



Apprentices Registers 1710-1760

The County Registers records the names of apprentices and their masters. The registers record the payment of duties on apprenticeship indentures, which came into force on 1 May 1710 as a result of an act of Parliament the previous year. Duty was liable on all indentures at the rate of 6d in the £ on premiums of £50 and under, and 1s. in the £ on larger sums, and was paid at either Devizes or Salisbury. Duty was normally payable by the master or mistress, except in cases where an apprentice was placed out at public charge or charity. Some Wiltshire apprentices were placed outside Wiltshire in neighbouring counties, and apprentices from other counties were sometimes placed in Wiltshire. Information contained in the register generally includes: Apprentice's name, parentage, abode and parent's occupation; master's name, employment and abode; date of indenture; term of apprenticeship, if other than 7 years; premium paid. Later entries do not always include so much information.

NAME OF CANDIDATE		PARENTS NAMES				NOTES ABOUT PARENTS & OTHER INFORMATION	
SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	SURNAME	FATHER	MOTHER	MOTHER MAIDEN NAME		
Blessett	William	Blessett	John				
NAME OF MASTER		OCCUPATION OR INDUSTRY	ADDRESS OF MASTER	INDENTURE DETAILS			
SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES			DATE		PREMIUM	DURATION
		YEAR	DATE				
Locke	Wadham	Attorney	Devizes	1744	04-Oct	£157 10s	5 years