

280 Old Occupations Used in the Census and Newspapers in the U.S. and U.K.

- **Abactor** - Cattle Thief
- **Abigail** - Ladies Maid
- **Accipitary** - Falconer
- **Accomptant** - Accountant
- **Ackerman** - A Plowman Or Oxherder
- **Ale Draper** - Seller Of Beer And Ale
- **Alewife** - A Proprietor Of A Tavern
- **All spice** - Grocer
- **Almoner** - Giver Of Charity To The Needy
- **Alnager** - A Wool Inspector
- **Amanuensis** - Secretary Or Stenographer
- **Aproneer** - Shopkeeper
- **Artificer** - A Soldier Mechanic Who Does Repairs
- **Backmaker** - Cooper Who Makes Tubs, Barrels, And Buckets From Wood
- **Badger** - Licensed Pauper Who Wears A Badge As His Certificate
- **Bagman** - Traveling Salesman
- **Bailie** - Bailiff
- **Balister** - Archer
- **Bandster** - Worker Who Binds Wheat Bundles After Harvesting
- **Basil Worker** - Tanner Who Works With Goat And Sheep Hides
- **Batman** - A Military Officer's Personal Assistant
- **Baxter** - Baker
- **Biddy** - Female Servant
- **Bluestocking** - Female Writer
- **Boniface** - Keeper Of An Inn
- **Bowyer** - A Bowmaker
- **Brazier** - One Who Works With Brass
- **Brewster** - Beer Manufacturer
- **Brightsmith** - Metal Worker
- **Burgomaster** - Mayor
- **Caddy Butcher** - Butcher Who Works Only In Horse Meant
- **Caffler** - Rag And Bone Man, Peddler
- **Calciner** - Worker Who Makes Lime From Powdered Bones
- **Calenderer** - Worker On The Calender Machine Used For Finishing Papers And Fabrics
- **Carder** - Spinning Mill Worker
- **Cardroomer** - Worker In The Carding Room Of A Mill
- **Carnifex** - A Regular Butcher
- **Catchpole** - An Official Who Pursues Those With Delinquent Debts
- **Caulker** - One Who Filled Up Cracks (In Ships Or Windows Or Seams)
- **Chaisemaker** - Carriage Maker
- **Chandler** - Candlemaker
- **Chevener** - Embroiderer Of Fine Stockings
- **Chiffonnier** - Wig Maker
- **Claker** - Magician Or Astrologer
- **Clark** - Clerk
- **Clerk** - Clergyman, Cleric
- **Cobbler** - A Shoemaker
- **Cohen** - Priest
- **Collier** - Coal Miner
- **Colporteur** - Peddler Of Books
- **Cooper** - A Maker Or Repairer Of Barrels, Casks, And Tubs
- **Cordwainer** - Shoemaker
- **Costermonger** - Peddler Of Fruits And Vegetables
- **Crocker** - Potter
- **Crowner** - Coroner
- **Currier** - A Leather Tanner, Or A Horse Groom
- **Danter** - Female Overseer In Silk-Winding Room
- **Deal Porter** - Specialist Who Hauled Wood Between Ship And Shore
- **Delfman** - Salesman Of Delft Pottery From Holland
- **Deviller** - Operator Of The Machine Which Shreds Cloth At The Fabric Mill
- **Docker** - Dock Worker Who Load And Unloads Cargo
- **Doffer** - Worker Who Replaces Empty Loom Spools With Full Ones In The Weaving Industry
- **Dowser** - One Who Finds Water Using A Rod Or Witching Stick
- **Dragoon** - Cavalryman
- **Draper** - A Dealer In Dry Goods
- **Drayman** - A Driver Of A Heavy Freight Cart
- **Dresser** - A Surgeon's Assistant In A Hospital
- **Dripping Man** - Seller Of Drippings (Fat)
- **Drover** - One Who Drives Cattle, Sheep, Etc. To Market
- **Drudge** - Menial Laborer
- **Drummer** - Traveling Salesman



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- **Dubber** - Worker In Fabric Mill Who Raises The Nap Of The Cloth
- **Duffer** - Peddler
- **Ealdorman** - Kings Court Deputy
- **Eggler** - An Egg Seller
- **Ellerman** - Seller Of Lamp Oil
- **Enumerator** - Census Taker
- **Eremit** - Hermit
- **Estafette** - Mounted Courier
- **Eyer** - Worker Who Makes The Eyeholes In Needles
- **Factor** - Agent, Commission Merchant
- **Fanner** - Worker Who Winnows Grain
- **Farrier** - A Blacksmith, One Who Shoes Horses
- **Faulkner** - Falconer
- **Feather Mason** - Worker Who Splits Stone Using Steel Tools
- **Fell Monger** - Remover Of Hair Or Wool From Hides In Leather Making
- **Feller** - Woodcutter
- **Festitian** - Physician
- **Fiddler** - Clay Worker
- **Fish Bobber** - Mariner Who Ferries Fish Cargo From The Trawler To The Wharf
- **Fishmonger** - A Fish Seller
- **Flauner** - Confectioner
- **Fletcher** - Arrow Maker
- **Fossetmaker** - Worker Who Makes Taps For Kegs And Barrels
- **Fower** - Street Cleaner
- **Friezer** - One Who Embroiders Cloth With Silver And Gold
- **Fuller** - One Who Fulls Cloth
- **Galloon Maker** - Maker Of Metal Trim For Military Uniforms
- **Gaoler** - Jailer
- **Gater** - Watchman
- **Gaunter** - Glovemaker
- **Glazier** - Window Glassman
- **Gorseman** - Seller Of Gorse And Hay For Broom Making
- **Gossoon** - Servant Boy
- **Granger** - Farmer
- **Groover** - Miner
- **Haberdasher** - Seller Of Clothing and/or Accessories
- **Hacker** - Maker Of Hoes
- **Hairweaver** - Maker Of Horsehair Cloth
- **Hatcheler** - One Who Combed Out Or Carded Flax
- **Hawker** - A Peddler
- **Haymonger** - Dealer In Hay
- **Hayward** - An Official Responsible For Fences And Hedges
- **Henchman** - Horseman Or Groom
- **Higgler** - Itinerant Peddler
- **Hillier** - Roof Tiler
- **Hind** - Farm Laborer
- **Hobbler** - A Person Who Tows Boats On A Canal Or River
- **Holster** - A Groom Who Took Care Of Horses, Often At An Inn
- **Hooker** - Reaper
- **Hooper** - One Who Made Hoops For Casks And Barrels
- **Horner** - Maker Of Cutlery Handles Made Of Horn
- **Hostler Or Ostler** - Horse Groomer
- **Howdy Wife** - Midwife
- **Huckster** - Street Peddler
- **Hurrier** - Coal Haulers Who Work Underground Ferrying Coal
- **Husbandman** - Farmer
- **Ice Cutter** - Someone Who Saws Blocks Of Ice For Refrigeration
- **Idleman** - Person Living Without Work And Of Their Own Means
- **In-bye Worker** - Miner Who Works The Coalface
- **Ironmonger** - A Seller Of Items Made Of Iron
- **Jagger** - Fish Peddler
- **Jigger** - Potter Who Works To Shape The Bottoms Of Pieces
- **Jinny (or Ginny)** - Miner Who Operates The Ginny Carriage
- **Joiner** - Skilled Carpenter
- **Journeyman** - One Who Had Served His Apprenticeship And Mastered His Craft
- **Joyner/Joiner** - A Skilled Carpenter
- **Jute Preparer** - One Who Beat And Prepared Jute Plants Prior To Them Being Turned Into Rope
- **Kedger** - Fisherman
- **Keeler** - Bargeman
- **Kellogg** - Animal Slaughterer
- **Kempster** - Wool Comber



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- **Knacker** - One Who Buys Animals Or Animal Carcasses To Use As Animal Food Or As Fertilizer
- **Kneller** - Chimney Sweep
- **Knocker-up** - A Professional Waker, Who Literally Knocks On Doors Or Windows To Rouse People From Sleep
- **Knoller** - Bellringer
- **Lagger** - Sailor
- **Lamplighter** - Someone Who Lights, Extinguishes, And Refuels Gas Street Lamps
- **Lapidary** - A Jeweler
- **Lardner** - Keeper Of The Cupboard
- **Laster** - Shoemaker
- **Lavender** - Washer Woman
- **Leach** - Doctor Or Veterinarian
- **Leavelooker** - Food Inspector
- **Lector** - Someone Who Reads To Factory Workers For Entertainment
- **Lederer** - Leather Maker
- **Leech** - Physician
- **Leightonward** - Gardener
- **Limeburner** - Worker Who Processes Lime From Limestone By Burning
- **Linkerboy** - Man Who Carries A Lantern For Hire At Night
- **Log Driver** - Someone Who Floats And Guides Logs Downriver For Transportation
- **Longshoreman** - Stevedore
- **Lormer** - Maker Of Horse Gear
- **Malender** - Farmer
- **Maltster** - Brewer
- **Manciple** - Steward
- **Mangler** - Worker Who Operates The Laundry Mangle
- **Marbler** - Worker Who Makes Paper Looked Marbled
- **Mason** - Bricklayer
- **Melder** - Corn Miller
- **Milliner** - Maker Of Ladies' Hats
- **Mintmaster** - One Who Issued Local Currency
- **Misgatherer** - Local Tax Collector
- **Monger** - Seller Of Goods (Ale, Fish)
- **Morroco** - Worker Of Leather From Morocco
- **Mudlark** - Scavenger Specializing In Sweeping The Banks Of Rivers At Low Tide
- **Muleskinner** - Teamster
- **Neatherder** - Herds Cows
- **Ordinary Keeper** - Innkeeper
- **Ostler** - Groomsman At An Inn Or An Innkeeper In General
- **Owler** - Wool Smuggler
- **Packman** - Peddler
- **Pantler** - Butler
- **Pardoner** - Salesman Of Official Church Pardons (Papal Or Bishop)
- **Parminster** - Stone Roofer
- **Pattern Maker** - A Maker Of A Clog Shod With An Iron Ring. A
- **Pedascule** - Schoolteacher
- **Peregrinator** - Itinerant Wanderer
- **Peruker** - Wigmaker
- **Pettifogger** - Shyster Lawyer
- **Pigman** - Crockery Dealer
- **Pinsetter** - Someone Who Sets Bowling Pins Back Up After Each Bowl
- **Plain Worker** - Sewer Working Plain Seams (As Opposed To Embroidery Work)
- **Plowright** - A Maker Of Plows And Other Farm Implements
- **Plumber** - Originally, One Who Installed Lead Roofing Or Set Lead Frames For Windows
- **Porter** - Door Keeper
- **Puddler** - Wrought Iron Worker
- **Pumbum Worker** - Plumber
- **Quarrel Picker** - Glass Installer
- **Quarrier** - Quarry Worker
- **Quarryman** - A Stonecutter
- **Quillwright** - Wheelwright
- **Quister** - Worker Who Bleaches Fabric
- **Raker** - A Street Cleaner
- **Rattlewatch** - Town Watchman
- **Resurrectionist** - Someone Who Digs Up Recently Buried Corpses For Use As Cadavers
- **Rigger** - Hoist Tackle Worker
- **Ripper** - Seller Of Fish
- **Roper** - Maker Of Rope Or Nets
- **Saddler** - One Who Makes, Repairs Or Sells Saddles Or Other Furnishings For Horses
- **Salter** - Roofer
- **Sawbones** - Physician
- **Sawyer** - Lumber Worker Or Saw Operator



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- **Scavelman** - Cleaner Of Ditches
- **Schumacker** - Shoemaker
- **Scriber** - Marker Of Measured Bails Of Cotton At The Docks
- **Scribler** - A Minor Or Worthless Author
- **Scrivener** - Professional Or Public Copyist Or Writer, Or Notary Public
- **Scrutineer** - Election Judge
- **Sempster** - Seamstress
- **Ship Chandler** - Made And Sold 'Fixings' For Ships (Ropes, Shackles, Sailcloth)
- **Shookmaker** - Maker Of Shipping Crates And Fruit Boxes
- **Shrieve** - Sheriff
- **Skutcher** - Worker Who Beat Flax To Obtain The Tow Inside For Making Linen
- **Slater** - Roofer
- **Slopseller** - Seller Of Ready-Made Clothes In A Slop Shop
- **Snobscat** - Repaired Shoes
- **Solicitor** - City Or County Attorney
- **Sorter** - Tailor
- **Spinster** - A Woman Who Spins Or An Unmarried Woman
- **Spurrer** - Maker Of Spurs
- **Squire** - Country Gentleman, Farm Owner, Or Justice Of The Peace
- **Stavemaker** - One Who Cut And Bent The "Staves," Narrow, Shaped Strips Of Wood That Made A Barrel
- **Stevedore** - A Dockworker
- **Stuffgrownsman** (Stuff Gowsman) - Junior Barrister
- **Tanner** - One Who Tans (Cures) Animal Hides Into Leather
- **Tapley** - One Who Puts The Tap In An Ale Cask
- **Tasker** - Reaper
- **Teamster** - One Who Drives A Team For Hauling
- **Tenterer** - Worker Who Would Hang Finished Cloth On Hooks To Dry Before Sale Thatcher - Roofer
- **Tickneyman** - Traveling Salesman Specializing In Pottery
- **Tide Waiter** - Custom Inspector
- **Tiller** - Farmer
- **Tinker** - Repairer Of Pots And Pans
- **Tinsmith** - One Who Makes Or Repairs Things Made Of Light Metal, Like Tin.
- **Tipper** - Maker Of Arrow Tips
- **Tipstaff** - Policeman
- **Topper** - Spinning Mill Worker
- **Tracer** - Drafter Who Traces Designs Using Wax Or Trace Paper
- **Travers** - Toll Bridge Collection
- **Treenmaker** - Artisan Of Wooden Housewares
- **Tucker** - Cleaner Of Cloth Goods
- **Turner** - A Person Who Turns Wood On A Lathe Into Spindles
- **Ulnager** - Woolens Inspector
- **Underviewer or Underlooker** - Mine Supervisor
- **Upright Worker** - Chimney Sweep
- **Vabster** - Weaver
- **Valet** - Personal Assistant To A Wealthy Man
- **Verderer** - Game Warden
- **Victualer** - A Tavern Keeper Or One Who Provides An Army, Navy, Or Ship With Food
- **Vulcan** - Blacksmith
- **Wagoner** - Teamster Not For Hire
- **Wainwright** - Wagon Maker
- **Waiter** - Customs Officer Or Tide Waiter
- **Wakeman** - Night Watchman
- **Warrener** - Gamekeeper And Butcher For The Rabbit Warrens On A Large Estate
- **Waterman** - Boatman Who Plies For Hire
- **Way Maker** - Road Builder
- **Webster** - Operator Of Looms
- **Weirkeeper** - A Fish Trapper
- **Wellwright** - Maker Of The Gears For Well Mechanisms
- **Wharfinger** - Owner Of A Wharf
- **Wheelwright** - One Who Made Or Repaired Wheels, Wheeled Carriages
- **Wherryman** - Sailor Of A Flat-Bottomed
- **Whitesmith** - Worker Of Cool Metals, As Opposed To A Blacksmith.
- **Whitewing** - Street Sweeper
- **Whitster** - Bleacher Of Cloth
- **Wright** - Workman, Especially A Construction Worker
- **Wyrth** - Laborer
- **Yagger** - Fish Peddler
- **Yatman** - Gatekeeper
- **Yeoman** - Farmer Who Owns His Own Land

