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| Advocate | a lawyer who is qualified to plead before the higher courts of law (corresponds to a barrister in England) |
| Ag. Lab. | agricultural labourer |
| Alewife | a woman who sells ale |
| Annealer | a person who processes metal or glass by heating it in a furnace and then immersing it in a chemical bath |
| Annuitant | person who receives an annuity (guaranteed payment made yearly either for life or for a specified number of years) |
| Apothecary | druggist, pharmacist |
| App. | Apprentice |
| Artisan | a skilled manual worker |
| B. or Bach. | Bachelor |
| Bailie | magistrate in a Scottish burgh |
| Bailiff | the protector of fishing rights on a river |
| Banksman | a person in charge of miner's cages at the pithead |
| Bargeman | a manager of a barge |
| Baron bailie | a magistrate appointed by a lord superior in a burgh of barony |
| Batcher | in textiles e.g. jute or flax, a person who sorted the bales of different qualities and colours into batches ready to be prepared for spinning |
| Baxter | baker |
| Beadle | a church officer attending the Minister |
| Beamer | see Steam Loom Beamer |
| Beadman/bedeman | a licensed beggar |
| Beetler | Operated a beetling machine, used in the textile industry as part of the finishing process. The cloth would be pounded with heavy weights to flatten and close up the threads, thereby producing a sheen. |

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| Besom Maker | a maker of brooms |
| Birlayman/Birlieman | an arbiter in parish disputes |
| Blaxter | see Bleacher |
| Bleacher | a person who whitens cloth or paper pulp |
| Blockcutter | a person who makes the hand-carved blocks used to print patterns onto e.g. textiles, paper, and linoleum |
| Blockprinter | a person who prints onto e.g. textiles, paper or linoleum from hand-carved blocks |
| Bobbin Turner | a person who makes bobbins or spools out of wood for the textile industry |
| Bonnet Laird | a small landowner (wore a bonnet, not the hat of the gentry). Distinct from the nobles and lairds in that they work the land themselves alongside their servants. Mainly to be found in the south west of Scotland. |
| Boot laster | a person who fits the parts of boots/shoes to a last (model of foot on which they are made or repaired) |
| Boot Sprigger | a person who nails boots together with sprigs, small headless or almost headless nails |
| Bowman | a sub-tenant who farms a tenant's cows for a season |
| Braboner | weaver |
| Brakeman | a person employed to manage the brakes on a train |
| Brewster | makes ale or beer |
| Burgess | person having the freedom of a burgh |
| Caddie | a person who runs errands, a messenger |
| Cadger | traveling dealer, carrier |
| Calenderer | passed cloth through heavy rollers to give a smooth, pressed finish to the woven fabric |

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| Carder | a person who prepares wool for spinning by brushing with wire pads |
| Cartwright | builds freight vehicles |
| Catechist | church teacher |
| Caulker | a person who presses oakum (tared rope) into the seams of ships to make them watertight |
| Chamberlain | senior indoor manservant |
| Chandler | a candle/candlestick maker, dealer in candles, oils or soap |
| Charwoman | a cleaner |
| Chelsea Pensioner | an elderly, often disabled, ex-soldier |
| Clogger | a person who makes clogs |
| Cloth lapper | worked in textile finishing, folding or doubling the cloth repeatedly upon itself ready for packing |
| Coal grieve | mine overseer |
| Coalhewer/collier/colzear | miner |
| Coaltrimmer | a person who stores or shifts coal on barges or ships |
| Cobbler | mends shoes |
| Collector of Cess | tax collector |
| Colourman | a mixer of dyes in textiles |
| Colporteur | a travelling salesman, especially of religious tracts and books |
| Commercial Traveller | a travelling sales representative for a company |
| Compositor | a person who sets up type for printing |
| Cooper/cowper | maker of barrels/casks |
| Copwinder | a person who winds yarn onto cops, which fit into the shuttle, providing the weft thread for weaving |
| Cordiner/cordwainer | shoemaker |
| Costermonger | a seller of fruit and vegetables from a barrow |

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| Cottar | a tenant occupying a cottage with or without land attached to it, a married farmworker who has a cottage as part of his contract (cot-house - tied farmworker's cottage) |
| Cowper | see Cooper |
| Creelman/creilmaker | makes/sells creels for lobster/crab fishing |
| Crofter | person occupying a smallholding |
| Currier | a person who curries or dresses tanned leather |
| Cutler | a person who makes or sells knives |
| Dagmaker | mitten maker (mainly for fishermen) |
| Day labourer | worker paid by the day |
| Dean of Guild | head of a craft or trade |
| Dempster | a judge; an officer of the court who pronounced sentence |
| Dominie | a schoolmaster or tutor |
| Dom. Servt. | domestic servant i.e. indoor |
| Draper | a dealer in cloth, textiles and clothing |
| Drawer | a person, often a child, who pushes or pulls a cart full of coal using ropes and chains |
| Drayman | a carter |
| Dresser | a surgeon's assistant |
| Drover | driver of cattle or sheep to market |
| Drysalter | a dealer in salted or dry meats, pickles and sauces |
| Dyker | wall builder |
| Enumerator | a person employed to issue Census forms and to collect and copy the information into books |
| Excise man | a collector of excise tax or duty |
| Factor | estate manager |
| Farm Servant | a farm worker contracted to work for a farmer |

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| Farrier | horse doctor |
| Fencible | militiaman or volunteer soldier called to fight in a local or regional crisis |
| Feuar | a person who holds lands in return for payment of feu-duty, a stipulated annual amount in cash or kind |
| Flaxdresser | see Hackler/Heckler |
| Flesher | butcher |
| Fletcher | an arrow-maker |
| Fremd bearer | a bearer who is not related to the collier i.e. not his wife or daughter. See Bearer |
| Founder | a person who casts metal |
| F.S. | female servant |
| Fuller | person who cleanses and thickens cloth |
| Gamekeeper | a person in charge of wild game on an estate |
| Ganger | the foreman of a gang of labourers |
| Gauger | a person who works in excise |
| Gen. Lab. | general labourer |
| Gentleman | a well-to-do man of no occupation |
| Ghillie | historically a Highland Chief's attendant; the person who looks after wild game on a Highland estate |
| Girnalman | a person in charge of a granary or meal store |
| Grieve | farm overseer, head worker on a farm |
| Guidfather | father-in-law |
| Guidmother | mother-in-law |
| Guidsire/Gudesir | grandfather |
| Guidwife | mistress of a household |
| Gutcher/Gowcher | grandfather |
| Haberdasher | a person who sells small sewing goods |
| Half-timer/HT Scholar | a child who spends half the day in factory school and the other half working in the |

factory. Dundee was the last city in Scotland to abolish half-time working, in 1918

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| Hammerman | a person who operates a hammer e.g. in a blacksmith's, or shipyard, or a steam hammer in a foundry |
| Hawker | a person who goes round houses or streets selling their wares |
| Hackler/Heckler | a person who carries out the early stages of preparing raw fibre (e.g. jute and flax) for spinning. Hackle-pins and fluted rollers were used to comb and soften the fibre and, in the case of jute, an emulsion of oil and water (whale oil until the late 19th century) was applied to assist the process. |
| Hecklemaker | flax comb maker |
| Heritor | landowner with responsibility for the upkeep of the parish church, school, poor and the wages of the schoolteacher and stipend of the minister |
| Hind | a married farm servant, e.g. a skilled ploughman with his own cottage, who worked on the land with his wife and family |
| H.L.W. | handloom weaver |
| Horse-Couper | a person who deals in horses |
| Husbandman | tenant of a dwelling and land on an estate |
| Independent | a person who lives without the necessity of working, or having help from others |
| Japanner | a person who applies a glossy black varnish or lacquer finish to e.g. furniture |
| J./Jour. | journeyman - between an apprentice and master of a trade |
| J.P. | Justice of the Peace |
| Laird | landowner |
| Lath-splitter | person who splits wood into laths |
| Laxfisher | salmon fisherman |

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| Lengthsman | a person responsible for the upkeep of a particular stretch of railway or road |
| Liferenter | person who has a liferent (right to receive revenue during his lifetime from property etc. but not to dispose of the property itself) |
| Litster | dyer |
| Lorimer | maker of metal horse harness parts |
| Lockman | a hangman |
| Lorimer | a maker of metal horse harness parts |
| Loun | boy |
| Maltman | processed barley into malt for brewing |
| Mariner | sailor |
| Mason | a person who works with stone |
| Min. | minister, miner |
| Mouterer | a miller, person who receives a fee for grinding grain |
| M.S. | male servant, maiden surname, Merchant Service |
| Orraman | a farm odd-job man |
| Ostler | a person who looks after horses at an inn |
| Outworker | a person engaged in outdoor work, field work or work away from the shop or factory |
| Overseer | person in charge of a factory or worksite |
| Pauper | a person who is destitute, one who is forced to rely on some form of charity or public provision |
| Pendicler | the tenant of a pendicle - a small piece of ground forming part of a larger holding or farm, often let out to a sub-tenant |
| Piecer | a person employed to join broken threads in a spinning factory |
| Pirn-winder | a person who winds yarn onto bobbins or spools for weaving |

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| Pitman | a person who works in a coal pit or saw pit, especially at sinking, repairing and inspecting shafts |
| Pit Sawyer | the bottom sawyer in a sawpit |
| Pit Shanker/Shanksman | see Pitman |
| Pit Sinker | see Pitman |
| Plate layer | a person who lays, fixes and attends to the rails of a railway |
| P.L.W. | power-loom weaver |
| Pointsman | a railway worker who operates rail points |
| Portioner | proprietor/joint proprietor of land |
| Precentor | the leader of the singing of a church choir or congregation |
| Probationer | a person who is licensed to preach, but is not yet ordained to a charge |
| Provost/Lord Provost | leader of town council |
| Puddler | an ironworker operating a puddling or ball furnace |
| Pump-boy | in mining, a child employed to pump water out of the pit to enable the miners to work |
| Pupil | a child up to age 12 (girl) and age 14 (boy) |
| Putter | man or boy employed to bring the putts (carts) of coal from the coalface to the bottom of the shaft for removal |
| Queyn/Quine | a young woman (NE Scotland) |
| Queynie/Quinie | a little girl (NE Scotland) |
| Reeler | put the yarn onto reels in preparation for weaving |
| Residenter | inhabitant, especially one of long-standing |
| Rivetter | a person who joins metal plates together with rivets e.g. in shipbuilding |
| Rtd | retired |
| Saddler | person who makes and sells saddles |
| Salter | salt merchant/manufacturer |

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| Sawbones | a surgeon/physician |
| Sawyer | a worker in timber pit or sawmill |
| Scallag | the poor servant of a tacksman |
| Scavenger | a person who cleans the street (scaffie) |
| Scrivener | a scribe employed to draw up contracts |
| Servitor | an assistant, lawyer's clerk, apprentice, assistant schoolmaster |
| Session clerk | senior elder in a Church of Scotland congregation |
| Settmaker | a person who fashions setts, blocks of stone, usually granite, used in paving of roads, etc |
| Sexton | a church officer who rings the church bell, buries the dead, attends the clergyman |
| Ship plater | person who fashions the plate (sheet metal) covering the hull of a ship |
| Shuttlemaker | a maker of the shuttles used in weaving cloth |
| Sieve-wright | person who makes sieves |
| Skinner | a person who prepares hides |
| Souter | a cobbler, shoemaker |
| Stay Maker | a maker of corsets |
| Steam loom beamer | in textile industry, wound the warp threads onto a roller before putting it on to the loom |
| Stevedore | a person who loads/unloads ships' cargoes |
| Stone Dresser | a person who prepares stones for building |
| Stravaiger | a vagrant |
| Straw Plaiter | a person who plaits straw for making hats |
| Superior | a granter of land to another, who became his vassal in return for perpetual payment of feu-duty |
| Surfaceman | a worker who keeps the railway bed in good repair; in mining, a person engaged in ancillary work above ground |

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| Tacksman | a person who holds a lease and sublets land to others. (Tacksmen were found mostly in the Highlands from the 17th Century, and were often a close relative of the Chief. Although some of them farmed the land themselves, most lived off the difference between the low rent they paid to the Chief and the rents they charged to sublet the land.) |
| Tanner | a person who cures hides to produce leather |
| Tapsman | a head servant; the person in charge of a drove |
| Tenter | a mechanic who repairs power looms |
| Thatcher | a person who thatches roofs using reeds, heather or turf |
| Tide-waiter/Tidesman | customs officer who boards ships to inspect goods |
| Todman | a person employed to kill foxes (tods) on an estate |
| Trapper | in mining, a person, often a child, who opens/shuts the gates underground for coal/people to pass through |
| Turner | uses a lathe to fashion wood |
| Vassal | a tenant holding land under a superior in return for payment of feu-duty, an annual payment in cash or kind |
| Victualler | purveyor of provisions, grocer |
| Vintner | wine merchant, person who sells wine |
| Wadsetter | a person enjoying the use and tenure of part of a landowner's estate under a mortgage arrangement |
| Wean | child, little one |
| Walker/Waulker | see Fuller |
| Webster | weaver |
| Wet nurse | a person employed to suckle a child for its mother |

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| Whitefisher | fisherman who catches white fish e.g. cod |
| Winder | in textile industry, wound the warp thread from bobbins onto large spools, or the weft thread onto cops, in preparation for weaving |
| Wool-stapler | a person who weighs wool for market, a dealer in wool |
| Wright | carpenter |
| Writer | lawyer |
| Yarndresser | see Hackler/Heckler |