

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Laborarius	Labourer
Lace-drawer	One who drew out threads in lace
Lace-runner	One who embroidered patterns on lace
Lace-sprigger	One who ornaments fabric with sprigs
Lacewoman	Lady's Maid
Lackland	A person owning no land
Lader	Badger
Lagger	Sailor
Lakeer	Locksmith
Lameter	Cripple
Lamiger	Cripple
Lamplighter	One who lit gas lamps along the public highways and streets
Lanarius	Woollen Merchant; Weaver
Lander	Miner at mouth of shaft to receive kibble of ore; One who washed clothers
Landerer	One who washed clothes
Landingwaiter	Customs officer dealing with landed goods
Land-reeve	Assistant land steward
Landwaiter	Customs officer dealing with landed goods
Lanebegot	Bastard
Laniator	Butcher
Lanius	Butcher
Lannock	Long narrow piece of land
Lapidarius	Stonemason
Lappior	Miner who dresses refuse of ores; in Cornwall a word used for a dancer
Lare-father	Schoolmaster (of Northern origin)
Laterarius	Bricklayer
Latimer	Interpreter
Latouner	Worker in latten, similar to brass
Latro	Brigand; Thief
Latronis	Brigand; Thief
Lattener	Worker in latten, similar to brass
Launder	One who washes linen
Launderer	One who washed and ironed clothes and linen
Launderess	One who washed and ironed clothes and linen
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Lavender	Washerwoman
Lawless parson	Cleric willing to marry couples at uncanonical times and places
Law-writer	Clerk employed to copy briefs, deeds etc.
Layer	Worler in papermaking
Leachman	Surgeon
Leadsman	One in a vessel who heaves the lead in taking soundings; Pilot
Leeper	Basket maker
Lear	Very Cold; Extremely Hungry; Starving
Leaser	Gleaner
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Lecturer	Clergyman without a benifice, employed to preach
Leeper	Basket maker
Leer	Very Cold; Extremely Hungry; Starving
Legger	Man conveying barge through canal tunnel by pushing with his legs against the walls
Leghorn Merchant	Hat maker of Italoan plait from Leghorn
Leightonward	Gardener

Terms and Occupations

Leyward	Stonemason
Libber	Gelder (Northern origin)
Licket	All in pieces
Liegeman	Vassal
Lifter	Thief
Lighterman	Boatman of a lighter
Lignarius	Joiner
Limb-trimmer	Tailor (Northern)
Limner	Painter of portraits of miniatures; Draughtsman
Linkman	One who carries a torch to light passengers
Linman	Flax-seller
Linsey-weaver	Weaver of mixed fibres e.g. linen and wool
Lipper	Man who blasts rock between seams of coal; Concher
Lister	Dyer
Listre	One who reads some parts of the church service
Litster	Dyer
Litterman	Groom (Origin Warwickshire)
Loadsman	Pilot of ship or boat
Loblolly boy	Ship doctor's assistant; Errand Boy
Lodemmen	Carters; Carriers
Lodesmen	Ship's pilot or steersman
Lollop	To loll about; to be lazy
Lolloper	Lazy person
Lombard	Banker; Money lender; Pawnbroker
Longshoreman	Waterfront worker loading and unloading ships; Stevedore; Docker
Lopper	One who cuts trees
Loppity	To feel weak or out of sorts
Lozman	Bit-maker
Lorimer	Maker of bridles, bits, spurs etc. for horses; Saddler
Loriner	Maker of bridles, bits, spurs etc. for horses; Saddler
Lot-meads	Common meadow divided into equal sized pieces
Lotseller	Street seller
Ludimagister	Schoolmaster
Lug	Land measure (pole or perch) in Wiltshire can be three lengths - either 15, 16½ or 18 feet
Lumber Dealer	Timber merchant
Lummekin	Ungainly, heavy or clumsy person or object
Lumper	One who loads or unloads ships; Stevedore; Docker
Lungs	Fire blower to a chemist
Lyner	Flax dresser