

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Cachere	Hunter
Cack-handed	Left handed; clumsy
Cad	One who watered horses
Caddle	Trouble; Confusion; Disorder; example I'm all in a caddle.
Cadet	Younger or youngest son
Cadger	Carrier/Pedlar of small wares by horse and cart; Street seller or beggar; Bringer of butter and eggs from country to market; Tramp; Huckster
Caementarius	Mason
Cafender	Carpenter
Caffler	Rag and Bone man
Caird	Tinker
Cakebread	Baker
Calcarius	Spurrier
Calcearius	Shoemaker
Calciarius	Shoemaker
Calenderman	Cloth presser
Caligarius	Boot maker
Call	Reason as in no call to be so rude
Calumniater	Slandere; One who accuses falsely
Cambist	Banker
Camerist	Lady's Maid
Cancellarius	Chancellor
Candelarius	Chandler
Cannoneer	Artillery man
Cannonier	Artillery man
Canter	Vagabond
Canvas climber	Sailor
Cape merchant	Head merchant in a factory
Capper	Cap maker
Carbonarius	Charcoal burner/seller; Collier
Carbonator	Charcoa burner
Card nailer	One who maintained carding machines
Carder	One who combs wool
Cardmaker	Maker of cards or instruments for wool making
Carectarius	Carter
Carman	One who drives horse and small cart or small covered wagon
Carnarius	Butcher; Fletcher
Carnifex	Butcher; Public Executioner
Carpentarius	Carpenter
Carriage-maker	Coach maker
Carrier	Badger
Carter	Waggoner or stable headman
Carvaer	Surveyor
Casehardener	One who turn iron into steel
Caseman	Compositor
Cashmarie	Fish pedlar
Catagman	Cottar
Catchpole	Parish Official
Catch-rogue	Constable or bailiff
Cater-cousin	Quarter cousin; remote relative

Terms and Occupations - C

Cauciour	Surveyor
Caulker	One who sealed the seams of ship
Cauponarius	Inn holder or keeper
Causidick	Attorney; Advocate; Lawyer
Causidicus	Attorney; Advocate; Lawyer
Cautioner	One who becomes security for another; bondsman (mainly in Scottish law)
Celerer	Officer in a monastery who was in charge of provisions
Century	A belt maker
Ceorl	Anglo-Saxon peasant farmer
Cerographist	Engraver in wax
Cerotecarius	Glover
Chafer	Lime-kiln worker
Chafewax	An officer who fits wax for sealing writs
Chaffer	Merchant
Challender	One who sells blankets
Chaloner	Blanket maker
Chambermaster	Boot and shoe maker
Chanceling	Illegitimate child
Chandler	Candlemaker; Dealer in maritime goods
Chapchurch	Parish Clerk
Chapeler	Hatter
Chapman	Merchant, hawker, pedlar and dealer in small wares; originally a cheapener
Chapman	Pedlar in pins, buttons, cottons, combs etc.
Charterer	Freeholder
Chartmaster	One who takes contract work in coal mine and then hires labourers; Butty
Chasseur	Light armed foot or cavalry soldier
Chawcot	Charlcott
Cheapener	Merchant, hawker, pedlar and dealer in small wares
Cheapjack	Better class of Chapman
Cheirothecarius	Glover
Cherel	Churl, carl, serf or peasant
Chester	One who embalms or places corpses in coffins
Chiffonnier	Rag gatherer
Childe	Eldest son of a nobleman
Chipples	Spring Onions
Chirographer	One who engrosses deeds of conveyance
Chiromancer	One skilled in palmistry
Chirotecarius	Glover
Chirurgion	Surgeon or apothecary
Chirurgus	Surgeon or apothecary
Chooky pig	Woodlouse
Chowder	Fish seller (mainly in Devon)
Chucker	One who supplies the oven in biscuit making
Church reeve	Churchwarden
Churchman	Churchwarden
Churchmaster	Churchwarden
Chyrurgeon	Surgeon or apothecary
Ciderist	Maker of cider
Cisier	Cobbler
Cissor	Tailor

Terms and Occupations - C

Cives	Citizen
Civis	Citizen
Clapman	Town crier
Clapperdudgeon	Beggar
Classman	Unemployed labourer more often used in Suffolk
Clatter	One who processed cow clats
Clavifaber	Nailmaker
Claviger	Servant
Clericus	Clerk in orders
Clericus huius parochiae	Clerk of this parish
Clicker	Cutter of leather for shoemaking; foreman shoemaker; arranger of composition in form for printing; someone who stood outside a shop inviting customers inside
Climmer	Someone who climbed cliffs to gather sea bird eggs to sell on to collectors
Clipper	Sheep-shearer
Clockmaker	Until 1631 part of blacksmith's company
Clod-hopper	Farmour's labourer; very heavy shoes or clogs
Clothier	One who fuls and dresses cloth
Clothworker	fuller or shearman
Clouter	Nailmaker
Coach-maker	Carriage-maker; body-maker; body-painter; trimmer
Coal-backer	Coal porter at docks
Coal-bearer	One who pulls coal from coal face to pit bottom
Coal-drawer	One who pulled loaded wagons ina pit
Coal-fitter	Factor who conducts sales between pit owner and coal merchant
Coal-hever	Coal whipper
Coal-higgler	Coal dealer usually using a horse and cart
Coal-whipper	One who unloads coal from ships
Coast waiter	Customs officer
Cobber	Bal-maiden
Cobbler	Shoe repairer
Cock-laird	Scottish yeoman
Cocus	Cook
Codder	Gatherer of cods or pease; one who works in a cod fishery; saddler; bagman; chapman
Cogger	Seaman
Cogman	Dealer in course cloth
Coistrel	Under groom
Coistril	Under groom
Coker	Reaper; Originally charcoal maker who appeared at harvest time
Collector of the poor	Overseer of the poor
Collectioner	Pauper; receiver of relief from parish funds; abbreviated to Collr
College	A body of bakers
Collier	Charcoal seller; later a coal miner
Colonus	Husbandman
Colorator	Dyer
Colourman	Preparer of colours for painters in pottery
Colporteur	One who travels vending religious pamphlets
Colt	Apprentice
Comb Maker	One cuts combs in horn or tortoiseshell
Combere	Woolcomber
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Comedianus	Actor

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Comical	Funny; Not well
Commere	Godmother
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Concher	Man who blasts rock between seams of coal
Conder	One who signals the course of fish to the helmsman of a ship
Confiner	Neighbour or borderer
Constable	Parish policeman, appointed by vestry; Officer of local government; beat policeman with police authority
Constabularius	Parish policeman, appointed by vestry; Officer of local government
Constant man	Agricultural labourer regularly working for the same employer
Cont-catcher	Mole catcher
Cooper	Maker and repairer of barrels, pails, tubs, casks etc.
Coopertor	Roofer; thatcher
Copeman	Dealer; merchant; later receiver of stolen goods
Cophinarius	Basket maker
Coquus	Cook
Corarius	Currier; saddler
Corbio	Basket maker
Cordewanarius	Worker in Cordova leather, usually shoemaker but also bottle and harness maker
Cordiner	Worker in Cordova leather, usually shoemaker but also bottle and harness maker
Cordwainer	Worker in Cordova leather, usually shoemaker but also bottle and harness maker
Coreator	Currier; saddler
Cornet	Lowest commissioned rank in a cavalry regiment
Correator	Currier; saddler
Corretier	Horse dealer
Corver	Basket maker
Corveyser	Shoemaker
Corvisor	Shoemaker
Coryar	Currier
Cosier	Botcher
Costardmonger	Costermonger
Costermonger	Seller of apples; later fruit and vegetable seller from barrows; itinerant seller of fruit
Cotiler	Cutler
Cotlander	Cottager who keeps a horse for ploughing his small piece of land
Cottager	Occupier; owner of tenement of less than 8 or 10 acres
Cottar	Tenant of a cottage or small landowning & provider of labour on the manor farm
Cotter	Tenant of a cottage or small landowning & provider of labour on the manor farm
Cottsettle	Cottager
Coucher	One who removed cataracts; one of the jobs in paper-making
Count	Expect; Think; Bank; as in don't count on it
Countercaster	Merchant
Countour	Treasurer; Collector and auditor of county rates
Couper	Buyer/seller of cattle or houses
Coupiator	Woodman
Couple beggar	Itinerant priest who performed marriages pre 1754, often admitted to Holy Orders without having attended theological college (common in Ireland); Hedge-priest; knitbeggar
Courage bater	Gelder
Course-man	Groom
Cousin	Kinsman; child of aunt or uncle; old use as niece/nephew; also used for a great friend
Cousin german	First cousin
Coverlet weaver	One employed in cloth manufacturing
Cow-leech	Cow doctor

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Cozier	Tailor
Cramer	Tinker; peddler who sold books in the marketplace
Crankies	Pitmen
Crapper	Quarryman who made slates
Crateman	One who distributed pottery in panniers on a donkey
Creamer	On who has a stall in a market or at a fair.
Creek	Servant (more often used in Norfolk)
Cricer	Man who carries heavy loads on a horse
Crofter	Scottish smallholder; bleacher or dyer
Croker	One who grows saffron crocus
Cross-sweeper	One who swept horse dung from the roads
Crowder	Fiddle or violin player especially in Devon
Crowdy	Apple turnover
Crowdy-mutton	Fiddle player
Crowkeeper	Boy employed to scare crows from land
Crowther	Fiddle player
Cubby-hole	Warm place; Snug corner; small cupboard; hiding place for small objects
Cuhreur	Currier
Cultarius	Mattress-maker; upholsterer
Cultellarius	Cutler
Cultor	Farmer
Cunreur	Currier
Cuparius	Cooper
Cuper	Cooper
Cuprifaber	Coppersmith
Curreter	Canvasser; broker
Currier	One who dresses & colours leather afte tanning; one who grooms horses
Cursor	Clerk in Chancery Court who draws up wills
Cursiter	Clerk in Chancery Court who draws up wills
Cutler	Maker of swords, knives & instruments