

## PROFESSIONS

### Introduction and overview

Around 1700, a vast majority of people living in villages were farmers and day laborers. Farmers didn't mean however owners of the land they cultivated and the houses they lived in, but at the best tenants of the land they cultivated, like the Lanners who lived in [Holzthum on the farm of the landlord of the Schuttbourg castle](#).

Little by little support crafts developed, like the carriage maker and the horse-shoe smith, the mason and the carpenter, the shoemaker and the tailor. The millers had been there for some centuries already, but always working for lords who controlled this essential activity and drew a substantial income from it. These trades have often been passed on over generations. Special chapters dealing with the Lanners [Tailors](#), [Millers](#), [Carbide Manufacturers](#), Bakers as well as with the Lanners Masons/contractors illustrate this tradition.

From 1679 to 1800 the Lanners, whose geographical span reached in those days from Eselborn/Clervaux to Bettendorf, with a concentration around Consthum and Hoscheid, are found in the following trades and functions:

Magistrate	1
Mayor	3
Priest	1
Farmer	13
Day laborer	6
Innkeeper	3
Balck- and horseshoe-smith	1
Shoemaker	1
Tailor	1
Field guard	1
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This list is far from complete, as the sources under the form of records in the parish registers don't mention normally the trades of the persons mentioned. It gives however an overview which seems to reflect well the socio-economic situation in the rural area of the [Oesling](#) in those days.

After 1800, information on the professional activities of members of the Lanners family is more often available, but the author's genealogy software did not allow an automated retrieval and

computer processing. Pending a more detailed study, the list below itemising **148 professions and functions** might be worth having a look at:

		<b>1800-1899</b>	<b>1900-1990</b>
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lanners, First name and year of birth</b>	
1	Actor and film director		Philippe « Bouli » 1965
	Airport manager		Sylvester « Nick » 1927
	Air traffic controller		Marc 1963
	Animal food and riding equipment		Marcel 1938, Eric 1980
	Architect		Edi 1929, Jean Armand 1931, Guy 1956, Laurent 1980, Candy 1988
	Armourer-Museum		Claude 1962
	Artist	Johann Peter 1896 (church painter)	Jean 1951 (sculptor)
	Author, literary critic		Paul 1948
	Auto body repairman		Jean-Claude 1968
10	Baker	François 1841, Joseph 1869, Jean-Pierre 1895, Joseph 1898	Charles 1903, Roger 1926, Bernard 1928, Evelyne 1956, Fernand 1964, Bastien 1985
	Banker	Siméon 1869, Albert 1881, Edouard 1898,	François 1948, Gilbert 1952, Yves 1958, Nicole 1966, William 1972, Luc 1973, Sin Mae 1974
	Blacksmith, Horseshoemaker	Nicolas 1815, Nicolas 1822, Jean-Nicolas 1815, Nicolas 1822, Nicolas 1835, Jean 1848, Jean 1871, Jean 1872, Pierre 1875, Jean-Arthur 1879, Joseph 1886, Frédéric 1899	Firmin 1907, Joseph Jean 1909
	Bookkeeper	Antoine 1898	Jean-Pierre 1915, Marc 1958
	Construction material		Anne Joséphine 1927
	Building contractor	William 1865, Paul 1878	Antoine 1910
	Bus contractor		Antoine 1903
	Butcher	Joseph 1878	Pierre-Paul 1907, Nicolas 1935,
	Carter	Charles 1829, Michel 1847, Gaspard 1851, Jean-Pierre 1857, Nicolas 1859, Michel 1879	
	Carter-« Rollefax », transport of beer barrels	Jean-Pierre 1866, Jean-Baptiste 1875, Jean 1881	
20	Castle steward	Julien 1858	
	Cigare manufacturer	John 1864, Theophile 1895	
	Civil servant		Camille 1904, Joseph 1905, Claude 1939, Fernand 1940, Berthe 1941, Patricia 1956, Carole 1959, Pia 1959, Carlo 1962, Marc 1969, Francis 1970, Joe 1977, Tom 1977, Grégory 1982
	Clerk		Hubert 1922, Michel 1935, Paul 1938, Albert 1942, Christiane 1947, Erwin 1948, Paul 1948, Michael

			1951, Félix 1952, Anita 1958, Arsène 1959, Raymond 1962, Martine 1962, Francis 1963, Louis 1963, Monique 1963, Tami 1964, André 1964, Brian David 1964, Mady 1964, John 1964, Lucien 1965, Laurent 1965, Marco 1965, Isabelle 1967, Mireille 1967, Guy 1968, Jean 1968, Marianne 1968, Raymond 1968, Patrice 1971, Serge 1971, Nico 1971, Michèle 1975, Patrick 1977, Romy 1978, Myriam 1982
	Coachman	Nicolas 1835, Théodore 1844, Nicolas 1859, Jean-Baptiste 1875	
	Commune treasurer	Jean 1895	
	Communications		Jamie 1977, Kaitlin 1986
	Computer specialist		Thomas 1971, Denny 1987
	Confectioner	Jean-Pierre 1876	
	Court of Justice secretary		Marcel 1933
30	CPA-Certified public accountant		Victor 1918, René 1920, François 1948, Guy 1965
	Customs officer	Alex 1881, Henri 1881	Alexandre 1907
	Day laborer	Pierre 1800, Jean Pierre 1802, Théodore 1803, Charles 1804, Johannes 1805, Jean 1808, François 1811, Jean 1812, Nicolas 1813, Nicolas 1818, Celsius 1820, Jean 1822, Jean 1837, Pierre 1839, Balthasar 1850, Martin 1851, Antoine 1861, Mathias 1862, Auguste-Emile 1864, Michel 1866, Henri 1876, Jean 1889, Michel 1897	
	Decorator		Ernest 1934
	Dental technician		Ralph 1977
	Dentist		Jacques 1965
	Director high school		Jean-Pierre 1907
	Distiller	Hubert 1874	
	Doorman	Jean 1839, Jean 1882	
	Driver	Joseph 1887, Emile 1893	Antoine 1900, Jean 1903, Joseph 1905, Michel 1905, Nicolas 1906, Michel 1907, Nicolas 1907, Nicolas 1933, Nicolas 1936, Léon 1939, Paul 1954, Jean 1957, Bernard 1943, Gilbert 1954, Paul 1954, Jean 1957, Dominique 1957, Robert 1962, Pierrot 1964, Fernand 1964
40	Economist		Joseph 1940, Georges 1966, Romain 1970, Patrick 1974, Kim 1984, Paul 1987
	Educator/Youth worker		Marie-Josée 1955, Yves 1967, Gilles

			1971, Tanja 1978, Maureen 1980, Anna 1984
	Electrician		Raymond N. 1906, Léon 1912, Guillaume « Joseph » 1940, Jean 1946, Pierre 1948, Patrick 1963, Frank 1965, Jean-Marie 1966
	Engineer (graduate)		Robert 1912, Fred T. 1917, Roger 1926, Marc 1946, Nico 1951, René 1956, Jacques 1968, Michel 1968, Sam 1989
	Electronics engineer		Pascal 1976
	European Union officer		Elvire 1954
	Event manager		Stéphanie 1983
	Farmer (Europe)	Peter 1800, Pierre 1800, Guillaume 1800, François 1801, Valentin 1805, Antoine 1805, François 1810, Dominique 1810, Nicolas 1812, Pierre 1813, Jean-Nicolas 1814, Jean 1816, Dominique 1819, Guillaume 1820, André 1822, Michel 1826, Paul 1827, Michel 1833, Nicolas 1835, Pierre 1842, Nicolas 1848, Charles 1853, Jacques 1863, Philippe 1865, Pierre 1869, Jacques 1872, Jacques 1875, Nicolas 1884, Jean 1885, Jean-Pierre 1885, Nicolas 1885, Pierre 1891, Jean-Pierre 1892, François-Joseph 1893, Aloyse 1896	Pierre 1900, Pierre 1902, Bernard 1905, François 1906, Nicolas 1909, Henri 1911, Nicolas 1913, Martin 1913, Jean-Pierre 1916, Edouard 1924, Martin 1927, Théodore 1933, Albert 1942, Fernand 1950, Victor 1952, Romain 1952, Romain 1977
	Farmer (USA)	John 1833, Nicolas 1854, John 1860, Martin 1861, Michael 1863, Henry 1865, Pierre 1871, Pierre 1876, John 1879, Frank 1889, Jean-Baptiste 1889, Peter 1892, Raymond 1895, Henry J. 1895, Nicholas Anthony 1896, John Peter 1899	Jack 1901, Joseph P. 1902, Martin J. 1905, Victor 1917, William Henry 1943
	Farmhand	Dominique 1809, Nicolas 1838, Jean 1851, Mathias 1860, Jean-Pierre 1866, Nicolas 1877	
50	Farm machinery dealer		Edmond 1918, John Dean 1936, Nico 1951
	Field guard	Pierre 1858	
	Fireman		Philippe 1965
	Foreman		Stéphane 1971
	Forest guard	Nicolas 1871	
	Gardener	Jean 1866, Joseph 1879	
	Gas worker	Chrétien 1839	
	Geologist		Thomas 1984
	Greenhouses	Pierre 1849	

	Grocer		Pierre 1902, Jean 1911
60	Gym owner		Guy 1948
	Hairdresser	Jean-Nicolas 1870, Lucien 1897	André 1935, Jean 1940
	Heating installer		Jean- Christophe 1979
	High school teacher		Jean-Pierre 1907, Claude 1935, Jean-Marie 1941 Marie-Claire 1944, Roger 1949, Paul 1953, Martine 1965, Michel 1966, Rüdiger 1969
	Historian		June Hope 1984
	Horticulturist (Univ.)		Céline 1983
	Hotel owner	Félix 1880	Léon 1907, Françoise 1939, Denise 1953
	Household store		Franck 1914
	Industrial company owner	Nicolas 1893	Jacques 1958, Philippe 1960, Claude 1964
	Innkeeper	Nicolas 1762, Johannes Petrus 1767, Antoine 1864, Jean-Nicolas 1882, Jean-Joseph 1888	
70	Insurance		Pierre 1937, Edmond 1940, Robert 1941, Arsène 1954
	Journalist		Albert 1951, Maryse 1962, Anne 1982
	Kids clothes shop		Camille 1954
	Landscaper		Anne 1988
	Land surveyor	Jean 1887	Lucien 1943
	Lawyer		Alan J. 1960, Trixi 1978
	Legal practitioner		Sophie 1962
	Librarian		Sylvie 1950, Christian 1976
	Locksmith		François 1926, François 1940, Alain 1961, Jean 1981
	Machine operator		Serge 1968
80	Magistrate		Marion 1945
	Maid		Susanne 1910,
	Mailman	Jules 1891	Louis 1920, Joseph 1944,
	Manual worker	Michel 1800, Jean 1849, Léon 1896	
	Marketing		Shirley Ann 1964
	Mason/contractor	Jean Nicolas 1800, William 1829, Antoine 1839, Nicolas 1841, Jean-Nicolas 1866, François 1867, John 1869, Jacques 1872, Jean 1873, Pierre 1888	Jean 1903, Nicolas 1905, Michel 1906, Nicolas 1908, Paul 1909, Johann 1924, Hector 1932, Marc 1966
	Mathematics/physics teacher		François 1955, Noëlle 1959, Renée 1950
	Mayor	Nicolas 1762, Jacques 1815, Guillaume 1844, Charles 1853	
	Mecanic		Antoine 1910, Charles 1912, Jean 1921, Michel 1937, Camille 1952, Marc 1979, Marc 1985
	Medical doctor		François 1957, Aurélien 1976

90	Merchant marine officer		Guy 1949
	Milkman		Jean-Pierre 1917
	Miller	Nicolas 1802, Jacques 1805, Joseph 1839, Jean 1842, Alexis 1849, Jean-Pierre 1870, Emile 1892	
	Minor (coal)	Henry 1873, Barney-Wilburn 1889	
	Minor (iron ore)	Michel 1851, Henri 1856, Nicolas 1869, André 1873, Jean 1874, François 1876, Michel 1899	Joseph 1908
	Municipal agent		Michael 1917, Armand 1956, Michèle 1957, Guy 1970, Steve 1977, Estelle 1986
	Musician, singer		Caleb 1987
	Nurse		Edward John 1901, Jean-Pierre 1909, Shelva Kay 1948, Arlette 1960, Danielle 1976, Nicole 1981, Tania 1986, Liz 1987
	Owner	Jacques 1815, Jean 1832, Jean-Félix 1833, Jean-Pierre 1839, Guillaume 1844,	
	Painter	Mathias 1893	Jean 1909
100	Pharmacist		Philippe 1958
	Pharmacy-assistant		Monique 1958, Gaby 1961
	Physical education teacher		Georges 1939, Jean 1951, Diana 1969, Laurent 1977, Fleur 1986
	Physical therapist		Carole 1979
	Plasterer	Pierre 1824	François 1907, Robert 1928
	Plumber	Jean Joseph 1888	Nicolas 1915
	Policeman		Nicolas 1908, Michael Henry 1944, Roger 1956, Terry 1974, David 1983, Pierre 1983
	Police officer		Vincent 1972
	Post office clerk	Joseph 1878, Christian A. 1895, Edmond 1897	Jacques 1957
	Post Office collector		Joseph 1909
110	Prison guard		Steven 1949, Steve 1982
	Professor University		Heinz Norbert 1943, Romain 1970
	Psychologist		Monique 1958, Melissa 1971, Laure 1986
	Psychotherapist		Yvonne 1948, Claudine 1959
	Racing cyclist		Albert Hermann 1901, Jacques 1929
	Railroad worker	Peter 1855, Ludwig 1867, François 1869, Nicolas 1880, Joseph 1882, Frederick Thomas Sr. 1890, Jean-Pierre 1891, Albert Peter 1894, James 1896	Mathias 1900, Paul 1920, Jean 1921, Aloyse 1926, Jean 1937, Maurice 1939, Carlo 1948, Roger 1958, Romain 1959, Michel 1960, Norbert 1961, Romain 1963, Tim 1984
	Real estate broker		Jack Joseph env. 1950, Henri Robert 1955, Rosy 1955, Marthy 1956,

			Carine 1969
	Religious order member	Jean-Nicolas 1766, Pierre 1828, Catherine 1887, Marie-Anne 1891	Anne-Léonie 1912, Margaret Susan 1917, Marie-Denise 1932, Dorena 1933, Mary Ann 1935
	Restaurant owner	Clément 1885	
	Road worker		Camille 1916, Edouard 1920, Serge 1966 Gérard 1969
120	Salesman		Norbert Henry 1904, Emile 1911, Lucien 1920, Jean 1957
	Saleswoman		Nathalie 1986
	Seamstress		Josette 1940
	Scientist		Alphonse 1927, Philippe 1958
	Secretary		Claudine 1970
	Secretary (embassy)		Nathalie 1967
	Secretary (executive)		Malou 1965, Tania 1969, Patrick 1978
	Singing teacher,singer		Dorothy Evelyn 1920
	Shoemaker	Jean Guillaume 1759, Jacques 1851, Charles 1889, Jean 1897	
	Soldier (career)		Thomas 1974
130	Shopkeeper	Pierre 1840 (vegetables)	Elvire 1902, Guillaume 1903, Jean 1937, Marcel 1938, Piere Paul 1943, John « Jack » 1954, Solange 1958, Danielle 1959, Serge 1962, Fernande 1963, Clothilde 1980
	Steel industry (clerk)	Jean 1891, Charles 1897	Alfred 1923
	Steel industry (worker)	Pierre 1849, Michel 1857, Antoine 1876, Gaspard 1876, Michel 1881, Simon 1884, Pierre 1891, Jean 1896, Antoine 1897, Jean 1897, Jean-Pierre 1897, Jean 1898, Frédéric 1899	Jean-Pierre 1907, Pierre 1910, Jean 1911, Marcel 1932, Léon 1934, Yvan 1942, Norbert 1948
	Stone cutter	Théodore 1829, Jean-Baptiste 1872, Pierre 1875, Nicolas 1883,	Nicolas 1909
	Sulky driver (horse races)		Gérard 1947
	Tailor (except author's family)	Mathias 1853, Michel 1853, Pierre 1888, Michel 1896, François 1899	
	Teacher (elementary school)	Nicolas 1801, Jean 1806	Joseph 1905, Delphine 1925, Kathleen « Kay » 1942, Jacqueline 1950, Gregory 1952, Michèle 1975, Conny 1975, Tanja 1975, Christine 1975, Cathy 1979, Nathalie 1980, Anne-Marie 1981, Caroline 1986, Sarah 1988
	Technical engineer		Albert 1900, Carlo 1945, Jean 1955, John 1964
	Telecom CEO		Jay Thomas 1961
	Tinsmith	Jean-Joseph 1888	Michel 1909
140	Training officer University		Christine 1960

	Transportation		Mathias 1913, Henri 1922
	Warehouse keeper		Xavier 1966, René 1968
	Weaver	Hubert 1801	
	Wheelwright	Jean 1843, Jean 1895	
	Winegrower	Paul-Arthur 1861	Monique 1944
	Wood industry		Nicholas A. 1907, Jacqueline 1949, Jean 1957,
	Woodsman	Jean 1862, Charles 1882, Jean-Léon 1889,	Jean-Pierre 1911, Jean-Pierre 1926, Serge 1949, Romain 1970
148	Worker-operator		Nicolas 1901, Victor 1903, Jean-Baptiste 1909, Désiré 1913, Joseph 1917, Jean-François 1919, Michel 1923, Ralph 1926, Lucien 1927, Eugene 1927, Antoine 1933, Roland 1935, Ernest 1942, Edward Joseph 1946, Charles 1948, Jean-Claude 1950, Albert 1950, Robert 1952, André 1953, Joël 1954, Christian 1959, Jean-Luc 1959, Joseph 1961, John Paul 1961, Susan 1962, Maddy 1974, David 1974