

## Émigré Weavers working in London 1558-1619

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The word aurris, orris or orryce sometimes disguises an arras worker. Technically, the terms should refer only to makers of gold lace, but sometimes the spelling is clearly the phonetic representation of 'arris', and refers to tapestry or arras weavers identifiable from another context. This list names the men whose occupation is least clearly identified, but certainly working independently.

All references, unless shown otherwise, to E.F. Kirk and R.E.G. Kirk, eds. *Returns of Aliens dwelling in the City and Suburbs of London from the Reign of Henry VIII to that of James I*, 10, 4 parts, Publications of the Huguenot Society of London, (1900-08)

**Bele, John**, orris weaver 1571, i 420, 20 years here; 1559-61, i, 271; ii, 204 contribution to student of 1 noble pa for 3 years; as John Beland, 1568, iii, 423; 1576, ii, 179. ?Dead by 26.3.1584, Jelsma 3278, 3106 widow remarries. A Jan Beel appealed to for his memories of the house the Dutch had intended to build for John Lasco Hessels III, I, 1691 in 1609; 1594, Mary van der Velde widow of Jan Beele, ii, 471.

**Beland, John**, orrisworker, 1568, iii, 411, Within the Fleete Yarde in the parish of St Bride's in suburbs of London, Fleming an orrys worker and denizen and Nelcin his wife. Tenant to Mr Mungay and are of the Doche Church; (possibly a variant on John Bele above)

**Demminger, Lambert**, orresworker, 1568, iii,391, Cheape Ward, St Martin's parish, Layna his wife and 6 children Xp'en, John, Matthu, Susanne, Katherin and Judethe, an orres worker by his occupation, Doche born. his landlord Jeoffrye Walkedyne, pays no rent, sharing the house of Jeoffrye Walkedyne, landlord of four families, with Peter Torytan

Possibly the same man as Lambert Dominider, Katherine his wife, Dutch Church, living either in Finsbury, Golding Lane, White Cross Steet or Grub Street 18-20 December 1571, ii, 145.

**Norrey, Packye**, weaver, 1571, i, 404 Cripplegate Ward, weaver and Antonata his wife born in Flanders have dwelt here 6 months. Packie, Jane and Isabel their children

**Pettersonne, Peter**, oresworker recorded in 1618, when he said he had been in England for thirty years iii, 226; his nuncupative will, written on 27 July 1621, reveals a man in debt. His wages of £3 12s. from the Princes' Wardrobe were due, his tenant owed him 3s. and Peter owed Charles Fisher (q.v.) 20 s. and Simon Mumford (q.v.) 5s. He owed Hollindine the Chandler 25s 6d. He expressed the wish that if his wife predeceased him Jacob Jussman would see to his burial, pay his debts and look after his son, Peter; London Metropolitan Archive, Surrey Probate DW/PA/5/1621/98.

**Torytan, Peter**, also **Terenteuse, Tierenteyn, Terenton**

1568, iii,39, Martinn his wife and Jone his daughter. An arris worker by occupation, Doche born. He pays no rent at all and all of the French or the Doche Church; i,375, listed amongst those 'fled for religion', Dutch Church list 1567; Nov.1571, ii, 112, Ward of Bridge Without, St Saviour's parish, of Engen in Burgundy, of thage of 33 yeres, in England 4 years, came hither for religion, of the Doche Church, a weaver and Martyn his wife, there also borne and one child called Sara, of thage of 4 yeres, and borne in York, whereas(=whereat) he saieth he dwelled 10 months. ii, 248, Lay subsidy 1582, Moor Lane, Cripelgate, assessed on £4, pays 4s; 1583 Jelsma 2982, complains of working difficulties; ii, 269, Terrington silkweaver and Marten his wife, Stephen van Spere and Jasperen van Hersell his manservants, 1582-83 in Creplegate; ii, 306, listed 1582/3 amongst the Masters of the Weavers' Guild for which privilege he paid £5; ii, 411, Church list Sept 1588; ii, 468, Church list 1594; ii, 211 supports a student from 1591 for 4 years at rate of £4 pa; 1593, Scouloudi 1985, no. 1004 Peter Terenton and Martin his wife, howseholder 2; born in Hainault (Henego) under King Philip; silkworker; no children; no stranger men servants; one stranger maid servant, of 20 years; dwelt in England 26 years (ie from 1567); no denizon; of the Duch

church; keeps one English apprentice of 18; sets no English person to work. Exempt from tax, Kirk, iii, 21,49,94; not the man of iii,117.

**Theouthens, Symon**, brother of the above, May 1571, i,479, maker of orrysworke, Christian his wife, Douche born, in England 2 yeres and 1 child; Nov 1571, ii,21, Simon Terantyne and his wife, born in Flanders, came unto this realme about two yeares past for religion, by occupacion a sylkewever. No church; A.J. Jelsma, and O. Boersma, eds. *Acta von het Consistorie van de Nederlandse gemeente te London 1569–1585*, (1993), nos 2254, 2259, p.791, collection for Brussels Church 1582; taxed 1582, R.G.Lang, *Two Tudor Tax Assessments Rolls for the City of London, 1541 and 1582*, London Record Society, 29 (1992), 214 & Kirk ii, 247, pays 20s tax on goods of £10 in St Giles Cripplegate; Jelsma 2982 in 1583 complains, with his brother Peter, to consistory about difficulties of working; 1582-83, ii,268, Simon Terrington silkwever, denizon, and Margaret his wife; two journeymen and a maidservant and also 1582-83, ii,317 resident in Creplegate Without; Jelsma, p.796, iv, supports a student, 1584 and again 1586, Kirk, ii, 206, paying 5s pa for 3 years; Jelsma 3515 in 1585 elected deacon; .ii,468, Tierenteyns & wife Duckes Place in Church list 1594.

**van Spiers, Jan** 1567, listed 1567 as persecuted for religion, i, 385, possibly the same man as John van Spiro, the arras worker, (see Great Wardrobe employees, list I); possibly also in the congregation of the Dutch Church 1594, ii, 387.

**Willmott, John**, orrisworker, 1582-83, ii, 299; Ward of Castel Baynard; 1583, ii, 323 in Vintry ward; probably the arras worker, Willimett, see <http://www.tapestriescalledsheldon.info/pdfs/NEWPP39Emigre1GtWardrobe.pdf>