

# Dyers and Litsters

## Index of Apprentices and Freemen

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| <b>Indexed records</b>  | DCG 7/1-2 |
| <b>GUIDE</b>  |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This index comprises two lists of Durham City Guilds apprentices (list 1) and freemen (list 2), each in alphabetical order.</li><li>• Researchers are advised to browse widely among possible variant spellings of surnames.</li><li>• Apprentices and freemen's parents or guardians' names, where present, precede masters' names: <i>s</i> abbreviates 'son of', and <i>es</i> 'eldest son of'.</li><li>• Apprentices were often re-assigned or 'turned over' to new masters, in which cases an additional (adjacent) entry has been made in this index. These turn overs can be identified by checking individuals of the same name, parentage and indenture/registration date within the preceding 7-10 years. (While the date of such turn overs, when reported in the original record, is recorded in an underlying database, the first indenture/registration date is repeated in this index at each of an apprentice's subsequent turn overs to aid identification.)</li><li>• Two dates are usually available for each apprenticeship record, those of the apprenticeship indenture and of registration, the latter usually within a year of the former: where both dates are recorded only the indenture date has been reproduced below. For freemen the date is that of their admission to freedom.</li><li>• Where an apprenticeship was cancelled or not completed 'X' follows the date: reasons for such cancellations vary from death, abscondment, voluntary withdrawal, enlistment or ejection.</li><li>• Apprenticeship terms typically ranged from 7 to 10 years, depending on the Company, occasionally with an additional contracted year as the 'hired man' of the master: an apprentice might seek admittance as a freeman of the Company and of the City immediately upon the completion of his term of servitude, (he being over 21 years of age), or after a period of years. Apprentices traditionally served from the age of fourteen. The period of servitude, when known, is stated in round brackets after the admission date, where (N) indicates an unknown number of years.</li><li>• Eldest sons of freemen might, upon reaching 21 years of age, in turn gain their freedom by 'patrimony' without serving a term of apprenticeship. In the Mercers' Company (and, for a period, in the Drapers' Company as well) <i>any</i> son of a freeman could gain his freedom in this way. Consequently the index of freemen should also be consulted in order to be sure of making a comprehensive search of the indexed guild records for any particular person.</li><li>• In addition to admission by servitude (apprenticeship) and patrimony, some freemen were admitted by 'redemption'. A few guilds for a time permitted qualified incomers to buy their way into a Durham guild in order that they might be able to trade in the city, but generally such freemen entering by redemption were 'gentlemen freemen' who were admitted on the understanding that they</li></ul> |           |

would not so trade. Finally, a few local MPs, national politicians and local landed powerbrokers were admitted as honorary freemen.

- The presence of a parent or guardian's name does not necessarily indicate they were living at the time the apprentice was bound to his master.
- Due to the incomplete state of the records there will be many instances where either only an apprenticeship or only an admission record survives for an individual, and on occasion a master will be noted for whom no apprenticeship or even admission record is extant. In general a newly admitted freeman would not immediately take on an apprentice so soon after his own apprenticeship had been completed, but for freemen admitted by patrimony this rule may not apply as consistently.
- With the steady decline of the guilds' power in the city from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and with increasing industrialisation, a freeman's guild became less and less indicative of which particular trade he practised; thus, for example, a person apprenticed to a Barber in the later period will probably not have been training in the craft of a barber.
- Durham freemen were exclusively male until 6 February 2012.

## Apprentices 1713-1761

- Brough, Philip s John Brough to Robert White, 01 May 1723.
- Burdon, Anthony s John Burdon, gentleman, Sedgfield, Durham to Robert White, 24 Jun 1718.
- Gray, Robert s John Gray, Eastgate, Durham to Cuthbert Horsely, 15 Jul 1714.
- Harrison, George s George Harrison, Durham, Durham to Cuthbert Horsely, 11 Nov 1724.
- Harrison, George s George Harrison, Durham, Durham, dyer, to George Harrison, 18 Apr 1761.
- Hopper, Thomas s Frances Hopper, widow, Durham, Durham to Anthony Bateson, 21 Apr 1726.
- Lambton, John s Elizabeth Lambton, widow to Thomas Perkins, 25 Dec 1713.
- Lax, Joseph s William Lax, Durham, Durham, courier, to Jonathan Wood, 10 Oct 1737.
- Parkin, Thomas s Thomas Parkin, Durham, Durham to Thomas Parkin, 30 May 1727.
- Perkin, John s Thomas Perkin, Heighington, Durham to Thomas Perkin, 11 Aug 1741.
- Potter, Robert s Thomas Potter to Thomas Potter, 02 Feb 1725.
- Robson, John to George Wilson, 01 May 1714.
- Sedgewick, Henry to Jonathan Wood, 25 Dec 1717.
- Sparke, William s Nicholas Sparke, Durham, Durham to Joseph Perkin, 01 May 1717.
- Walton, John to Ralph Gelson, 01 May 1722.
- White, Robert s Alice White, widow to Philip Brough, 14 Apr 1737.
- Wilson, John to Jonathan Wood, 01 May 1723.
- Wilson, Mathew s Robert Wilson to Robert Wilson, 01 Aug 1720.
- Wilson, Robert s Robert Wilson, Moorehouses Hall to William Frizell, 08 Jun 1713.
- Wood, Jonathan s Jonathan Wood, Durham, Durham, dyer, to Jonathan Wood, 26 Dec 1743.
- Wood, Ralph s Jonathan Wood, Durham, Durham, dyer, to Jonathan Wood, 03 Apr 1749.
- Wood, Thomas s Jonathan Wood, Durham, Durham, dyer, to Anthony Bateson, 01 Aug 1745.
- Young, Robert s Robert Young, yeoman, Durham, Durham to Thomas Lampson, 01 Jan 1730.



## Freemen 1775-1842

Carr, John, gentleman, Craven Street, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Carr, Matthew, esquire, Ryhope, Durham, 02 Oct 1775, Redemption.

Catherick, Thomas es William Catherick, 05 May 1766, Patrimony.

Davidson, Robert, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Farr, Matthew, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Forrest, William, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Glover, John es Anthony Glover, 10 Mar 1800, Patrimony.

Goundry, Ralph, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Grey, Charles, 09 May 1781.

Grey, Chipchase es John Grey, 09 May 1784, Patrimony.

Grey, William es Chipchase Grey, 02 Aug 1830, Patrimony.

Harrison, George, the younger s George Harrison, [the elder], Durham, Durham, dyer to George Harrison, [the elder], 28 Dec 1768, Servitude (N).

Heath, Noble, gentleman, Westoe, Durham, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Jopling, Thomas, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Lumsdale, John, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Millner, Robert, gentleman, Bishopwearmouth, Durham, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Mitcheson, Henry, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Reynolds, James, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Russell, William, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Saint, Joseph, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Smitham, John, gentleman, 27 Jul 1775, Redemption.

Wood, John, 26 Feb 1807.

Wood, John, junior, 31 May 1842.

Wood, Jonathan, 13 Apr 1787.

Young, Robert, junior es Robert Young, 28 Dec 1784, Patrimony.