

List of 17th Century Jobs



Job	Description
Chimney Sweep	Cleaned chimneys and fireplaces. Children were often used as apprentices because they were small.
Apothecary/Herbalist	An apothecary dispensed remedies made from herbs, plants and roots.
Blacksmith	The blacksmith was a very important, but lowly occupation. Blacksmiths forged objects from iron or steel. They would sharpen weapons or repair cooking utensils.
Rat-catcher	Rat-catchers caught rats around the city.
Gong Farmer	Cleaned out toilets, removing human waste from privies and cesspits.
Spinster	A woman who supported herself by spinning wool and linen.
Chandler	Made and sold candles.
Carpenter	Made all types of furniture and wooden items. Regarded as a master craftsman.
Fire Fighter	There was no organised fire brigade. Fire fighting was very basic with little skill or knowledge involved. Leather buckets and axes were used to put out fires.
Scullery Maid	Scullery maids were the lowest ranked workers in the kitchen. They cleaned the floors, stoves, sinks, pots and dishes.