

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. 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”.

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Fig. 215.—Tailor
England Occupations Tailor

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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:

Historical Occupations

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

- 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
- Gloves
- 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
- Farmers
- 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
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- Rat Catchers
- Registrars
- Religion, Practitioners of
- Restaurant/Pub Owners
- Resurrectionists
- Retailers
- Road Making
- Ropemakers
- Saddlers
- Saddlers (2)
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- 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)
- Timbersmen
- Tin Miners
- Tinplateworkers
- 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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