



**ST MARY'S CHELTENHAM PARISH
RECORDS TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT
1558-1804**

Occupations

Occupations are seldom recorded, so the absence of an occupation does not mean that it was not present in the community. It would seem that when they were recorded, they were used to indicate a particular person of the same fore- and surname as another or that the person held some status in the community. Two periods are particularly well documented: to a lesser extent the first decade of the 17th century while the period September 1714 to April 1716 provides a better sample.

The table below sets out the presence of occupations in the area, between 1558 and 1653 contrasted with those post-1667 to 1804.

pre-1653	Occupation	post-1667	pre-1653	Occupation	post-1667
✓	aleman	✓			
	ale seller	✓		gunsmith	✓
	alewoman	✓		haberdasher	✓
	apothecary	✓	✓	hawker	
✓	badger		✓	hooper	
✓	baker	✓		hosier	✓
✓	barber	✓		husbandman	✓
✓	barrel maker		✓	innholder	✓
	barrister	✓		innkeeper (of the Pelican)	✓
✓	bellman	✓	✓	joiner	✓
✓	blacksmith	✓	✓	labourer	✓
	brazier	✓		London carrier	✓
	bricklayer	✓		maid	✓
	brickmaker	✓	✓	maltman	✓
✓	butcher	✓	✓	maltster-malster	✓
✓	carpenter	✓	✓	mason	
✓	carrier	✓	✓	mercier	✓
	catchpole ¹	✓	✓	midwife	✓
✓	chandler	✓	✓	millard-millan-millard-miller	✓
✓	churchwarden	✓	✓	minister	✓
✓	cleric	✓		painter	
✓	clerk		✓	pastor	
✓	collarmaker	✓	✓	pavior-paviour	
✓	cook	✓	✓	pedlar	
✓	cooper- cowper	✓	✓	pharmacop.	✓
✓	cordwainer	✓		pig driver	✓
✓	Cryer, The	✓		plasterer	✓
✓	curate			porter	✓
✓	currier	✓		postman	✓
	cutler	✓		priest	
	day labourer	✓	✓	rag gatherer	
✓	dish carrier		✓	ropier-roper	✓
✓	dish mender		✓	sack weaver	✓

¹ catchpole – tax collector

pre-1653	Occupation	post-1667	pre-1653	Occupation	post-1667
	doctor	✓		sadler	✓
	dragoon	✓	✓	school master	✓
✓	draper			seaman	✓
	excise man	✓		servant	✓
	excise officer	✓		sexton	✓
✓	farmer ²	✓		shepherd	
	fuller	✓		shoemaker	✓
	founder	✓		siveyer, siveger ³	✓
✓	free mason	✓		skinner	✓
✓	fuller			slatter	✓
	gardener	✓		smith	✓
	glass carrier			soldier	✓
	glazier	✓		stone mason	✓
✓	glover	✓		surgeon	✓
✓	sweep		✓	weaver	✓
✓	tailor	✓	✓	wheeler-wheelan-wheelwright	✓
✓	tanner	✓		wool comber	✓
	tinker	✓	✓	woollen draper	
✓	travelling tinker		✓	wool winder	
✓	tucker				
✓	under bailiff				
✓	vicar	✓			
✓	victualler				
✓	vintner				
	vulcan ⁴	✓			

² The term farmer had a very different meaning during this period. It was applied to one who collected or imposed taxes.

³ sieve maker

⁴ vulcan – blacksmith