



Apprentices Registers 1817-1922

The Registers records the names of apprentices with a connection to Wiltshire in some way and were selected by the Wiltshire Society to receive assistance. There are a few names that applied for apprenticeships but were unsuccessful and not selected.

We have attempted to show the parishes of association either through the apprentice having been born or living in the parish or one or both parents were born in the county. The candidate may in some cases be apprenticed to a master within the county. Some of the entries have further information that can be requested from the administrator via the Contact Us tab at the top of the page. Many of the candidates are apprenticed to masters in London and the names and addresses of the master may be requested as can the date of the apprenticeship, the duration and the amount of money paid to the master. The number of candidates selected was fixed each year according to available funds. Seven apprentices were to be taken from London Residents within the Metropolitan Board of Works, originally defined as the 'Limits of the Bills of Mortality'. The remainder were to be selected from either London or the county of Wiltshire. Applications were received by the Society in January of each year and the Committee examined each candidate. The application was often prepared by a solicitor and supported references from the local vicar or the child's teacher, as to his or her suitability for an apprenticeship.

NAME OF CANDIDATE		PARENTS NAMES				NOTES ABOUT PARENTS & OTHER INFORMATION	
SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	SURNAME	FATHER	MOTHER	MOTHER MAIDEN NAME		
Merritt	Arthur T.					Father was from Nursteed, a leather sales tradesman	
NAME OF MASTER		OCCUPATION OR INDUSTRY	ADDRESS OF MASTER	INDENTURE DETAILS			
SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES			DATE		PREMIUM	DURATION
		YEAR	DATE				
Stevens	Joseph J.	Builder	4 Northgate Street, Devizes	1920	16-Jul	£25	5 years
Candidate was granted £5 for tools							