

## WILLIAM PRATT of Greenwich, ship carpenter

- ??(1727 Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - William Pratt son of W<sup>m</sup> Pratt late of Stepney Farmer deced bound to Isaac Pearce Citizen & Carpenter)<sup>1</sup>
- 174<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – Will: Pratt of Woolwich in Kent, Shipwright<sup>2</sup> – Apprentice Master of Will: Page
- 1748 Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Will: Pratt “of ye Dunkerk”, Carpenter – Apprentice Master of John Whitfield [HMS *Dunkirk*, formerly *Worcester* (1651) is recorded as being broken up in 1749]
- 1750 Jul 7<sup>th</sup> – Baptism, at Greenwich St Alfege, of Mary (b. Jun 14<sup>th</sup>), dau of William & Mary Pratt
- 1752 Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Baptism, at Greenwich St Alfege, of Andrew James<sup>\*\*</sup>, son of William & Mary Pratt
- 1757 May 17<sup>th</sup> – Will: Pratt of Greenwich Kent, Carpenter – Apprentice Master of Will: Ramsey
- 1757 Jun 8<sup>th</sup> – Will: Pratt of Greenwich, Ropemaker<sup>3</sup> – Apprentice Master of Geo: Collingwood
- 1764 Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – Will: Pratt “of Ship Warwick”, Carpenter – Apprentice Master of Nathl: Mallet [HMS *Warwick*, a 50-gun fourth rate, was launched in 1767]
- 1765 Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – Will: Pratt of Greenwich, Shipwright – Apprentice Master of Mathew Inwood
- 1768 May 4<sup>th</sup> – Andrew James Pratt<sup>\*\*</sup>, son of William Pratt, Greenwich, Kent, ship carpenter, apprenticed to John Forfur(r), Upholders’ Company. 1772 Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> turned over to Richard Walker (citizen and upholder). Free of the Upholders’ Co. by servitude, 2 August 1775.
- 1773 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – W<sup>m</sup> Pratt of Deptford in Kent, Carpenter – Apprentice Master of George McDonald
- ?(1794 Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Will. Pratt admitted to St Thomas’s Hospital. Guarantor: Rob<sup>t</sup> Johnson Shipwright of Marygold S<sup>t</sup> near Cherry Garden [Bermondsey]. Discharged Mar 20<sup>th</sup>)<sup>4</sup>

## Notes

1. This Wm P is probably a red herring – his master Isaac Pearce was actually (or became) a wealthy brewer. And even if Pearce was a practising carpenter when younger, and his apprentice William Pratt learned that craft, he could as easily be the William Pratt of St Giles-in-the-Fields, carpenter, recorded in Oct 1744. Or more likely the William Pratt, master bricklayer of Hackney, whose son was in 1750 also apprenticed to a Citizen & Freeman of the Carpenters’ Company.
2. In light of the following will, perhaps a different man to the others:  
1757 Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – Administration with will (Oct 13<sup>th</sup>) annexed of William Pratt “formerly of Woolwich ... afterwards of his Majestys yard at Antigua but in the Hospital of St Thomas Southwark ...” granted to his widow Elizabeth Pratt of Woolwich. No mention of children in the will.
3. ?Trade just possibly an error, as the entry immediately above on the page is for a shipwright.
4. Connection pure conjecture, based on nothing more than the occupation of his financial guarantor.