

## GLOSSARY

*This glossary includes explanations of technical terms, and a few of the many variant spellings which will be found in the lists.*

- Ale draper. Ale house keeper.  
Attoy. Attorney.  
Backer; beacker. Baker.  
Beasomaker. Besom-maker; maker of brooms.  
Beley brock; broken; bussen. Ruptured.  
Blackth. Blacksmith.  
Cake-man. A dealer in cattle-cake (?).<sup>1</sup>  
Cardwinder. Cordwainer (q.v.).  
Carpainer. Carpenter.  
Carver. Stone carver; sculptor.  
Clother. Clothier; master weaver.  
Comber. Wool-comber.  
Comer; cummer. Comber (q.v.).  
Cordwainer. Shoemaker.  
Culer. Gelder (?); culler.<sup>2</sup>  
Dareman. Dairyman.  
Decenting. Dissenting.  
End holder. Innholder.  
Farrer. Farrier.  
Felmoner. Fellmonger.  
Flat-maker. Shoemaker. (Flats = low-heeled shoes).<sup>3</sup>  
Framar. Farmer.  
Giner; goynor. Joiner.  
Gobar; goblar. Jobber.  
Grecher. Grocer (?).  
Grit-maker. Meaning unclear.<sup>4</sup>  
Harrateen. A kind of worsted cloth.  
Headborough. Deputy Constable.<sup>5</sup>  
Hilliard. Hillyer; 'one who covers houses with slate or tile'.<sup>6</sup>  
Horsler. Ostler.  
Jaroser. Grocer (?).  
Jarsey. Jersey; jersey wool.  
Jienor. Joiner.  
Jorman. Journeyman.

<sup>1</sup> A reference to 'oyl-cakes' for cattle occurs in J. Morton, *The Natural History of Northamptonshire* (1712), p. 491.

<sup>2</sup> In this form the late Alderman W. J. Penn, who was born at Wootton in 1890, and who farmed for nearly fifty years in Northamptonshire, recognized the word as soon as it was shown to him.

<sup>3</sup> Information from Miss June M. Swann, Assistant Curator, Northampton Museum.

<sup>4</sup> Grits are oats used for porridge; for local use of this word see J. M. Steane, 'The Poor in Rothwell', *Northamptonshire Past & Present*, iv, pt. 3 (1968-9), p. 146.

<sup>5</sup> In some districts this term was used as synonymous with that of constable: W. E. Tate, *The Parish Chest* (1960), p. 307.

<sup>6</sup> A. E. Baker, *A Glossary of Northamptonshire Words and Phrases*, i (1854), p. 324.

- Larbra. Labourer.  
Macon; marson; masoner. Mason.  
Malster. Maltster.  
Millow. Miller.  
Nettir. Knitter.  
Non conpesments. *Non compos mentis*; unsound mind.  
Outride. Outrider; probably he was the travelling agent for a merchant or manufacturer.  
Parsons. Persons.  
Phthsical. Consumptive.  
Plush. A kind of cloth, made of silk or wool, having a nap longer and softer than velvet.  
Reed-maker. Maker of reeds or slays for looms.  
Sart; savant; savront. Servant.  
Serge. As manufactured in Northamptonshire, this was a kind of worsted cloth.  
Shag. A kind of cloth, usually worsted, having a velvet nap on one side.  
Shay. Chaise.  
Silly. Silly; unsound mind.  
Slatter. Slater.  
Slay-maker. Maker of reeds or slays for looms.  
Snead. Shaft or pole of a scythe.  
Spiner. Spinner.  
Soyor. Sawyer.  
Stokiner. Stocking weaver or knitter.  
Tawer. Whittawer (q.v.).  
Tealer. Tailor.  
Thirdborough. Tithing man or deputy constable.  
Third brug. Thirdborough (q.v.).  
Tithing man. Constable or deputy constable.  
Unfermd. Deformed (?).  
Vic; victur; vinter. Victualler.  
Wear. Weaver.  
Whittawer. A man who taws skins into whitleather.  
Whitesmith. Tinsmith.