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Glossary of Occupations

Ag. Lab. Agricultural labourer, doing work on farms for the farmers.

Apprentice A boy or young man learning a trade

Attendant Someone employed to help visitors to a building

Blacksmith Made horseshoes and other metal goods.

Brewer Someone who brews beer

Cabman Horse drawn taxi driver

Carter Man in charge of a horse and cart

Charwoman Cleaner

Clerk Someone who does paperwork, filling in documents.

Coachman Person in charge of horse and coaches.

Confectioner Maker and seller of sweets

Cordwainer Shoemaker (not bootmaker). Often made other goods from leather

too, such as leather bottles.

Costermonger Street seller, often selling fruit.

Domestic duties Housewife, looking after the home. She would clean, shop and

cook.

Draper Seller of wool and other cloth.

Errand boy Lowest paid job in an office or shop. He would deliver messages,

sweep the floors and make the tea.

General Servant (domestic) Servant in a house, cleaning and doing the housework.

Gloveress Female glove maker.

Groom In charge of the horses

Herbalist Someone who used herbs to create medicines.

Hosiery Maker Maker of socks and stockings.

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House Keeper Female head servant, responsible for organizing the cleaning and

running of the house and managing the other servants.

Iron Turner Metal worker

Joiner Wood worker, especially on building sites.

Land Proprietor Bought and sold pieces of land.

Leather Parer Leather worker so cut up pieces of leather.

Life Assurance Agent Sold life insurance to people. Sometimes went door to door.

Local Preacher A Methodist (or other non-conformist) preacher who is not paid.

Maid Female servant, doing cleaning and other jobs.

Milliner Maker of women's hats.

Moulder Worked in either a pottery or an iron foundry

Nurseryman Grew food or flowers on a small plot of ground (nursery)

Outfitter Clothes shop owner

Porter Carried bags for travellers

Publican Owned or managed a pub

Seamstress Sewed cloth either by hand or by machine

Scholar Schoolchild

Stay Maker Maker of stays for women's underclothes.

Tailor Clothes maker.

Tobacconist Shopkeeper who sells tobacco related products.

Victualler Food shop owner, or an inn keeper who served meals