

Smiths

(formerly Whitesmiths, Lorimers, Locksmiths, Cutlers and Blacksmiths)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This index comprises a list of Durham City Guilds freemen, in alphabetical order. Draper apprenticeships are not recorded in the company's records in a systematic way.• Researchers are advised to browse widely among possible variant spellings of surnames.• Freeman's parents or guardians' names, where present, precede masters' names: <i>s</i> abbreviates 'son of', and <i>es</i> 'eldest son of'.• Freeman who had served apprenticeships had often been 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 a freeman's subsequent turn overs to aid identification.)• The date is of a person's admission to freedom.• 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.• 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.• 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 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 18th 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.

Freemen 1747-1878

- Ayre, George es George Ayre, smith, 31 Jul 1830, Patrimony.
- Ayre, George es John Ayre, 18 Mar 1800, Patrimony.
- Ayre, John es Joseph Ayre, 30 Sep 1760, Patrimony.
- Barkas, William es William Barkas, 08 Aug 1849, Patrimony.
- Barkass, William to John Grieveson, 31 Mar 1823, Servitude (N).
- Barkess, William to John Grievson, 23 Jul 1829, Servitude (N).
- Bell, Anthony, 01 Dec 1761.
- Bell, Thomas, 27 Mar 1761.
- Biggins, Charles es Charles Biggins, 02 Aug 1830, Patrimony.
- Biggins, Charles to Anthony Watson, 04 Mar 1800, Servitude (N).
- Biggins, George s Charles Biggins, 08 May 1854.
- Biggins, Thomas es George Biggins, 05 Nov 1876, Patrimony.
- Bland, Thomas Bland Davison, esquire es Thomas Davison Bland, esquire, 07 Dec 1813, Patrimony.
- Boyd, Thomas to Charles Biggins, 09 Feb 1829, Servitude (N).
- Boys, William es William Boys, 01 Jun 1808, Patrimony.
- Boys, William to Richard Hutchinson, 30 Sep 1760, Servitude (N).
- Bradley, William es William Bradley, 04 Aug 1761, Patrimony.
- Bradley, William es William Bradley, 12 Mar 1800, Patrimony.
- Bradley, William, 28 Oct 1760.
- Broad, Thomas es Thomas Broad, smith, 28 Jun 1830, Patrimony.
- Brooks, John to Anthony Watson, 03 May 1813, Servitude (N).
- Brown, Richard s John Brown, 07 Jan 1752.
- Burlison, Henry es John Burlison, 03 Aug 1830, Patrimony.
- Burlison, John Robert es John Burlison, Chester-le-Street, Durham, 09 Jan 1846, Patrimony.
- Burlison, John to Anthony Watson, 03 Mar 1804, Servitude (N).

Burlison, William to John Charlton, 13 Mar 1800, Servitude (N).

Busby, Henry, 10 Apr 1756.

Caldcleugh, George to Thomas Sheffield, 05 Feb 1818, Servitude (0).

Caldcleugh, John es Elizabeth Caldcleugh, 24 Jan 1845, Patrimony.

Caldcleugh, John es George Caldcleugh, 24 Jan 1845, Patrimony.

Carr, Matthew es George Carr, 03 Dec 1813, Patrimony.

Carr, Thomas, 29 Dec 1753.

Charlton, John es John Charlton, 02 Aug 1830, Patrimony.

Charlton, John es John Charlton, smith, 12 Jul 1802, Patrimony.

Clark, Robert es Thomas Clark, 12 Jan 1828, Patrimony.

Clark, Thomas, 26 Jun 1765.

Codling, John, 27 Mar 1761.

Colson, William es Colson, Pittington, Durham, 09 Jan 1846, Patrimony.

Conner, Benjamin s Grace Conner, widow, 15 Jan 1752.

Crowe, John es John Crowe, 04 Mar 1800, Patrimony.

Crowe, William to John Crowe, 01 Dec 1806, Servitude (N).

Davidson, James to William Raffell, 15 Jul 1802, Servitude (N).

Davison, John s James Davison, Durham, Durham, 02 May 1831.

Davison, Thomas, esquire, 05 Oct 1752.

Deanham, George, 26 Jun 1765.

Dodds, Edward es Edward Dodds, 06 Aug 1849, Patrimony.

Dodds, Edward es Joseph Dodds, 08 Dec 1828, Patrimony.

Dodds, Joseph es Moses Dodds, Durham, Durham, 03 May 1813, Patrimony.

Dodds, Joseph to Joseph Dodds, 18 Nov 1833, Servitude (N).

Dodds, Moses es George Dodds, 05 Mar 1800, Patrimony.

Dodds, Robert s Joseph Dodds, Durham, Durham to Joseph Dodds, 16 Nov 1846, Servitude (N).

Dodds, Robert, 31 Dec 1751.

Dodds, Thomas to Joseph Dodds, 05 May 1845, Servitude (N).

Doods, Robert es Robert Doods, 08 May 1876, Patrimony.

Douglass, Thomas, 31 Dec 1751.

Duglass, John es Thomas Duglass, 08 Feb 1802, Patrimony.

Elwick, Pexall, 25 Jun 1765.

Emerson, Robert es Robert Emerson, Durham, Durham, 08 Oct 1812, Patrimony.

Emmerson, Paul, 01 May 1752.

Fall, Henry, 26 Jun 1749.

Fawcett, John es John Fawcett, clerk, 08 Jun 1826, Patrimony.

Ferry, Ralph es Thomas Ferry, 02 May 1814, Patrimony.

Finch, Gascoyne, 31 Mar 1761.

Floyd, James, 05 Oct 1761.

Gee, William to James Readshaw, 14 Mar 1800, Servitude (N).

Graham, Henry es Thomas Graham, 17 Jan 1829, Patrimony.

Graham, Thomas es Joseph Graham, 22 Jun 1802, Patrimony.

Grainger, John es Cuthbert Grainger, smith, 13 Mar 1800, Patrimony.

Grainger, John William Thompson es John Grainger, 02 Aug 1830, Patrimony.

Grey, Joseph, junior, 26 Jun 1765.

Grieveson, John es William Grieveson, 06 May 1800, Patrimony.

Grieveson, Reuben Blare es John Grieveson, 17 Mar 1831, Patrimony.

Grieveson, William Richard to John Grieveson, 13 Jun 1832, Servitude (N).

Grieveson, William, the younger to William Grieveson, 29 Feb 1804, Servitude (N).

Hardy, John Ovington s William Hardy, 04 Aug 1856.

Hardy, William to Thomas Sheffield, 05 May 1829, Servitude (N).

Harland, John es John Harland, 02 Aug 1830, Patrimony.

Harland, John to John Charlton, 05 Jul 1802, Servitude (N).

Harrison, John, 19 Mar 1756.

Harrison, Ralph to William Grieveson, 04 Mar 1800, Servitude (N).

Harrison, Robinson es John Harrison, smith, 03 Mar 1804, Patrimony.

Harrison, Thomas, 23 May 1765.

Hodgson, Robert es Thomas Hodgson, 05 Dec 1814, Patrimony.

Hodgson, Thomas to Thomas Hodgson, 08 Jun 1826, Servitude (N).

Hodgson, Thomas to Thomas Thorp, 03 Jul 1835, Servitude (N).

Holmes, John to William Holmes, 04 Mar 1800, Servitude (N).

Holmes, Richard, 31 Dec 1759.

Holmes, William, 25 Jun 1752.

Hope, Joseph to John Loughbrough, 05 Feb 1818, Servitude (N).

Hopper, George s William Hopper, 10 Mar 1800.

Hopper, Thomas Ingledew es George Hopper, 22 Nov 1813, Patrimony.

Hutchinson, Charles, 04 May 1835.

Hutchinson, George s Richard Hutchinson, 11 Mar 1761.

Hutchinson, Marmaduke, 25 Mar 1751.

Hutchinson, Richard es Richard Hutchinson, 06 May 1800, Patrimony.

Hutchinson, Robert es Robert Hutchinson, Durham, Durham, smith, 08 Aug 1815, Patrimony.

Hutchinson, Thomas es Robert Hutchinson, 03 May 1841, Patrimony.

Janes, William, 13 Jul 1761.

Judson, Jeffrey John to Anthony Watson, 05 Feb 1818, Servitude (0).

Kenzey, John to William Raffell, 05 Feb 1810, Servitude (N).

Laidler, Michael to William Holmes, 24 May 1802, Servitude (N).

Lambton, John George es William Henry Lambton, 04 Aug 1813, Patrimony.

Lambton, Ralph John, 26 Apr 1800.

Lindsley, Foster William es William Lindsley, 03 Aug 1807, Patrimony.

Lister, William to William Grieveson, 02 Dec 1813, Servitude (N).

Loughborough, John to John Charlton, 27 Dec 1800, Servitude (N).

Loughbrough, Thomas es Thomas Loughbrough, smith, 19 Jul 1802, Patrimony.

Loughbrough, Thomas to James Readshaw, 17 Mar 1800, Servitude (N).

Lumley, William to Robert Vasey, 02 Aug 1847, Servitude (N).

Lumley, William to William Vasey, 02 Aug 1847, Servitude (N).

Marshall, William es John Marshall, 08 Mar 1800, Patrimony.

Mensforth, George es Robert Mensforth, smith, 14 Jul 1802, Patrimony.

Mensforth, John es George Mensforth, 07 Jun 1828, Patrimony.

Mensforth, Robert, 18 Nov 1761.

Metcalf, James, 20 Dec 1751, Servitude (7).

Moor, Peter s Peter Moor, the younger, 21 Nov 1811.

Moor, Peter, 12 Nov 1753.

Mowbray, Thomas es Thomas Mowbray, 25 Feb 1796, Patrimony.

Mowbray, Thomas s John Mowbray, 15 Feb 1752.

Nicholson, Charles es George Nicholson, 02 Aug 1830, Patrimony.

Nicholson, George es John Nicholson, 22 Jan 1754, Patrimony.

Nicholson, William es William Nicholson, 17 Aug 1761, Patrimony.

Nicholson, William, 23 Oct 1761.

Nicolson, George es George Nicolson, 08 Feb 1802, Patrimony.

Oyston, Thomas es Thomas Oyston, 03 Aug 1830, Patrimony.

Pearson, John to John Greaveson, 02 May 1836, Servitude (N).

Philips, Robert es George Philips, 02 Aug 1830, Patrimony.

Philips, Robert es Robert Philips, 06 May 1844, Patrimony.

Phillips, George to John Robinson, 29 Dec 1795, Servitude (N).

Pinkney, John, 25 Jun 1747.

Potter, Ralph es Robert Potter, 25 Jun 1765, Patrimony.

Raffle, William, 25 Jun 1764.

Rain, James to John Caldcleugh, 01 Jan 1869, Servitude (N).

Ranson, Richard, 31 Mar 1761.

Readshaw, James, 23 Oct 1753.

Reed, Andrew es John Reed, Durham, Durham, 11 Jan 1813, Patrimony.

Rhodes, William, 27 Mar 1761.

Richardson, Charles es Thomas Richardson, 02 May 1853, Patrimony.

Richardson, Charles to Thomas Richardson, 10 Aug 1826, Servitude (N).

Richardson, George es Thomas Richardson, 01 Aug 1752, Patrimony.

Richardson, John es George Richardson, 02 Nov 1761, Patrimony.

Richardson, John es Humphrey Richardson, 01 Mar 1804, Patrimony.

Richardson, John es John Richardson, 06 Feb 1828, Patrimony.

Richardson, John s Thomas Richardson, 21 Nov 1811.

Richardson, Thomas to Thomas Richardson, 08 Jan 1821, Servitude (N).

Richardson, William es James Richardson, smith, 24 Jul 1802, Patrimony.

Richardson, William Henry to Thomas Richardson, 13 Feb 1830, Servitude (N).

Robenson, John, 09 Dec 1752.

Robinson, John Edward to John Vasey, 23 Sep 1833, Servitude (N).

Robinson, John, 05 Nov 1761.

Robinson, Joseph es Joseph Robinson, 25 Nov 1799, Patrimony.

Robinson, Ralph, 19 Oct 1753.

Sanders, Andrew es John Sanders, 10 Mar 1800, Patrimony.

Schaffe, Stephen, 25 Jun 1760.

Sheffield, Thomas es Thomas Sheffield, 19 Nov 1828, Patrimony.

Sheffield, Thomas es Thomas Sheffield, 25 Jun 1800, Patrimony.

Sheppard, William, esquire, 29 May 1841.

Sikes, George, junior, 30 Oct 1751.

Simpson, Wardell to William Wilkinson, 07 Feb 1820, Servitude (N).

Sims, Robert, 20 Dec 1751.

Skelton, Charles to Robert Vasey, 01 Jan 1875, Servitude (N).

Skelton, Robert es Charles Skelton, 07 Feb 1876, Patrimony.

Snowball, John es Thomas Snowball, 04 Feb 1754, Patrimony.

Snowball, Thomas, 25 Nov 1752.

Stobs, George, 31 Dec 1751.

Stoker, Henry es Jane Stoker, 09 Feb 1839, Patrimony.

Stoker, Henry es William Stoker, 09 Feb 1839, Patrimony.

Stoker, William es Henry Stoker, 17 Nov 1813, Patrimony.

Swinburn, George, 31 Mar 1761.

Taylor, John es John Taylor, smith, 06 Jul 1802, Patrimony.

Taylor, John, 23 Nov 1761.

Thompson, Francis s Thomas Thompson, 23 Mar 1761.

Thorp, Thomas to Robert Hutchinson, 31 Mar 1823, Servitude (N).

Thwaites, John Esket es Ann Thwaites, 22 Dec 1840, Patrimony.

Thwaites, John Esket es John Thwaites, 22 Dec 1840, Patrimony.

Thwaites, John to John Grieveson, 05 Aug 1811, Servitude (N).

Vasey, John es William Vasey, 04 Nov 1811, Patrimony.

Vasey, John, 06 Feb 1764, Servitude (7).

Vasey, Robert es John Vasey, 18 Nov 1833, Patrimony.

Vasey, Thomas to Robert Vasey, 06 May 1844, Servitude (N).

Vasey, William to John Grieveson, 02 May 1836, Servitude (N).

Vickars, John, 26 Jun 1765.

Vickers, William es John Vickers, smith, 31 Jul 1830, Patrimony.

Wall, Thomas to Edward Dood, 01 May 1873, Servitude (N).

Wandless, Thomas, 13 Aug 1763.

Wheeler, John, 29 Dec 1754.

Wheldon, George, 05 Mar 1759.

Wheldon, Thomas es George Wheldon, smith, 27 Feb 1804, Patrimony.

Whittingham, Thomas es John Whittingham, 08 Aug 1826, Patrimony.

Wilkinson, Ralph William es William Wilkinson, 26 Jun 1826, Patrimony.

Wilkinson, William es Ralph William Wilkinson, 03 May 1849, Patrimony.

Willey, Thomas, 25 Jun 1752.

Wilson, George es George Wilson, 09 Dec 1813, Patrimony.

Wilson, Joseph, 08 Apr 1756.

Wilson, Robert es Rowland Wilson, 07 Feb 1820, Patrimony.

Wilson, Rowland, 26 Jun 1765.

Wittingham, John, 26 Jun 1765.

Wright, Thomas, 28 Jul 1753.

Young, George es John Young, 04 Feb 1878, Patrimony.

Young, John to John Grieveson, 16 Sep 1828, Servitude (N).