

What jobs did people do in Darby Vassall's community?

In the early 1800s, Darby Vassall and his family lived in freedom on the North Slope of Beacon Hill. This close-knit free Black community was a center of activism and everyday life. Even as they faced widespread racial discrimination, Black Bostonians built their own businesses, opportunities, and community organizations.

JOB	DESCRIPTION	WHO HAD THIS JOB?
Soap boiler	Makes soap	Primus Hall
Laborer	Does construction or other physical work	Darby Vassall, Cyrus Vassall
Hair Dresser	Cuts and styles hair	James Vassall
Spinster	Spins thread; or, an unmarried woman	Susanna Maranday
Farrier	Trims and shoes horses' hooves	Tony Vassall
Yeoman	Farmer	Tony Vassall
Cook	Prepares food	Dinah
Mason	Builds with stone and brick	Abel Barbadoes
OTHER JOBS IN DARBY VASSALL'S COMMUNITY:		
Caterer	Prepares and serves food at events	
Bootblack	Cleans and shines shoes	
Dressmaker	Sews women's clothing	
Chimney sweeper	Cleans chimneys	
Grocer	Sells food	
Printer	Prints newspapers	
Waiter	Serves food in a restaurant	
Clothes cleaner	Washes clothing	
Mariner	A sailor	

What are your special skills? Do any of these jobs interest you? On the back, draw yourself doing this job.

