

| Term Used in Years Gone By | Modern Day Equivalent |
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| Wadsetter | One who holds pledge or mortgage as satisfaction for debt or obligation |
| Wager | Moulder of clay for pots, etc. |
| Waggoner | One who looked after the welfare of and worked the horses (Most common in Kent, Midland Counties, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. |
| Wain-men | Waggoners |
| Wainwright | Wagon maker |
| Waister | Man stationed in waist of ship; Vagabond; Person of bad reputation |
| Wait | Night watchman |
| Walesman | Worker in textile or basket making |
| Walker | Fuller mainly found in the North of England and Scotland); Forester |
| Walters | Women who rake the salt out of the leads at salt-works |
| Wantalius | Glover |
| Wantcatcher | Mole Catcher |
| Wanter | Mole-catcher |
| Warner | Warrener |
| Warper | One who forms the threads into the warp |
| Warrenarius | Gamekeeper; Warrener |
| Washer-woman | Laundress |
| Washman | Beggar who solicited charity with sham sores or fractures; One who applied the coating when making tinplate |
| Watcher | One who attends upon the sick during the night. |
| Water-gilder | One who gilds metallic surfaces usually with mercury amalgam |
| Water-leader | Water-carrier |
| Waterman | One who rows boats; Oarsman; Sculler |
| Water-workers | makers of meadow-drains and wet ditches especially in Norfolk |
| Wax-chandler | Maker of or dealer in candles |
| Wayman | Parish official or overseer in charge of highways; Surveyor of repairs; Keeper of private roads |
| Waywarden | Parish official or overseer in charge of highways; Surveyor of repairs; Keeper of private roads |
| Web | Weaver |
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| Wedlock | Wife |
| Wedman | Husband |
| Welder | Occupant; Owner; Ruler (All used in Ireland) |
| Wellmaster | Officer appointed by the court leet who was responsible for the supply of clean and adequate water |
| Wenche | Girl; Maid servant; Baby girl |
| West | Stye on the eye |
| Wet Nurse | One employed to suckle another woman's child |
| Wetglover | Maker of leather gloves |
| Wetter | One who wet blocks with ink in the printed trade |
| Wharfinger | Man who owns or has care of a wharf |
| Wheelwright | Maker of wheels for carriages and farm carts etc.. |
| Wherryman | One in charge of a wherry |
| Whie cooper | One who made tin barrels |
| Whig | Horse drover (Scotland); Politician between 1600s and 1850s (became the Liberal Party) |
| Whiparse | Schoolmaster |
| Whip-jack | Vagabond who begged for alms as a distressed seaman |
| Whipland | Land measured out by a whip's length when ploughed |
| Whipster | Bleacher (cloth trade) |
| Whisgig | To have fun; To lark about |
| Whitear | Cleanser of hides |
| Whitebaker | Baker of white bread |
| Whitesmith | Worker in "white" iron; Tinsmith (especially creating dairy utensils); One who polished and finished metal goods as distinguished from one who forged them; Whitster |

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| Whitester | Bleacher of Linen; Whitesmith |
| Whitewing | Street sweeper |
| Whitower | Maker of harness or saddle; collar maker; Ealier one who turned skins into white leather |
| Whitster | Bleacher of Linen; Whitesmith |
| Whittawer | Maker of harness or saddle; collar maker; Ealier one who turned skins into white leather |
| Whopstraw | Country bumpkin |
| Wich-waller | Salt-boiler main in Cheshire |
| Wicker | Osier |
| Wickerman | Osier |
| Widow | Female having buried a husband and not remarried |
| Widower | Male having buried a wife and not remarried |
| Widver | Widower |
| Wife-modir | Mothr-in-law |
| Wifler | Huckster |
| Winder | One who wound 2, 3, or more skeins together to make a compound thread; Woman who has the charge of a corpse between death and burial |
| Window-peeper | District surveyor of taxes |
| Winter-cricket | Tailor |
| Wire drawer | One who draws metal into wire; Wire-miller |
| Wire miller | One who draws metal into wire; Wire drawer |
| Wish | Stye on the eye |
| Wisp | Stye on the eye |
| Witnesses | Godparents; Those who saw an incident and recounted such to the authorities |
| Wood-collier | Charcoal burner |
| Wood-collyer | Charcoal burner; Wood-collier |
| Wood-hacker | Woodman (Mainly used in Lincolnshire) |
| Woodman | Carpenter (Mainly used in Derbyshire); Forester; Lumber-jack; Woodward; Wood-reeve |
| Wood-reeve | Forester; Woodward |
| Woodward | One having charge of growing timber; Forest keeper; Wood-reeve |
| Wool-comber | One who prepares wool before the manufacture of worsted, serges, etc.. |
| Wool-driver | One who buys wool and carries it to market |
| Woolman | Dealer in wool |
| Wool-piecener | One who joins broken threads |
| Wool-stapler | One who deals in wool; buys, grades and sells to anufacturers |
| Wool-winder | One who makes up the wool into bundles for sale |
| Wooset | Skimmington Ride (Public disapproval of marital infidelities - rough justice) |
| Wright | Manufacturer such as a Wheelwright, Cartwright etc.. |