

Terms and Occupations

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Faber	Smith; Maker
Faber-aerarius	Copper smith
Faber-aregentarius	Silversmith
Faber-aurantarius	Goldsmith
Faber-clavarum	Locksmith; key cutter
Faber-clavi	Nailmaker
Faber-clavorum	Nailmaker
Faber-ferrarius	Blacksmith
Faber-horologicum	Clock maker
Faber-lignarius	Carpenter
Faber-rotarius	Wheelwright
Fabri	Smith; Maker
Fabrifer	Blacksmith
Factor	putter-out in nailmaking; Steward of an estate in Scotland; Merchant who sells other peoples goodsfor commission
Fader	Father
Faggot	Woman or girl of bad character
Faggotter	One who prepares bark after it is stripped from a felled tree
Fagot	Inferior household servant who carried fagots
Faker	One who hand coloured photographs
Falcator	Mower
Famula	House servant
Famulus	House servant
Faner	Winnower
Fanner	Winnower
Fanwright	Maker of basket for winnowing grain
Farandman	Itinerant merchant
Fardingale	Quarter of an acre
Farmer	One who owns or works on a farm (agricultural or dairy); A paid collector of taxes for an authority; in Suffolk the eldest son of an occupier of a farm
Farrarrier	Farrier; Smith
Farrier	Horse shoeing smith
Father	Paternal parent; Registered male parent of a child; Catholic Priest; Founder of a nation, establishment or company; Sometimes a father-in-law or step father
Father-in-law	Father of a spouse; Stepfather; Adopted father
Favour	To resemble in features
Fawkenere	Falconer
Faytor	Fortune-teller
Fearnaught-maker	Maker of stout, thick woolen cloth chiefly for marine use
Feather worker	One who prepares feathers for the military, ladies headwear etc.
Feather-beater	One who prepares feathers for the military, ladies headwear etc.
Feller	One who laid seams in textiles
Fellmonger	Dealer in hides, especially sheepskins
Fellowship Porter	Member of Porters Guild of Billingsgate
Feltmaker	Hatter
Feodary	Officer concerned with inheritance of land and obligation of Crown tenants
Feoffee	One to whom freehold estate is conveyed by a feoffment
Ferator	Smith; Maker
Fermerere	Officer who had care of the infirmary

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Feroner	Ironmonger
Ferrar	Farrier; Smith
Ferrarius	Ironmonger
Ferrator	Smith; Maker
Ferrer	Farrier; Smith
Ferrifaber	Blacksmith
Ferur	Blacksmith or farrier
Fettler	One who sharpened needles
Feuterer	Dogkeeper
Fever	Blacksmith
Fewster	Maker of saddle trees
Fewterer	Hunting or coursing dog keeper
Feyer	Ditch cleaner
Fictor	Modeller of clay
Fieldman	Communal Officer regulating use of open fields
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Fieldreeve	Communal Officer regulating use of open fields
Fieldsman	Communal Officer regulating use of open fields
Figulus	Potter
Figure-caster	Astrologist
Finestiller	Distiller of molasses or treacle
Fingerer	Thief
Fireman	One who carried a candle to explode the fire-damp in a mine
Fireward	Fireman who is in charge in extinguishing fires
Firewarden	Fireman who is in charge in extinguishing fires
Fiscere	Fisherman
Fishdryer	Victualler
Fisher	Victualler
Fish-fag	Fishwife
Fitter	Machine adjuster or mechanic; Clothes outfitter; Coal-broker
Fitz	Son (sometimes illegitimate)
Flasher	Worker in glass
Flatman	Waterman who works on canals, rivers or coastal waters
Flauner	Confectioner
Flawer	One who fells trees and strips the bark
Flax-wench	Woman who spins flax
Flax-wife	Woman who spins flax
Flesher	Butcher
Fleshewer	Butcher
Fleshmonger	Pimp
Fletcher	One who feathered arrows; make of or dealer in bows and arrows
Flitter	Tatter
Flump	To fall heavily
Flusherman	Water mains cleaner
Fluter	One who grooves channels
Fluttergrub	Field labourer
Foal	Assistant to putter in coalmine

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Fogger	One who feeds and attends cattle; fodderer; headman at farm; manservant; groom; putter-out in nail trade; low class lawyer; pedlar
Fogger	Man Servant; Groom; Labourer; One who took fodder to cattle in the morning and evening; A corruption of Fodder
Folster	Fuller
Fore-elders	Ancestors (normally used in the northern counties)
Foreigner	Resident of a town who was not a citizen or not a member of a guild
Foremastman	Common seaman; able seaman
Foresarius	Forester
Forgeman	Superior coachsmith; over hammerman
Forwarder	One employed in bookbinding
Fossator	Digger; ditcher
Foster	Forester
Foster parent	Male or female legally caring for a child in loco parentis; person acting as a parent where a child is either orphaned or taken into the care of the local authority;
Fosterchild	Child in the care of someone acting as their parent; Child being cared for by local authorities.
Founder	Worker in brass, brass alloy or tin plate; one who cast metal; worker in a foundry
Foundry worker	Worker in metal foundry
Fourrier	Harbinger
Frame	Skeleton
Framework knitter	Maker of socks and stockings; stockinger; FWK
Franklin	Steward; bailiff; originally a freeholder who held is lands of the Crown
Frater	One who solicited alms under the pretence of their being for a hospital
Fraternal	Relating to ones brother
Fraternity	Brotherhood
Frereman	Servant to friars
Freser	Maker of rough plaster
Frickle	To potter about; Fidget; Worry
Friggling	Tiresome; Something which involves much attention to detail
Fripper	One who deals in frippery; seller of old clothes and rags; one who cleans old apparel for sale
Fripperer	One who deals in frippery; seller of old clothes and rags; one who cleans old apparel for sale
Friseur	Hairdresser
Frobisher	Armour polisher
Frodisher	Armour polisher
Fruiterer	Seller or grower of fruit
Fruentarius	Corn dealer
Fuckling	Tiresome; Something which involves much attention to detail
Fugator	Cattle drover
Fuggle	To potter about; Fidget; Worry
Fulker	Pawnbroker; usurer
Fuller	Tucker (in the South West); One who tramples cloth
Funambulist	Rope dancer or walker; tight rope walker in a circus
Funarius	Rope maker
Fur	Thief
Furarius	Baker; Furnace owner
Furber	Furbisher; armour polisher
Furbisher	Armour polisher
Furis	Thief
Furner	Baker; Furnace owner
Fuster	Maker of saddle trees

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Fusterer	Maker of pack saddles
Fustian weaver	One who made rough corduroy
FWK	Abbreviation used for Framework knitter