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EMPLOYMENT RECORDS

Comprehensive lists of occupational sources have been published in:

**Occupational Sources for Genealogists and
Londoners' Occupations: A Genealogical Guide**

both compiled by Stuart Raymond and published by the Federation of Family History Societies.

Guidance on individual occupations can be found in the:

My Ancestor Was ... Series

published by The Society of Genealogists

My Ancestor was a Royal Marine £6.95 Ken Divall.

Provides guidance in tracing ancestors who served in the Royal Marines. The book outlines the records available and where to find them and includes a chapter on the history of the service. (2008).

My Ancestor Was an Agricultural Labourer £7.50 Ian Waller.

Ian Waller's book enables you to understand the social and economic context of their lives while outlining the various records available to research these ubiquitous ancestors. (2007)

My Ancestors were Londoners £6.50 Cliff Webb.

A high proportion of our population has always lived in the London area and most genealogists will stumble across a Londoner in their research sooner or later! (2008)

My Ancestors were Thames Watermen £7.50 James Legon.

Guide to tracing watermen and lightermen who worked on the Thames. (2008)

My Ancestor Was a Coalminer £9.50 David Tonks.

Covers topics such as miners and mining, documentary evidence and where to go for further research. (2003).

My Ancestor was an Anglican Clergyman £6.50 Peter Towey

Topics discussed are (sources, sources from the English Civil War up to the nineteenth century, structure and hierarchy of the church, education and training of the clergy, ecclesiastical visitations and church courts, clergymen working overseas and more. (2006).

My Ancestor was a Lawyer £10.50 Brian Brooks and Mark Herber

Gives an overview of the legal profession in England and Wales and its records. Chapters include lawyers and their societies, institutions and records, (records of lawyers, records of the courts and much more. There is also a section on lawyers in Scotland, Ireland and English lawyers overseas. (2006)

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My Ancestor worked in the Theatre £5.95 Alan Ruston

Identifies libraries and record repositories, etc. where research can be undertaken as well as examples of how Victorian showmen were successfully traced and researched. Contents include topics of: newspapers, playbills, biographies, fair and circuses, music hall, sources in Ireland and Scotland, specialist archives and collections and more. (2005).

My Ancestors were Manorial Tenants £5.95 Peter Park.

Covers the feudal system, the manor court, land tenure, customs of the manor, court rolls & other records and finding records. Contains a very handy, extensive glossary and a useful bibliography. (2005).

My Ancestors were Baptists £7.95 Geoffrey R Breed. (2007)

My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman £8.50 Christopher and Michael Watts.

Packed full of places to search and the records that can be found in such record offices and archives, full listings of the same, their class and piece numbers, what to look for and where to find little known records (2002).

My ancestors were Congregationalists £3.90 David Clifford. (1997)

My Ancestors were Freemen of the City of London £4.95 Vivienne Aldous. (1999)

My Ancestors were Gypsies £6.50 Sharon Sillers Floate

Researching Gypsy ancestors, where to find records of them, and what to expect when you find them. Includes chapters on identifying a gypsy ancestor, naming customs, marriage and partnerships, occupations, circuits and settlements and gypsy society as well as more conventional sources. (2005)

My Ancestors were Methodists £6.95

Chapters include topics on Local source material (baptism, marriage and burial registers), other local material (circuit and chapel minutes, meeting minute books), national material (dissenting certificates ecclesiastical census 1851, etc.) and (connexional material (magazines, newspapers, biographies and histories) and more. (2005)

My Ancestor was a Policeman £5.50 (2000)

My Ancestors were English Presbyterians & Unitarians £4.95 Alan Ruston. (2001)

My Ancestors were in the Salvation Army £5.95 Ray Wiggins. (2007)

Indexes to London Livery Company Apprenticeship Registers

Published by The Society of Genealogists

1 Brewers' Company 1685-1800

2 Tylers' & Bricklayers' Company 1612-44,
1668-1800

3 Bowyers' Company 1680-1806; Fletchers'
Company 1739-54, 1767-1808;

Longbowstring Makers' Company 1604-69,
1709, 1714-17

4 Glovers' Company 1675-79, 1735-48, 1766-
1804

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- 5 Glass sellers' Company 1664-1812,
Woolmens' Company 1665-1828
- 6 Broderers' Company 1679-1713, 1763-1800,
Comb makers' Company 1744-50, Fan
makers' Company 1775-1805, Framework
Knitters' Company 1727-30, Fruiterers'
Company 1750-1815, Gardeners' Company
1764-1850, Horners' Company 1731-1800
- 7 Glaziers' Company 1694-1800
- 8 Gunmakers' Company 1656-1800
- 9 Needlemakers' Company 1664-1801,
Pinmakers' Company 1691-1723
- 10 Basket makers' Company 1639-1824
- 11 Distillers' Company 1659-1811
- 12 Makers of Playing Cards' Company 1675-
1760, Musicians' Company 1765-1800,
Saddlers' Company 1657-66, 1800, Tobacco
Pipe Makers' Company 1800
- 13 Pattenmakers Company 1673-1805
- 14 Spectacle Makers' Company 1666-1800,
Loriners' Company 1722-31, 1759-1800
- 15 Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers' Company
1693-1837
- 16 Tin Plate Workers' Company 1666, 1668,
1676, 1681, 1683-1800
- 17 Innholders' Company 1642-43, 1654-70,
1673-1800
- 18 Poulterers' Company 1691-1729, 1754-1800
- 19 Upholders' Company 1704-72
- 20 Paviers' Company 1568-1800
- 21 Founders' Company 1643-1800
- 22 Armourers' & Brasiers Company c. 1610-
1800
- 23 Coachmakers' & Coach Harness Makers
Company 1677-1800
- 24 Ironmongers' Company 1655-1800
- 25 Dyers' Company 1706-46
- 26 Cooks' Company 1654-1800
- 27 Masons' Company 1654-1800
- 28 Farriers' Company 1619-1800
- 29 Carmens' Company 1668, 1678-1800
- 30 Curriers' Company 1628-1800
- 31 Wax Chandlers' Company 1666-1800 &
Brown Bakers Company 1615-46
- 32 Apothecaries' Company 1617-69
- 33 Plumbers' Company 1571-1800
- 34 Plaisterers' Company 1597-1662, 1698-
1800
- 35 Cutlers' Company 1442-48, 1565-1800
- 36 Brewers Company 1531-1685
- 37 Feltmakers' Company 1676-82, 1692-1800
- 38 Painter-stainers' Company 1655, 1666-
1800
- 39 Tallow Chandlers' Company 1633-1800
- 40 Pewterers' Company 1611-1800
- 41 Blacksmiths' Company 1605-1800
- 42 Society of Apothecaries 1670-1800 with
Masons' Company 1619-39
- 43 Vintners' Company 1609-1800
- 44 Fishmongers' Company 1614-1800

Occupational Lists

Army, Navy, Air Force, Civil Service, Law, Medical Register, Nursing Register, Teachers
Crockford's Clerical, Catholic Directory
Professional Societies' membership lists

Directories

Post Office, Pigot's Kelly's etc, can be found in CROs, at TNA and at the Guildhall Library, London. The latter has probably the best collection in the country.

See also <http://www.historicaldirectories.org>

Apprentices

Check the catalogue of the relevant CRO and the Access to Archives, A2A, online catalogue (<http://www.a2a.org.uk>)

There is no guarantee that an apprentice indenture has survived nor, if it has survived and is in an archive, that it has been indexed.

Indexes to apprentices

<http://www.britishorigins.com> (pay per view)

Board of Stamps Apprenticeship Books

TNA: IR1 1710-1811

Duty paid on apprentices; does not cover parish or 'family' apprenticeships which were exempt from duty.

Indexes to both masters and apprentices for the period 1711-1774 are held at TNA.

Online Reference Works

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/reference-online.htm>

You will need to be a member of Hampshire Library to access these online resources.

The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

"An illustrated collection of more than 56,521 specially written biographies of the men and women from around the world who shaped all aspects of Britain's past."

Times Digital Archive, 1785-1985

19th Century British Newspapers Archive (1800-1900)

The Manchester Guardian from 1828 - 1959 and *The Guardian* from 1959 – 2003. *The Observer* is to follow.

Other Worthwhile Publications

Victoria County Histories

Survey of London

(some volumes are online at <http://www.british-history.ac.uk>)

Local History Society publications

Books about old trades and occupations: Shire Books

<http://www.shirebooks.co.uk>

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The Book of Trades or Library of Useful Arts, 3 volumes, 1811 – 1818. Transcription published by Wiltshire Family History Society

Volume I 1811: *Woolcomber, Spinner, Waterman, Basket Maker, Hat Maker, Jeweller, Bricklayer, Carpenter, Cooper, Stonemason, Sawyer, Smith, Shipwright, Mariner, Currier, Apothecary., Baker, Straw Hat Maker, Soap Boiler, Plumber, Dyer, Potter, Type-founder, Coachmaker, Tallow Chandler, Gardener, Hairdresser, Comb Maker, Lace Maker, Milliner, Feather-worker, Gold Beater.*

Volume II 1811: *Paviour, Turner, Brush Maker, Taylor, Shoemaker, Trunkmaker, Wheelwright, Iron Founder, Copperplate Printer, Painter, Engraver, Statuary, Brewer, Cutler, Merchant, Brickmaker, Rope Maker, Weaver, Stocking Weaver, Carpet Weaver, Ladies Dress Maker, Pin Maker, Needle Maker, Wire Drawer, Paper Maker, Printer, Bookbinder, Calico Printer, Tinplate Worker, Brazier, Button Maker, Cabinet Maker, Sadler, Glass Blower, Cork Cutter, Watchmaker*

Volume III 1818: *Attorney, Bleacher, Bookseller, Chemist & Druggist, Confectioner, Distiller, Gun Maker, Linen Draper, Looking-glass Maker, Machinist, Musical Instrument Maker, Optician, Pewterer, Tanner.*

Useful websites

Ranks Trades and Professions: some unusual occupations explained

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/hitch/gendocs/trades.html>

<http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/a.html>

Clergy of the Church of England Database

<http://www.theclergydatabase.org.uk/>

National Register of Archives: contains information on the nature and location of manuscripts and historical records that relate to British history.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/default.asp>

Hospital Records Database: provides information on the existence and location of the records of UK hospitals.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/>

ARCHON Directory: includes contact details for record repositories in the United Kingdom and also for institutions elsewhere in the world which have substantial collections of manuscripts noted under the indexes to the National Register of Archives.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon/>