

Appendix D

Listing of Shipwright Tools: 1607 - 1840

The basic woodworking tool kits of early New England settlers remained almost unchanged from the early years of the colonial period until the beginning of the 19th century. What did change was how the tools were made, who made them, and where they were made. New England's first shipbuilders often had access to only a limited selection of woodworking tools, the most important ones are shown in **bold** in the table below. As shipbuilding became more sophisticated in the 19th century, with larger ships of more complex design being constructed in or near communities with larger populations and toolmaking capabilities, any of the following tools could have been in a woodworkers' tool kit. After 1840, the advent of steam power, the rotary saw mill, and cast iron machinery gradually supplanted the function of many ships carpenter's and other woodworker's hand tools.

Later tools (post 1750) are enclosed in parentheses ()

Axes	Adzes	Other Edge Tools	Other Hand Tools
felling	lipped	gouge	caulking iron
broad	peen (peg poll)	forming chisel	brace
mast	block (poll)	mortising chisel	bow drill
hewing	coopers	corner chisel	pump drill
mortising	mortising (gutter) adz	framing chisel	spud
lathing hatchet	Measuring Tools	turning tools	pickaroon
shingle hatchet	dividers	slick	log dog
coopers	calipers	pod auger (screw auger)	cant hook
twybil (Penn Dutch)	square (framing, try, etc.)	spoke shave	pike
ice ax	level	draw knife	peavey
Saws	chalk, line and reel	mast shave	grappling hook
pit	marking gauge	cooper's shave	ring dogs
frame	traveler	wedge	barking iron

whip	plumb bob	scorp	saw set
buck (bow)	Hammers and Mallets	froe	shaving horse
cross cut	wood mallet	gimlet	block and tackle
hand saw	beetle	timber scribe	trowel
tenon saw	caulking mallet	screw tap	screw clamp
fret saw	claw hammer	block knife	(breast drill)
Planes		chamfer knife	(mortising drill)
block			
smooth			
fore (or trying)		Other Trades	
moulding or molding	Blacksmith	Cobbler	Farrier
joining	Currier	Flax dresser	Fuller
plough or plow	Weaver	Carriage maker	Lime burner
mitre			
shoulder			
squaring			