



## **Women and the Building Trades in Henry VIII's England**

In early Tudor London, building was a masculine-dominated field, but there were still areas where women could and did participate. Women were notably involved in the production of lime mortar and also worked in carting materials such as brick, wood, and stone. This talk will examine what we know of their family connections and financial situations, in an effort to try to reconstruct the lives of laboring class women during this era.

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