

# **Boyd's Roll**

## **A Register of Apprentices and Freemen of the Drapers' Company of London**

### **Background information**

Past Master Percival Boyd compiled a register of the apprentices and Freemen of the Drapers' Company of the City of London in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It has since been added to on an ad hoc basis.

The register is arranged in alphabetical order by surname and then in data order within each family name.

The information contained within Boyd's Register is taken from two sources:

1. primarily from Company archives : accounts, minutes, apprenticeship binding and freedom registers
2. occasionally from external sources such as City of London records, parish registers, wills and certain printed genealogical books.

It should be noted that membership records as a discreet series do not survive for the period before 17<sup>th</sup> century and therefore information about apprentices and freemen can be gleaned from the accounts and minutes alone and therefore is less detailed.

A printed index to the register was published in 1934.

### **A note about dates**

All dates are true transcriptions and therefore pre 1752 are old style in form and therefore 25<sup>th</sup> March was taken as being the first day of a new calendar year.

### **Boyd's abbreviations**

Several abbreviations are used by Boyd throughout his register. The key below provides an explanation for many of them.

A certain number of entries in the register have a five digit number written by the name – this number refers to a register compiled by Boyd that is held by the Society of Genealogists.

### **Key:**

<b>A</b>	Binding as apprentice
<b>App</b>	Apprentices
<b>Court</b>	Court of Assistants
<b>F</b>	Admission to the Freedom by Apprenticeship
<b>IPM</b>	Immediate Past Master
<b>L</b>	Livery of the Company
<b>M</b>	Master
<b>P</b>	Admission to the Freedom by Patrimony
<b>Q</b>	Quarterage
<b>R</b>	Admission to the Freedom by Redemption
<b>T.O.</b>	Transfer over of apprenticeship training from one master to another
<b>V</b>	Living
<b>W</b>	Warden
<b>Wa/cs</b>	Wardens' Accounts
<b>+ ...</b>	Company minutes or manuscript books