
- Military Records

Occupations: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England\\_Business\\_and\\_Occupations](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Business_and_Occupations):

## Historical Occupations

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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        | • Soapmakers             |
| • Basketmakers           | • Cordwainers       | • Housekeepers            | • Photographers    | • Spectacle Makers       |
| • Beadles                | • Cork Cutters      | • Innkeepers              | • Physicians       | • Spies                  |
| • Bell Founders          | • Coroners          | • Inspectors of Nuisances | • Pigmen           |                          |
|                          | • 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
- Dairymen
- 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](#) 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.

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