

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Macellarius	Victualler
Macer	Court Officer
Machin	Stonemason
Macstar	Poulterer or egg-seller
Macun	Mason
Magister	Schoolmaster
Main	Good; Excellent
Mainpast	One for whom another is legally responsible
Maior	Mayor
Maister	Master; Husband; Head of household
Major	Mayor
Maker-up	Garment assembler; Druggist
Malender	Farmer
Malignant	Name used for a Royalist supporter during the Commonwealth period
Manciple	Steward; Purveyor
Man-mercier	Vendor of small articles of men's dress e.g. gloves
Mannequin	Fashion Model; Originally a wooden or material model of human form used by dressmakers
Mantle forewoman	Highly skilled dressmaker
Mantua-maker	Maker of ladies dresses
Marbler	One who veins paper etc. in imitation of marble
Marcerus	Mercer
Marescallus	Farrier; Marshall
Mariner	Navigator
Marker	One who stamps out in biscuit making
Marlboro' handed	Awkward; Clumsy
Marshall	Military rank; maintainer of law within the military; High ranking lawman of the United States
Masoner	Bricklayer more often used in Leicestershire
Masser	Mercer normally used in Lancashire
Masters of the parish	Selectmen; Vestry men
Maunder	Beggar
Mawer	Mower
Meader	Nower from Cornwall
Mechanic	Journeyman in lower forms of handicraft; One who repairs machinery
Meden	Maid servant
Medicus-leech	Doctor; Blood letter
Meetiner	Dissenter; One who worships in meeting houses; Non-Conformist
Meler	Miller
Mendicus	Beggar
Mercator	Merchant; Trader
Mercator pecoris	Cattle jobber
Mercer	Dealer in silk, cotton, woolen & linen goods
Merchant	Trader on a large scale e.g. overseas; Shopkeeper
Merchant Seaman	Mairiner or sailor aboard non military shipping
Mere	Boundary line; bank of turf used as a boundary line; Place name in South-west Wiltshire
Meresman	Parish Officer appointed to maintain boundaries of a parish
Meretrix	Prostitute
Mershalle	One who attends to horses; farrier; blacksmith; groom
Messarius	Hayward
Messer	Officer of the manor who acted as overseer at harvest time
Messour	Officer of the manor who acted as overseer at harvest time
Mester	Master; Husband; Head of household

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Metayer	One who rents land for tillage for a fixed share, usually half of the produce
Middling	Ailing or tolerable
Miles	Soldier
Milites	Soldier
Milliner	Maker or seller of Ladies hats
Millward	Miller
Millwright	Highly skilled craftsman in construction and servicing of milling equipment
Milner	Miller
Mine captain	Manager of a mine normally above ground; Negotiator for the sale of produce from a mine
Mine tip girl	Young girl or woman employed to unload coal trams by tipping the contents onto the piles awaiting sorting and distribution especially used in the mines of South Wales
Minim	Dwarf
Minute taker	One who sits in on committee meetings taking notes but usually with no vote
Mistpond	Dewpond; Constructed pond on the Downs not fed by a spring, river or stream butch which depended on mist, dew and rain to fill it
Mixer	Bartender
Modir	Mother
Molaritor	Millwright
Molarius	Millwright
Molendarius	Miller; Millwright
Molendinarius	Miller; Millwright
Molinarius	Miller; Millwright
Molitor	Miller; Millwright
Mommet	Scarecrow
Mommick	Scarecrow
Money-scrivenor	One who raises money for others
Monthly nurse	Nurse who attends the month of a woman's confinement
Mooned up	Spoilt; Coddled
Moonraker	Someone native to the county of Wiltshire
Mop	Statute fair for hiring servants held in several Wiltshire towns such as Chippenham, Marlborough and Wootton Bassett
Moral	Likeness
Mortar boy	One who tended masons with a hod and barrow
Moss-reeve	Bailiff who dealt with claims for land on swamps and mossy areas
Moudy	Mole catcher
Moulder	One who forms two biscuits at a time during the manufacturing process
Mucker	Miserly person; Pal, workmate or friend in other counties
Mud-lark	One who cleans out common sewers, docks etc.
Muggler	Seller of crockery
Mulliner	Corn miller
Multurer	Miller
Mump	Sulky
Mump about	Sulk
Mumper	Miller
Muner	Beggar
Murator	Mason
Murenger	Superintendent of the walls of a town or city, more often used in Cheshire
Mustarder	Grower and grinder of mustard
My own brother	brother q. v.
Myropolist	Seller of unguents
Mysgather	Tax Collector
Myslayer	Assessor of taxes