



## **Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker... how did your ancestor start their working life?**

**TheGenealogist has just released over one million Apprentice and master records. This makes over two million searchable records with the apprentices from the census. These can both be searched together by using the keyword "apprentice" in TheGenealogist's Master Search.**

The site helps you find detailed records relating to the occupation of your ancestor. This is the first time you can find apprentices from a whole range of records between 1710 and 1911.

This is the largest searchable collection of apprentice records available online, allowing you to view how your ancestors developed their skills and also if they became a master in their profession.

The detailed records in IR1 cover the years from 1710 to 1811 giving name, addresses and trades of the masters, the names of the apprentices, along with the sum the master received and the term of the apprenticeship. Until 1752, it was also common to see the names of the apprentices' parents on the record (often including their occupations).

The new records are available to Diamond subscribers in the Master Search and under the 'Occupation Records' section.

## **You can search for both Apprentices and Masters.**

TheGenealogist allows you to view the full transcript of an apprenticeship record to see more details of your ancestors apprenticeship - including when they started their training, the 'Master' who trained them and how long their apprenticeship was scheduled to be.

The Apprenticeship records provide an insight into a method of training that stood the test of time and are today, once again a popular method of training. Many apprentices did their training, worked their way up and then took on apprentices themselves. The Apprenticeship records allow you to trace this with just a few mouse clicks. **The handy keyword option also allows you to narrow down your search if you have an idea of the profession or the area your ancestor worked in saving you even more time.**

The new records are taken from the 'IR1 Board of Stamps: Apprenticeship Books' from The National Archives. As well as the new collection of records, apprentices can also be discovered in the transcribed 'profession field' of census records on TheGenealogist from 1841 to 1911.

The apprentice training route has for many people set them on their way in their working life or as a way of developing others. From James Hargreaves (inventor of the spinning jenny) to Thomas Yeoman (first President of The Society of Civil Engineers), to Sir Michael Caine who started as an apprentice plumber) to Beatle George Harrison who was an apprentice electrician, they have all experienced the apprenticeship programme.

This traditional way of training young people is now regaining popularity as the benefits our ancestors recognised are re-introduced as a way of giving people a start in a career.

Here we see an example of what can be found on TheGenealogist. Searching for Valentine Stephens in 1710, we find him as an apprentice butcher in Bath, Somerset. His 'master' or trainer is John Sheppard. We are also show details of his father; John Stephens living in Bradford, Wiltshire, also a butcher. TheGenealogist provides both a clear transcription and copy of the original document.

## Occupation » Apprenticeship Records

Forename

Valentine

Options: [Exact](#)

Keyword

Surname

Stephens

Options: [Exact](#)

Year of Indenture

Select an ...

Range (+/-)

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Search

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## Occupation » Apprenticeship Records » Full

<b>Masters Name</b>	John Sheppard
<b>Masters Trade</b>	Butcher
<b>Masters Abode</b>	Bath, Somerset
<b>Apprentice Name</b>	Valentine Stephens
<b>Apprentice Abode</b>	Bradford, Wiltshire
<b>Apprentice Parents Name</b>	John Stephens
<b>Apprentice Parents Profession</b>	Butcher
<b>Date of Duty</b>	23rd August 1710
<b>Date of Indenture</b>	23rd August 1710
<b>Term</b>	7 Years
<b>Reference</b>	<a href="#">IR 1/41</a>
<b>Apprenticeship Fee</b>	£5 0s 0d

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**More details on the new Apprenticeship Records including examples, are available. For more information on TheGenealogist, including any hi-resolution images, please contact us.**