

## **Their Name is What They Do**

**These family names came from the occupations these people did. Can you guess the 'wright' name?  
(The name Wright comes from a worker or shaper of wood, so a wheelwright made wooden wheels)**

### FOOD

Makes a lot of dough

Grinds the grain for the one who makes dough

Makes good food

Adds some zest to the food

Makes good things from milk to grill on a sandwich

Catches food from a river

Raises chickens

Has crops and cattle in the country

Prepares the meat from the above person

Gets game meat from the wild

Gets the hides from the meat

Makes the hides into leather

Makes beer, ale and lager or maybe tea?

### CLOTHING

Takes care of the flock

Makes cloth

Makes the wool for the one who makes cloth

Colours the wool that the above persons use

Makes suits or dresses from that cloth

Keeps your hands warm

## TRADES

Builds houses

Works with metal (and makes horseshoes)

Works with water and drain pipes (and is an actor)

Makes bowls and cups (and is a wizard)

This person makes barrels for whisky

Someone who builds with stone

Makes roofs in England from reeds  
(and was a British Prime Minister)

Makes stone floors

Makes roofs in England with stone

Makes round things from wood

Grows the trees for the above person

Cuts the wood

## CITY OCCUPATIONS

Writes down important things

Keeps the lawns neat and plants flowers

Makes sure people obey the law

Brings the law papers to the above person

Made olden days way of transporting people or goods

Made the most important part of the above person's thing

Takes care of the religious flock

More names from occupations and other name origins like colours (Black, Brown) at:

<http://www.localhistories.org/surnames.html>

## **Their Name is What They Do Answer Sheet**

### **FOOD**

Makes a lot of dough	Baker
Grinds the grain for the one who makes dough	Miller
Makes good food	Cook
Adds some zest to the food	Spicer
Makes good things from milk to grill on a sandwich	Cheeseman
Catches food from a river	Fisher
Raises chickens	Fowler
Has crops and cattle in the country	Farmer
Prepares the meat from the above person	Butcher
Gets game meat from the wild	Hunter
Gets the hides from the meat	Skinner
Makes the hides into leather	Tanner
Makes beer, ale and lager or maybe tea?	Brewer

### **CLOTHING**

Takes care of the flock	Shepherd
Makes cloth	Weaver
Makes the wool for the one who makes cloth	Spinner
Colours the wool that the above persons use	Dyer
Makes suits or dresses from that cloth	Tailor or Taylor
Keeps your hands warm	Glover

## TRADES

Builds houses	Carpenter
Works with metal (and makes horseshoes)	Smith
Works with water and drain pipes (and is an actor)	Plummer (Christopher Plummer)
Makes bowls and cups (and is a wizard)	Potter
This person makes barrels for whisky	Cooper
Someone who builds with stone	Mason
Makes roofs in England from reeds (and was a British Prime Minister)	Thatcher
Makes stone floors	Tyler
Makes roofs in England with stone	Slater
Makes round things from wood	Turner
Grows the trees for the above person	Woodman
Cuts the wood	Sawyer

## CITY OCCUPATIONS

Writes down important things	Clarke or Clark (as in clerk)
Keeps the lawns neat and plants flowers	Gardener or Gardner or Gardiner
Makes sure people obey the law	Judge
Brings the law papers to the above person	Page
Made olden days way of transporting people or goods	Carter
Made the most important part of the above person's thing	Wheeler
Takes care of the religious flock	Minister