

Weavers and Websters

Index of Apprentices and Freemen

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This index comprises two lists of Durham City Guilds apprentices (list 1) and freemen (list 2), each in alphabetical order.• Researchers are advised to browse widely among possible variant spellings of surnames.• 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'.• 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.)• 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.• 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.• 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.

Apprentices 1750-1822

Anderson, George s John Anderson to John White junior, 02 Feb 1763.

Andrew, Thomas to Thomas Wilkinson, 19 Nov 1784.

Athenlek, Thomas s Alexander Athenlek to John Mayners, 01 Jan 1752.

Bennet, William s William Bennet to Michael Waugh, 26 Jul 1762.

Bisset, John s David Bisset to William Sanderson, 23 Feb 1754.

Bland, Joseph to William Grimshaw, 23 Feb 1754.

Bradley, John s John Bradley to Joseph Bland, 24 Feb 1768.

Brown, William to John Jolly, 20 Nov 1766.

Burn, Gilbert s William Burn to William Burn, 21 Jan 1756 X.

Chipsis, Stephen s Robert Chipsis to Michael Waugh, 06 Nov 1755.

Dobson, William s William Dobson to John Howe, 18 Jan 1764.

Dodds, John s James Dodds to Henry Sharp, 09 Jun 1757.

Egglestone, Thomas s Margaret Egglestone to John Young, 26 Nov 1784.

Fleming, Matthew s Hugh Fleming to Thomas Bell, 25 Feb 1750.

Goddart, William s Dorothy Goddart to Henry Sharp, 30 Jul 1762.

Hamilton, William s John Hamilton to Thomas Winter, 30 Jun 1761 X.

Harbert, John s William Harbert to Joseph Bland, 15 Feb 1763.

Harle, George s Robert Harle to Robert Harle, 11 May 1785.

Harle, James s Robert Harle to Robert Harle, 21 Apr 1779.

Harle, William s Robert Harle to George Woodifield, 13 Nov 1782.

Herbert, William s John Herbert to John Herbert, 23 May 1794.

Herbett, John s John Herbett to John Herbett, 12 Nov 1796.

Herbett, John s John Herbett to Thomas Little, 12 Nov 1796.

Howe, Robert s John Howe to John Howe, 22 May 1794.

Howe, Robert s Robert Howe to Robert Howe, 15 Jan 1822.

Howe, Robert s Robert Howe to Thomas Howe, 15 Jan 1822.

Hudson s Thomas Hudson to William Gramshaw, 15 Jun 1752.

Hunter, James s Robert Hunter to John White, 12 Sep 1755 X.

Hutton, Adam s John Hutton to Thomas Little, 11 Mar 1762 X.

James, William s Thomas James to Thomas James, 11 Jun 1792.

Johnson, Samuel s Jane Johnson to Thomas Little, 01 Jun 1771.

Jopling, George s George Jopling to John Sanderson, 23 Feb 1754.

Kendale, Jonathan son-in-law of John Jolly to John Jolly, 27 Jun 1769.

Kendale, Jonathan son-in-law of John Jolly to Thomas Ripley, 27 Jun 1769.

Marr, John to John Jolly, 20 May 1761.

Meggee, John s Jane Coulson to Henry Sharp, 15 Dec 1769 X.

Moor, Thomas s John Moor to Henry Sharp, 16 Jul 1750.

Palmer, John s John Palmer to John Palmer, 23 May 1791.

Rowe, Hawdon Philipson grandson of Thomas Philipson to Thomas Philipson, 29 Jun 1765.

Sadler, Ralph s Thomas Sadler to Stephen Chipchase, 13 Jan 1763.

Sanderson, James s James Sanderson to John White, 02 Jan 1763 X.

Sharp, Henry s Henry Sharp to Henry Sharp, 29 Jun 1773.

Sharp, Henry s Henry Sharp to Ralph White, 29 Jun 1773.

Sharp, James to Henry Sharp, 02 Dec 1816.

Snowdon, George s Dorothy Snowdon to Thomas Snowdon, 09 Jun 1757.

Snowdon, George s Thomas Snowdon to Joseph Bland, 19 May 1770.

Snowdon, George s Thomas Snowdon to Thomas Wilkinson, 19 May 1770.

Wardale, John to Ralph White, 08 Aug 1757.

Watson, William s Elizabeth Upton to John Jolly, 16 May 1772 X.

Widdifield, Matthew s Matthew Widdifield to Matthew Widdifield, 24 Jun 1751 X.

Williamson, John to John Herbert senior, 01 Jan 1800 X.

Wilkinson, Thomas s Thomas Wilkinson to Joseph Bland, 13 May 1785.

Wilkinson, Thomas s Wilkinson to Wilkinson, 25 Feb 1760.

Williamson, John s Hannah Porter to John Herbert senior, 07 Jan 1807 X.

Winter, Joseph s Thomas Winter to Thomas Winter, 23 Feb 1779.

Young, John s John Young to George Smirk, 10 Jul 1770.

Freemen 1772-1843

Andrew, Thomas to Thomas Wilkinson, 01 Jan 1792, Servitude (7).

Bell, Thomas es Thomas Bell, 06 May 1782, Patrimony.

Brown, Philip to John Normon, 03 May 1784, Servitude (7).

Harburt, Edward es John Harburt, 07 May 1798.

Harburt, John, 02 Mar 1804.

Harburt, William to John Harburt, 17 Nov 1800, Servitude (N).

Harle, James s Robert Harle to Robert Harle, 08 Aug 1785, Servitude (7).

Harle, William to George Woodifield, 17 Nov 1788, Servitude (7).

Herbert, William John es, 08 Aug 1853.

Herburt, William es, 28 Jun 1827.

Howe, Robert to Thomas Howe, 09 Feb 1829.

Howe, Thomas es John Howe, 08 Feb 1796.

James, John William es, 09 Dec 1828.

James, William to Thomas James, 04 Feb 1799, Servitude (N).

Liddle, John es Thomas Liddle to Thomas Liddle, 01 Jan 1787, Servitude (N).

Manners, John es, 08 Oct 1811.

Milburn, Valentine es, 04 May 1795.

Milburn, Valentine es William Milburn, 06 May 1782, Patrimony.

Milburn, William es Valentine Milburn, 02 May 1796.

Nicholson, George es, 08 Feb 1836.

Nicholson, Thomas es James Nicholson, 04 Aug 1800.

Nickolson, John, 21 Feb 1818.

Rowell, George es George Rowell, 04 May 1795.

Rule, Thomas es George Rule, 04 Aug 1800.

Sanderson, James to John White, 06 May 1782, Servitude (7).

Sanderson, William es, 01 May 1854.

Sanderson, William es, 07 Feb 1831.

Sanderson, William es William Sanderson, 06 May 1782, Patrimony.

Sanderson, William, 03 Mar 1804.

Sharp, James, 04 Aug 1830.

Short, John es Thomas Short, 09 Aug 1800.

Snowdon, George, 02 Mar 1804.

Stephenson, John es William Stephenson, weaver, 05 Aug 1800.

Tomson, John es John Tomson, 04 Feb 1793.

Ward, John Gibson es, 07 Aug 1843.

Ward, Joseph, 02 Aug 1830.

Warde, John es John Warde, 07 May 1782.

White, Thomas es, 02 Aug 1830.

Wilkeson, Thomas s John Wilkeson, 04 Feb 1793.

Wilkinson, John es, 03 Jul 1830.

Wilkinson, John es, 17 Feb 1820.

Wilkinson, John es Thomas Wilkinson, weaver to Thomas Wilkinson, 01 Jan 1787, Servitude (N).

Wilkinson, Thomas es, 05 Feb 1828.

Wilkinson, Thomas to Joseph Bland, 07 May 1782, Servitude (7).

Wilkinson, Thomas to Thomas Wilkinson, 07 May 1782, Servitude (7).

Willson, Thomas es William Willson, weaver, 05 May 1800.

Woodfield, Robert es Robert Woodfield, 05 Aug 1804.

Young, Charles es, 02 May 1831.

Young, Joseph es John Young, 03 May 1784, Servitude (7).