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Nov. 2  Walter Ratcliffe, esq., son of Walter Radcliffe, esq., by succession
Nov. 4  John Burgess, cooper, son of John Burgess, mariner, by succession

1766
ROLL OF FREEMEN 1762–1767 and MAYOR’S COURT MEMORANDUM BOOK 1756–1767

Feb. 24  John Roberts, mariner, son of Thomas Roberts, brewer, by succession
Mar. 3   George Langman, fuller, son of George Langman, heller, by succession
Mar. 17  John Stephens, dyer, apprentice of Henry Flood
Apr. 7   John Hole, cooper, apprentice of Benjamin Godfrey
June 23  John, Earl of Buckinghamshire, by order of mayor and council
July 12  John Barnard, mariner, son of Benjamin Barnard, apothecary, by succession
July 19  Rt. Rev. Frederick, Bishop of Exeter, by order of mayor and council
Sept. 8  William Gibbard, fuller, son of William Gibbard, fuller, by succession
Sept. 29  Thomas Ley Hardy, esq., by order of mayor and council
Oct. 6   John Heath, barrister, by succession
Oct. 13  Samuel Walkley, grocer, by order of mayor and council
Dec. 29  Laurence Williams, baker, apprentice of his father, John Williams

1767
ROLL OF FREEMEN 1762–1767 and MAYOR’S COURT MEMORANDUM BOOK 1756–1767

Mar. 2   Robert Saunders, heller, apprentice of Richard Braime
Mar. 7   John Jones, gent., by order of mayor and council
Mar. 16  John Russell, grocer, by privilege

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Mar. 28  Jonas Johnson, woolcomber, son of John Johnson, woolcomber, by succession
Mar. 30  John Blake, fuller, apprentice of Richard Sarell
Mar. 30  William Mann, fuller, apprentice of his father, William Man
Apr. 6   George Phare, labourer, son of George Phare, cordwainer, by succession
Apr. 13  Richard Hayman Lathy, druggist, apprentice of his father, Richard Lathy
Apr. 20  Humphrey Bawden Fort, tinplate worker, son of William Fort, cordwainer, by succession
Apr. 27  William Skinner, mariner, son of John Skinner, baker, by succession
May 23  William Williams, brazier, apprentice of John Templar
June 1   John Gubb of Bicton, clerk, by order of mayor and council
June 8   William Chapple, gent., by order of mayor and council
June 15  John Berry, gent., son of Joseph Berry, fuller, by succession
July 20  James Webber, baker, by order of mayor and council
Aug. 10  Richard Sams, jeweller, son of Richard Sams, tobacconist, by succession
Aug. 24  Thomas Mogridge, scrivener, son of Thomas Mogridge, scrivener, by succession
Sept. 21  Humphrey Caddy, woolcomber, apprentice of John Cadey
Sept. 26  Samuel Sparke, heller, apprentice of Samuel Sparke

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Henry Clase, labourer, son of George Clase, staymaker, by succession
Oct. 2   Richard Bath, feltmaker, apprentice of Henry Floyd
Oct. 3   George Walker, heller, apprentice of Robert Sparke
Oct. 5   John Symmons, joiner, son of Robert Symmons, by succession
Oct. 11  James Bath, joiner, apprentice of William Bath
Nov. 7   Nathaniel Matthews, millmaker, son of Nathaniel Matthews, by succession
Nov. 9   Thomas Slater, heller, apprentice of John White
Nov. 16  John Lockyer, heller, apprentice of John White
Nov. 16  Abraham Peard, fuller, apprentice of Joseph Stephens
Nov. 16  Thomas Avery, baker, apprentice of George Heard
Nov. 16  Thomas Atkins, heller, son of John Atkins, by succession
Nov. 16  William Padon, currier, apprentice of James Newman
Nov. 19  Willoughby, Earl of Abingdon, by order of mayor and council
Nov. 19  Claude Collins, the mayor’s son, by order of mayor and council
Nov. 19  Nathaniel Bowering, fuller, apprentice of Benjamin Bowering
Nov. 23  Francis Avent, sawyer, by order of mayor and council
Nov. 23  Thomas White, joiner, apprentice of John Walter
Dec. 7    Thomas Pye, cooper, apprentice of Isaac Sercome
Dec. 12  William Hayward, joiner, apprentice of John Hayward
Dec. 12  Joseph Rawling, junior, sergeweaver, apprentice of Joseph Rawling
Dec. 12  Henry Edwards, fuller, apprentice of Christopher Burnett
Dec. 12  John Tapley, blacksmith, apprentice of John Vile
Dec. 12  Joseph Bolt, fuller, apprentice of Richard Laseels
Dec. 12  Jonas Dennis, merchant, apprentice of his father, Jonas Dennis
Dec. 12  James Cunningham, dyer, apprentice of Zachary Turner
Dec. 12  Richard Clarke, gunsmith, apprentice of John Wheadon
Dec. 12  William Adams, fuller, apprentice of Samuel Dix
Dec. 12  Samuel Brown, woolcomber, apprentice of George Brown
Dec. 12  William Vicary, dyer, apprentice of Henry Flood
Dec. 12  George Cross, butcher, apprentice of Nathaniel Cross
Dec. 12  Hugh Champlin, joiner, apprentice of John Blackmore
Dec. 12  Thomas Grigg, heller, apprentice of John Couch
Dec. 12  Richard Lock, fuller, apprentice of Charles Burnett
Dec. 12  Thomas Holmyard junior, tailor, apprentice of Thomas Holmyard
Dec. 12  Thomas Bealy junior, fuller, apprentice of Thomas Legg
Dec. 12  Peter Osborne, fuller, apprentice of Thomas Osborne
Dec. 12  Francis Sainthill, joiner, apprentice of John Heath
Dec. 12  John Andrews, pressman, apprentice of Daniel Campion
Dec. 12  Philip Wish, locksmith, apprentice of John Browne
Dec. 12  John Eastlake, tailor, apprentice of Thomas Pyne
Dec. 12  James Gribble, clothier, son of James Gribble, mason, by succession
Dec. 12  John Smeath, butcher, son of Richard Smeath, butcher, by succession
Dec. 12  Benjamin Daniel, tailor, son of Benjamin Daniel, tailor, by succession

*To be admitted as an attorney of the city courts. 7 Mar. 1767, CMB 1766–1808, p. 3.

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1767, as his master, John White, was not a franchised man at the time of his service, CMB 1766–1808, p. 11.

*Readmitted. Disfranchised at his own request, 29 Apr. 1767, CMB 1766–1808, p. 4.

Philip Nicholls, fuller, apprentice of William Spicer Dix.

William Loveless Searle, fuller, son of Francis Searle, fuller, by succession.

John Saunders, accountant, apprentice of his father, Joseph Saunders, fuller.

Charles Parham, heller, apprentice of Thomas Wills junior.

Joseph Hovory, glazier, apprentice of Richard Thorne, ironmonger.

John Palmer junior, white smith, apprentice of Samuel Kingston, ironmonger.


John Hurley junior of Topsham, cabinet maker, apprentice of Thomas Wilson.

John Follett, sengemaker, son of Samuel Follett, sengemaker, by succession.

Edward Addis of Kinson of St. Marychurch, clerk, son of Walter Kinson, clerk, by succession.

George Phare of London, flour merchant, son of George Phare, labourer, by succession.

John Sampson, gent., son of John Sampson, wine cooper, by succession.

John Turner of Combe Martin, woolcomber, son of John Turner, saddle, by succession.

John Slocombe, butcher, apprentice of his father, Thomas Slocombe.

Richard Jeffery, baker, apprentice of Thomas Dewdney.

Jabez Lawdon, cooper, apprentice of William Hale.

George Hooper, coach body and carriage maker, apprentice of George and John Hayman, coachmakers.

William Stacy, coach harness maker, apprentice of George and John Hayman, coachmakers.

William Mason, miller, apprentice of Edward Pim.

William Molver, papermaker, apprentice of Edward Pim.

William Ashcombe Curnow, papermaker, apprentice of Edward Pim.

William Copp, fuller, apprentice of his father, George Copp.

George Copp, fuller, apprentice of his father, George Copp.

Thomas Shinnell, fuller, apprentice of George Copp.

William Gribble, presman, apprentice of George Langman.

Robert Westcott, labourer, son of Robert Westcott, sengemaker, by succession.

Jacob Jeffery, saddle tree maker, son of Edward Jeffery, cordwainer, by succession.

Thomas Lord Graves, by order of mayor and council.

Thomas Westcombe, scrivener, apprentice of John Bussell, attorney.

Thomas Churchill, miller, apprentice of William Dingle, baker.

Joseph Vickrey of St. Thomas, tin plate worker, apprentice of William Kerslake.


June 13 Samuel Lucas, surgeon, son of Samuel Lucas, surgeon, by succession.

June 13 Joseph Phelpe of Davilsh, labourer, son of Robert Phelpe, baker, by succession.

June 15 John Burlett of London, builder, apprentice of Edward Tuckett, attorney.

June 15 William Marks Benison, gent., apprentice of William Bowring, attorney.

June 15 Charles Denham, presman, apprentice of William Matthews.

June 15 Abraham Channon, papermaker, apprentice of Edward Pim.

June 15 Thomas Gatchell of Honiton, mason, son of Thomas Gatchell, saddler, by succession.

June 15 William Northam, Croydon of Tunstall, glazier, son of John Northam, Croydon, glazier, by succession.

June 15 William Ashford Sanford of Nuneaton, co. Som., esq., son of John Sanford, esq., by succession.

June 15 James Jelley of Starchmore, peruke maker, son of James Jelley, peruke maker, by succession.

June 16 Stephen Hookaday of Bredgow, cordwainer, son of Stephen Hookaday of Bredgow, yeoman, by succession.

June 16 Edward Hoare messenger at Plymound Dockyard, son of Edward Hoare of Plymouth, ropemaker, by succession.

June 16 James Williams of Barnstable, skinner, son of Benjamin Williams, gloves, by succession.

June 16 Robert Cannery, presman, apprentice of William Sprague, fuller, deceased.


June 17 William Brooks, papermaker, apprentice of Edward Pim.

June 17 Philip Godbeer, presman, apprentice of George Langman.


June 17 William Teakell of Plymouth Dock, cordwainer, son of James Teakell of Plymouth Dock, braizer, by succession.

June 18 John Lake of Plymouth Dock, heller, apprentice of Thomas Willis.


June 18 Joseph Pitts Allen of Tavistock, saddler, son of Joseph Allen, scrivener, by succession.


June 18 John Duffield of Plymouth Dock, cooper, apprentice of John Hole.

June 18 John Hill of Wandsworth, co. Surrey, weaver, son of John Hill of Credington, woollener, by succession.


June 18 James Cloate Cooke of London, baker, son of James Cooke.

June 18 John Jenkins of London, bricklayer, son of John Jenkins, bricklayer, by succession.

June 18 John Abbott of Shaukh, labourer, son of William Abbott of Shaukh.


.Entry supplied from CB 1695-98, p. 494.

.1scrivener, MCB and Reg.
### Exeter Freemens

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<td>John Davis of Little Southernhay Lane, Holy Trinity, painter, son of William Davis of St. Sidwell, cordwainer, by succession</td>
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<td>Thomas Dare of Paul Street, heller, apprentice of Charles Wills Harker, saddler and harness maker</td>
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<td>William Ekers of Frog Lane, harness maker, apprentice of Thomas Wilson</td>
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1. M.D., MCB and CMB, sworn as freemans and elected common councilors, 8 June 1825, GMB 1825-31, pp. 35-36.
2. Elected common councilor, 1 Jan. 1826, GMB 1825-31, p. 84.