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Notes
Joseph Moxon was born in Wakefield in 1627. After a period in Holland with his father and brother he established himself in London as a printer, publisher, type-founder and maker of scientific instruments and globes, including pocket globes and the Castlemaine globe. He became Hydrographer to King Charles II in 1662. He was well known in Restoration London and acquainted with Pepys, Hooke, Halley and Evelyn. He was elected to the Royal Society in 1678.
He published some eighty books, many of great importance. Some are splendid examples of publishing skills. In his later years he himself wrote and published two famous books, The Mechanick Exercises, Volumes I and II. The first deals with smithing, carpentry, joinery, and woodturning; the second with all aspects of printing. They gave accurate accounts of these crafts, so breaking the traditions of secrecy in the Craft Guilds. These books remain of interest today and are still available in facsimiles. Moxon died in 1691.

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Bibliography

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