

Terms and Occupations

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Gaapus	Fool; Stupid person
Gabeler	Collect of excise duty
Gaberlunzies	Blue gowns - licensed to beg door to door
Gadner	Gardener
Gaffer	Grandfather; Boss
Gaffman	Bailiff
Gager	Gauger
Galley-bagger	Scarecrow
Galley-crow	Scarecrow
Gallopín	Under cook; scullion
Gammer	Grandmother
Gammer	Woodlouse
Ganger	Foreman of platelayers on a railway
Gangeral	Vagrant
Gang-master	Employer of gang of field labourers
Gangsmán	Foreman of platelayers on a railway
Ganneker	Tavern or innkeeper
Gannock	Woman in charge of parish brewhouse (mostly used in Cambridgeshire)
Gannoker	Tavern or innkeeper
Gapps	Gape or stare
Garbeller	One who examined spice, drugs etc to find impurities in them
Gardianus	Churchwarden; guardian
Gario	Groom; attendant
Garlemonger	Dealer in garlic
Garnifer	Groom; attendant
Garthman	Herdman; yardman; worker in fish-garth
Gathamán	Stockman (normally in Lincolnshire)
Gatherer	Money-taker at theatre; box office attendant; glass worker
Gauger	Excise man who ascertains contents of casks
Gawpus	Fool; Stupid person
Geber	Ceorl; Anglo-Saxon peasant farmer
Geneat	High ranking ceorl
Geometer	Gauger
German	Relationship in fullest sense eg. Brother
Gibbles	Spring Onions - Word is pronounced jibbles
Gill	Low four wheeled timber carriage
Gimler	Gimp maker
Ginour	Engineer
Gipper	One who removes the entrails from fish especially in the herring trade
Girdler	Belt maker
Glassewryght	Maker and repairer of glass
Glazener	Glazier
Glazier	Glass maker; installer of glass panels etc in building trades
Glebae Adscriptii	Villein tenants who could not be removed from their holdings as long as they performed their due services
Gleek	Musician
Glory-hole	Place or Cupboard for rubbish or odds and ends

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Glossator	One who puts a gloss on text
Glosser	One who puts a gloss on text; glossater; painter
Glyphographer	Etcher; engraver
Goggles	A disease in sheep
Gold-beater	One who beats gold into gold leaf
Gold-end-man	One who buys broken pieces of gold & silver; itinerant jeweller
Goldfinder	One who empties privies
Gombeen-man	Money lender; mortgagee
Gooding Day	St. Thomas Day - 21st December
Goosegog	Gooseberry
Gorseman	Gorse seller
Gossib	Gossip
Gossip	Sponsor in baptism; god parent; close friend; cousin
Gossiping	Christening
Gossips	Godparents
Gowlare	Usurer
Gozzard	One who tends geese; geese herd
Grace-wife	Midwife (especially in County Durham)
Grafer	Engraver
Graffer	Notary; scrivener
Granger	Farm bailiff
Grapsey	Gape or stare
Grass captain	Supervisor of dressing ores at a mine
Greave	Bailiff; foreman
Greensmith	Coppersmith
Gregarius	Drover; Cattleman
Grieve	Bailiff; foreman
Griggle	Small apple
Grimgribber	Lawyer
Grizzle	Complain, grumble, moan, whine or cry
Grocer	Originally a wholesale seller by the gross; shopkeeper mainly of foodstuffs
Groover	Miner; collier
Ground-bailiff	Overseer of mines
Guardianus	Churchwarden; guardian
Guardianus	Member of Board selected to administer poor laws; Legal representative of a minor or of someone unable to handle their own affairs
Gurt	Great
Gynour	Engineer
Gyp	College servant