

Locating People and Businesses

Before New Yorkers had telephones or telephone books, they used a **City Directory** to find each other. The directory listed men and women who were the head of their household or who owned a business. They are listed by last name, first name, occupation and address.

The names below come from Longworth's city directory of 1825. Find a New Yorker to march with the societies on the right, writing their name on the line next to the society they would have belonged to.

Society of:

Bakers _____
Doctors _____
Furriers _____
Grocers _____
Hatmakers _____
Merchants _____
Ropemakers _____
Chairmakers _____
Printers _____
Tailors _____

Bogert, E. & G. grocers, 171 William
Boggs, James, pres. Phenix Bank, 163 Pearl
Boggs, William, printer, 20 Pump
Bohm, John, tavern and boarding-house, 95 James
Bohn, Nicholas, baker, Allen St near Delancey
Bokee, Abraham, customs inspector, 24 Lumber
Bolles, Robert, M.D., 186 Water
Bolles & Company, furs, 187 Water
Bolton, Robert, rope-maker, Rivington
Bolton, John and Curtis, merchants, 84 South
Bonaparte, Charles, fancy-store, 39 Catherine
Bond, Leonard, hat-store, 208 Chatham
Bond, Margaret, widow of Nathaniel, 138 Bowery
Boness, Gilbert, labourer, Ridge corner of Stanton
Bonichon, Benoit, fringe-maker, 4 Vesey
Bonnell, Hezekiah, chair-maker, 26 Chestnut
Bonner, George, sugar-refiner, 134 Duane
Bonnnett, Benjamin, tailor, 4 Franklin
Bool, Henry, lumber-yard, 281 Cherry
Boom, Patience, laundress, Elm corner of Grand
Booram, Elizabeth, mantua-maker, Pear near Elm
Booth, Abraham, mariner, 122 Harman
Booth, Peter, weaver, Bedford near Commerce
Botrel, Athanese, hairdresser, 83 Nassau

Close-Up

Gilbert Boness was a labourer. This means he earned his living by doing hard physical work. Today we spell the word "laborer." The Erie Canal was built by laborers who cut down trees, drained swamps, cut and moved heavy stone, and dug ditches. Some died from accidents or diseases like malaria. When immigrants arrived in New York City, they looked for work. Some went north to work on the canal.

1. Name two people who would have been happy that canal boats were bringing more furs and lumber to the City.

2. List three occupations that you do not know.
