

**RURAL CRAFTS AND INDUSTRIES**

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Anfield, George, Traditional crafts in Britain. London, Readers Digest Association, 1982.

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- Takes a look at craft as art, in work and looks across different areas across England, Scotland and Wales.

Arnold, James, All made by hand. London, John Baker, 1975.

MERL LIBRARY-5630 ARN

- Thirty traditional skills described and illustrated including chair bodging, saddlery and hand loom weaving.

Arnold, James, The Shell book of country crafts. London, John Baker, 1968.

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- Features a huge variety of rural crafts with a particularly large chapter on 'Woodland and Coppice Industries', also contains a section on the sociology of rural trade.

Collins, Edward John, Crafts in the English countryside. Wetherby, Countryside Agency, 2004.

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- Essays on a variety of the different crafts such as basketry, heritage building crafts, milling and wheelwrights.

Derrick, Freda, Country craftsman. London, Chapman & Hall, 1945.

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Filbee, Marjorie, Cottage industries. Newton Abbot, David & Charles, 1982.

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FitzRandolph, Mavis, 30 crafts. London, National Federation of Women's Institutes, [1950].

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Green, J L, The rural industries of England. London, E Marlborough & Co., [1895].

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- Discusses the problems with rural industries in Plea part one pp. 146-152, and Plea part two pp. 153-162.

Hartley, Dorothy, Made in England. London, Methuen & Co., 1979.

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Jenkins, J. Geraint, Traditional country craftsmen. London, Routledge, 1965.  
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Lewis, June Rosemarie, Handbook of English crafts and craftsmen. London, Robert Hale, 1978.

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- Looks at different metals, glass, candle-making, hornwork and lists craft museums.

Lucie-Smith, Edward, The story of craft: the craftsman's role in society. Oxford, Phaidon, 1981.

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Manners, John E, Country crafts in pictures. London, David & Charles, 1976.

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Seager, Elizabeth, The countryman book of village trades and crafts. Newton Abbot, David & Charles, 1978.

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- A collection of essays on a variety of village trades such as blacksmithing, baking, pubs, toffee-making, chemists, markets and many more.

Seymour, John, The forgotten crafts. London, Dorling Kindersley, 1984.

MERL LIBRARY OVERSIZE-5630 SEY

- Looks at rural crafts and trade in the field, in the workshop, in building and in textiles.

Trench, Lucy (editor), Materials and techniques in the decorative arts: an illustrated dictionary. London, John Murray, 2000.

MERL LIBRARY RRREF-6980 MAT.

- Includes metalwork, textiles, leather, stone, wood and more. There is also a bibliography, pp. 558-569.

Quinn, Tom and Felix, Paul, The art of the traditional craftsmen. Newton Abbot, David & Charles, 2004.

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Bailey, Christopher, 'Rural industries and the image of the countryside', *The English countryside between the wars: regeneration or decline?* pp. 132-149. Woodbridge, Boydell Press, 2006.  
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Brown, Jonathan, Sadie B Ward, 'Work', *Village life in England 1860-1940 a photographic record* pp. 30-40. London, B T Batsford, 1985.  
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Chartres, John, 'Country trades, crafts and professions: introduction', *The agrarian history of England and Wales* v 6: 1750-1850 pp. 416-419.  
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Cripps, Ann, 'Rural trades and industries', *The countryman rescuing the past* pp. 71-127. Newton Abbot, David & Charles, 1973.  
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- Looks into blacksmithing, wheelwrights, building and more.

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Hallas, Christine, 'Craft occupations in the late nineteenth century: some local considerations', *Local population studies* no 44, pp. 18-29.  
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Harvey, Graham, 'A self-taught craftsman', *Farmers Weekly* v 81 no 15 pp.3-5.  
MERL LIBRARY PERIODICAL

Hunt, Roger, 'Communications, trades and industry', *Rural Britain, then and now* pp. 126-163. London, Cassell Illustrated, 2004.  
MERL LIBRARY-9210 HUN.

- Looks at old traditional trades – includes many photographs.

Hurst, J G, 'Stone quarrying; coal mining, salt evaporation; pottery manufacture and glassmaking', *The agrarian history of England and Wales* v 2, 1042-1350, pp. 920-926.  
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Porter, Valerie, 'Country work', *Yesterday's countryside: country life as it really was*, pp. 200-238. Newton Abbot, David & Charles, 2000.  
MERL LIBRARY-9210 POR.

- Looks at new rural industries, traditional trades and home industries. Also contains many photographs.

## **Selected journals relating to rural crafts and industries held in the MERL Library**

Corn dolly newsletter

Country landowner and rural business

Country life

Folk life

Forestry

Guild of straw craftsman news

Ironmongery

Journal of the farmers' club

Tools and trades

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### **Books and pamphlets**

Brears, C D, *The English country pottery: its history and techniques*. Newton Abbot, David & Charles, 1971.  
MERL LIBRARY-5650 BRE.

Cameron, Elisabeth, *Encyclopaedia of potter and porcelain: the nineteenth and twentieth centuries*. London, Faber, 1986.  
MERL LIBRARY-5650 CAM.

Helme, D, *The clay tobacco pipe: an illustrated guide*. [s.l.], [s.n.], 1978.  
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McGarva, Andrew, *Country pottery: the traditional earthenware of Britain*. London, A & C Black, 2000.  
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Woodforde, John, Bricks to build a house. London, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1976.

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MERL LIBRARY-5652 COX.

Dumbleton, Michael, 'Brick making', *An historical atlas of Berkshire* pp. 108-109. Reading, Berkshire Record Society, 1998.

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Vose, Ruth Hurst, Glass. Glasgow, William Collins Sons & Co., 1980.

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Edwards, Elwyn Hartley, *The country life book of saddlery and equipment*.  
London, New Burlington Books, 1981.  
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London, J A Allen, 1972.  
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Harris Scarfe limited, *Catalogue of saddlery, travelware and grindery*. [s.l.], Axiom,  
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Laurence-Lord, D, *Boot and shoe repairing*. London, New Era Publishing, [1925].  
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Rural Industries Bureau, *The future of rural saddlery*. London, Rural Industries  
Bureau, [1926].  
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Salaman, R A, *Dictionary of leather-working tools c 1700-1950, and the tools of  
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Shirley, A J and A F, Handicraft in metal: a textbook for the use of teachers, students and craftsman. London, B. T. Batsford, 1953.  
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Fleming, G, 'Shoeing', *Practical horse-shoeing*, pp. 39-42. London, Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, 1900.  
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